

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
November 16, 2021
185 Spring Avenue**

I. Call to Order

President Durham called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Commissioners

Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Stortz, Bischoff, Nephew, and President Durham. Commissioner Ward was absent and Commissioner Weber and Cornell participated remotely and at 7:55 p.m. Commissioner Cornell arrived in person.

Staff members present were Executive Director Harris, Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani, Project Manager Troia, Superintendent of Recreation and Facilities Miller, and Board Secretary & Executive Assistant Dikker.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

President Durham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Changes to the Agenda

None.

V. Public Participation

None.

VI. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Stortz moved, seconded by Commissioner Bischoff, to approve the Consent Agenda including the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$303,333.87 and minutes from the October 19, 2021, Regular meeting.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Stortz, Bischoff, Cornell, Weber, Nephew and President Durham
Nay: None*

Motion Carried.

VII. WDSRA Director Introduction-Dan Leahy and WDSRA annual update

Executive Director Harris introduced Dan Leahy, the new Executive Director of the Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (W.D.S.R.A.) that was appointed following the retirement of Sandy Gbur, the previous Executive Director. Harris provided a brief background of WDSRA stating that the organization serves more than 4500 children and adults in over 1500

recreation programs. Harris stated many Glen Ellyn residents take part in WDSRA's offerings with several programs taking place in the District at Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center.

Dan Leahy thanked the Board for their time and presented an overview of the WDSRA annual report. He briefed the Board on his professional background stating he has worked in local government for 16 years and is the parent of a child with special needs, so he brings this insight into his position. Leahy provided information on the year in review sharing personal stories and challenges along the way. Leahy concluded expressing his appreciation of the member Districts, thanked staff and the Park Board for their time and addressed a few follow up questions.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Community Attitude & Interest Survey Results presentation

Staff reviewed the timeline of this survey from fruition and then Jeff Andreasen, Principal, of aQity Research provided an overview of the Community Attitude and Interest Survey that was initiated in September and data collection completed by the end of October 2021.

Andreasen highlighted the Executive Summary of the survey stating that approximately 500 households completed the survey over a 5-week period. Andreasen relayed that the Park District scored significantly well in all categories. He reviewed the sample demographics, overall opinions and perceived strengths and weaknesses of the District. He highlighted various Parks, playgrounds, and facilities within the District and analyzed the data that was presented. He displayed data on various programs and events that the community discussed and/or attended over the past two – three years. Lastly, he reviewed the support and opposition for potential Glen Ellyn Park District initiatives and the community's willingness to fund those improvements.

The Park Board presented questions and discussed the data that was presented.

Staff and the Park Board thanked Mr. Andreasen for his time and efforts.

B. Approve the 2021 Tax Levy Ordinance 21-01

Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani presented the 2021 tax levy ordinance that was placed on file at the October 5th Board Meeting. The Park Board had a brief discussion and following, Commissioner Stortz moved, seconded by Commissioner Bischoff, to approve the 2021 Tax Levy (Ordinance 21-01).

<i>Roll Call:</i>	<i>Aye:</i>	<i>Commissioners Stortz, Bischoff, Cornell, Weber, Nephew and President Durham</i>
	<i>Nay:</i>	<i>None</i>

Motion Carried.

C. Newton Playground Safety Surface Construction

Project Manager Troia stated that as Newton Park was awarded an OSLAD Grant for site-wide improvements, the playground was one of the first phases of construction. He provided that installation is going well and on schedule and reminded the Park Board that Engineered Wood

Fiber (EWF) wood chips were included in the base bid of the playground. Staff has investigated other options that will provide greater accessibility, enhanced experience, and improved aesthetic appearance.

Troia discussed the product ForeverLawn Playground Grass that was recently used at Sunset Pool with great success. Staff is recommending using a TCool organic-based infill product that will reduce heat absorption to significantly diminish the temperature of the turf in the summer months. Troia relayed that this is the first significantly inclusive focused playground within the District and believes this would further improve the accessibility. While the turf is a higher expense, cost savings within the overall Newton Park project along with the District's 2021 financial status can support and offset the additional expense.

Following, the Park Board had a brief discussion and believed this product would be beneficial for this Park and following Commissioner Stortz moved, seconded by Commissioner Bischoff to award the cooperative purchase and installation of Newton Playground Grass to ForeverLawn in the amount of \$118,025.67.

<i>Roll Call:</i>	<i>Aye:</i>	<i>Commissioners Stortz, Bischoff, Cornell, Weber, Nephew, and President Durham</i>
	<i>Nay:</i>	<i>None</i>

Motion Carried.

D. 2022 Budget Discussion

Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani discussed that the Board placed a draft of the 2022 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance on file at the October 19, 2021, Regular Meeting. Staff reminded the Park Board that questions and comments can be directed to staff at any time and discussion would continue at the November Board meeting. Staff had no further questions regarding the budget and look forward to its approval following the Public Hearing at the 12-7-2021 Regular Meeting. Cinquegrani provided that should outcome from the Strategic meeting, to be held in January of 2022, impact the 2022 budget an amendment can be added at that time.

