

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Highlights Oct. 19, 2021



OAK WILT UPDATE

Project Manager Troia provided an update on the oak wilt disease which was discovered in Lake Ellyn Park just prior to the October 5, 2021, Workshop meeting. Troia stated that a couple of tests have been confirmed as positive on a few Oak trees within Lake Ellyn Park and staff has met with specialists from Michigan and the Morton Arboretum to receive more guidance and information. Troia stated that next steps would be to verify samples of the trees and develop a plan of action regarding mitigation that would likely include removal, trenching, treatment and community education.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Superintendent of Finance and Personnel Cinquegrani presented the first draft of the proposed 2022 budget. A PowerPoint presentation was provided with Cinquegrani providing an overview of financial operations, Parks operations, recreation programming and facilities, as well as Capital projects as they pertain to the budget. Lastly, the Board held discussion of the proposed budget and it was stated that the topic can be discussed further at the next Regular meeting on November 16th with the goal of approval at the December 7th Board meeting.

PLACE 2021 BUDGET & APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE (21-02) ON FILE

Superintendent of Finance and Personnel Cinquegrani presented the 2022 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 21-02 to the Board to be placed on file for public inspection. The Board approved placing Ordinance 21-02, A Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Purposes of the Glen Ellyn Park District for the year beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022, on file.

2021-2022 OUTDOOR ICE SKATING

Executive Director Harris provided an overview of ice skating that has been provided within the Glen Ellyn Park District. Harris stated that skating within the District requires significant labor and resources and often results in limited skating opportunities activities as it is very weather dependent. Staff is recommending the following outdoor skating opportunities for the 21-22 season: Lake Ellyn Park, Newton Park Tennis Courts and Polar Plaza.

Harris provided further details of those areas and provided the challenges associated with other possible proposed sites, Lake Foxcroft, Newton Park grass rink and Sunset Park Tennis Courts, stating that those areas are labor intensive to maintain, have difficulty sustaining effective ice and would incorporate significant financial expense. The Park Board discussed the proposed recommendations and agreed with staff to proceed with the three (3) locations for outdoor ice skating within the District - Lake Ellyn Park, Newton Park Tennis Courts and Polar Plaza in downtown Glen Ellyn.

REPURPOSE OF HGA SITE AT ACKERMAN SPORTS & FITNESS CENTER UPDATE

Superintendent of Recreation and Facilities Miller stated that the District will have exclusive access to the area formally rented by Hard Gainers Athletics (H.G.A.) as of November 1, 2021. Miller along with Ackerman Sports and Fitness Facilities Manager Lim provided an update on the repurpose project for the Park Board.

Miller stated the area will be used for Glen Ellyn Phillies and Rebel team trainings, private athletic lessons and group trainings, speed and agility classes, group exercise classes, additional training space and outside rentals. Facility Manager Lim discussed future usage and programming for the room as well as provided a tentative schedule of its use. Future improvements for the space, including lighting, flooring, painting, removal of one office and replacing current netting within the area were shared along with a proposed facility floorplan. The Park Board had a brief discussion and appreciated the insight and resourcefulness regarding potential programming and use of this space.