

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Highlights July 13, 2021



CANNABIS DISCUSSION

Executive Director Harris stated since the State of Illinois legalized the sale, possession and use of cannabis for recreational purposes in limited quantities by persons 21 years and older beginning January 2020, the Village of Glen Ellyn has been considering accepting or approving applications for recreational cannabis dispensaries in Glen Ellyn. Discussions by the Village trustees have been ongoing for the past few years and just recently, the current Village trustees have extended the Moratorium Ordinance on accepting or approving applications for recreational cannabis dispensaries in Glen Ellyn until September 28, 2021.

The Glen Ellyn Park District has again been approached by concerned citizens regarding an opinion on the matter and potential impact allowing the sale of recreational cannabis could have on park properties. The Park Board had a lengthy discussion including considering a recommendation of a 1500-foot buffer zone to include Park District property, oppose the sale of recreational cannabis or defer the matter to the Village. Village Manager Franz was in attendance to answer questions and while those opposed were invited to attend, none were present. Following the discussion, the consensus of the Park Board was to defer the matter to the Village of Glen Ellyn.

POLICY MANUAL UPDATES

Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani discussed the proposed updates to the Park District's Personnel Policy manual. He stated six (6) of these policies have been amended to primarily adjust for language to distinguish between the classification of employee they apply to (full-time or part-time) and one (1) new policy is being presented: Section 4.19 Job Abandonment.

Cinquegrani provided that all policies presented have been reviewed and approved by legal counsel and were based off a combination of previous Glen Ellyn Park District policies, recommendations from the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) and/or the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM). The Park Board had a brief discussion on the policy updates and following approved amended Chapter III, Section 2.03 Purpose and At-Will Disclaimer, Section 3.04 Interpretation, Section 4.11 Introductory Period, Section 4.13 Dual Jobs Within the District, Section 6.10 Education and Training Participation, Section 7.05 Merit Salary and Wage Increases and to approve Section 4.19 Job Abandonment policy, as presented.

CORONAVIRUS DISTRICT UPDATE

Executive Director Harris provided an update on the District's programs and activities. Harris discussed the events over the Fourth of July weekend and stated the District continues to provide many free events to the community while also supporting other local events including the Tour of

Glen Ellyn bike race this weekend. An update on the Boathouse Rentals, athletic events and tournaments within the District, Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center, Sunset Pool and the Fall Fete awareness events that have taken place was provided. Lastly, the District registration and participation is nearing pre-pandemic enrollment and attendance.

Regarding COVID-19 financial relief opportunities, College of DuPage, the school districts (41, 87, 89), DuPage County and the Village of Glen Ellyn have all been allocated federal relief funds the pandemic. As Park Districts have not been eligible for funds either through the Cares Act or the American Rescue Plan, the Park District has been directed to work with its local governmental partners to seek financial assistance. Those initial inquiries have been initiated.

Lastly, Superintendent of Finance Cinquegrani then provided an update on 2nd quarter financials in which most have significantly improved over the 1st quarter and compared to previously budgeted targets for 2nd quarter of 2021. Much of the increase was due to the fact that the State of Illinois moved into Phase V of the Restore Illinois plan.

Executive Director Harris stated staff will be revising the Park District's 5-year capital budget and 10-year plan and will be providing an update to the Park Board later in the year following the outcome of the Community Attitude and Interest Survey which should have the results available in November.

NEWTON PARK PROPOSED PLAYGROUND

Project Manager Troia presented an update on the Newton Park OSLAD Improvements focusing on the design development of the playground. Troia discussed the public open house that was held on Thursday, June 17 and provided an updated conceptual design of the playground and surrounding area implementing suggestions from the public meeting and previous Board discussion. The process is advancing as planned and bid letting will tentatively occur in late August with construction starting in the fall.

The Park Board had a brief discussion of the updated proposed playground and look forward to the outcome of the bid.

JOHNSON CENTER UPDATE

Project Manager Troia stated the Glen Ellyn Park District (GEPD) had solicited proposals for architectural and site planning services for preliminary studies of the Frank Johnson Center (FJC). Troia provided information on the facility and relayed that to ensure the facility continues to remain capable of serving the demands and needs of the community for years to come, the Glen Ellyn Park District received proposals from three (3) firms and has engaged FGM consultants to

establish schematic plans and preliminary cost estimates to maintain and improve the facility and site.

The firm has begun site review and analysis and will be on-site in late July to engage the maintenance staff for input. Additionally, FGM will be partnering with Featherstone Construction to analyze the site, provide a lifecycle analysis of all equipment and systems and provide a preliminary construction budget based on the results and recommendation(s).