E. Oak Wilt Discussion

Executive Director Harris reviewed discussion from the last meeting stating that while several trees had tested positive for Oak Wilt disease, it was recommended to seek out a second opinion prior to any mitigation efforts. Samples were taken and sent to the University of MN for further evaluation. As of today, Staff received the results and contrary to the original findings, the samples were negative for Oak Wilt disease. This outcome is consistent with the onsite review by a local expert along with a remote analysis by an Oak Wilt expert from Michigan. Staff will confer with the Village and moving forward, will continue to monitor the trees and implement additional efforts to diversify tree population, enhance their pruning process and evaluate soil quality. All Commissioners were very pleased of this outcome but understanding that the trees remain vulnerable and require continued oversight and ongoing care.

IX. New Business

A. Sunset Parking Lot-Pay Application

Project Manager Troia relayed to the Park Board that the Sunset Parking Lot project has been completed. The project consisted of a full depth asphalt removal, adding concrete collars to inlets, sidewalk improvements to meet ADA requirements, amended stone base and included new paving with striping. The project was completed in the last two weeks of October and is 100% complete. Staff is recommending the first payout request to Geneva Construction Co, the general contractor responsible, in the amount of \$92,860.20.

Following, Commissioner Stortz moved, seconded by Commissioner Weber to approve Geneva Construction Co. payout request #1 for the Sunset Parking Lot improvements in the amount of \$92,860.20.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Stortz, Weber, Cornell, Nephew, Bischoff, and President Durham

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

B. 2022 Proposed Meeting Schedule Discussion

Executive Director Harris presented the 2022 proposed Board Meeting schedule stating that dates have been reviewed. Staff hopes to hold the Strategic Meeting at the January 2022 Board Meeting. Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Bischoff moved, seconded by Commissioner Cornell to approve the 2022 Board Meeting schedule as presented.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Bischoff, Cornell, Weber, Stortz, Nephew, and President Durham

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

C. Approval of Designate for IAPD Credentials for Annual Meeting

Executive Director Harris stated that as a member of the Illinois Association of Park Districts, the Glen Ellyn Park District is required to formally designate a representative and an alternate to attend the association's annual Board meeting held in late January 2022. This enables the District representative to attend and participate in any action or matters of business that might be presented. This year the annual meeting will be held in person on Saturday, January 29th from 3:30-5:30 p.m., location TBD. Harris stated that should a Board member be interested in representing the District, the Board may vote and approve either tonight or later if interested should a Board member's schedule allow. The Park Board held a brief discussion and following, Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Stortz to appoint Executive Director Harris as the delegate and Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani as the alternate delegate to represent the Glen Ellyn Park District at the 2022 Illinois Association of Park District's annual meeting.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Nephew, Stortz, Cornell, Weber, Bischoff, and President Durham

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

X. Staff Reports

A. Finance Report (For Information Only)

B. Staff Reports

Executive Director Harris shared that Glen Ellyn Park District's production of Annie took place this past weekend with four (4) sold out shows featuring 30 kids and was a huge success. He commended Recreation Supervisor Shingler and his two directors. Harris provided that there are a lot of activities coming up including a food and blood drive, the annual Turkey Trot, beginning and ending at Lake Ellyn Park and Turkey Burn (group exercise classes) at Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center next week along with the opening of Polar Plaza on Wednesday, November 24. Harris also provided that the District will be holding their 2nd Booster and Flu Vaccination clinic on December 11th. Executive Assistant Dikker shared that the WDSRA annual fundraiser, "The Bash," will be held on March 5, 2022, and extended an invite to all Commissioners.

XI. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Stortz thanked the District for the variety of programs they offer their community stating his wife and son had a wonderful time at the Prom with Mom event. He also stated the enhanced sidewalk entrance that was installed at Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center is a welcomed improvement. President Durham commended staff on the outcome of the Community Attitude and Interest Survey and was happy to see all the data that was collected, shared, and analyzed. Durham too stated that Prom with Mom was a great event for his family as well.

XII. Adjourn to Executive Session

At 9:32 p.m., Commissioner Stortz moved, seconded by Commissioner Bischoff, to convene into Executive Session under Section 2 (c) 5 for the discussion of the purchase or lease of real property for use of the district, including discussion of whether a particular parcel should be acquired and under Section 2 (c) 1 for the discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees or legal counsel for the district.

XIII. Reconvene to Open Session

The Regular meeting reconvened at 10:41 p.m.

XIV. Adjourn

There being no further business, Commissioner Bischoff moved, seconded by Commissioner Weber to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:41 p.m.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Bischoff, Weber, Cornell, Stortz, Nephew, and President Durham

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Dikker
Board Secretary