

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Regular Meeting Highlights Dec. 7, 2021



### **PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2022 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

President Durham opened discussion for the public hearing for the 2022 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. Durham invited those with comments to address the Park Board. There being no comments from the public, Commissioner Bischoff moved to close the public hearing for the 2022 Budget and Appropriation ordinance.

### **FALL FETE YEAR END REVIEW**

Eileen Mullin-Gasteier, Principal and Owner of EMG Consulting, provided an update on the various Fall Fete fundraisers that have taken place throughout 2021. Eileen reviewed the smaller sign-up parties, including the concert at Two Hound Red and the Platform Tennis Tournament and discussed their success in creating awareness and providing additional programming while including a fundraising element. Mullin-Gasteier presented the financials of the year and stated the signature event, now to be called “Fete,” will take place on April 30, 2022, at Lake Ellyn Boathouse.

The Park Board posed questions to Mullin-Gasteier and commended Eileen Mullin-Gasteier on the success of the events, for bringing awareness of the Scholarship program to the community and looks forward to another successful year in fundraising awhile further educating the community regarding the need and demand for financial assistance.

### **APPROVAL OF THE 2022 BUDGET & APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 21-02**

The Park Board of Commissioners had a brief discussion of the 2022 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance. The Glen Ellyn Park Board of Commissioners then approved the 2022 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance 21-02 as presented and published in the December 7, 2021 Board Packet.

### **OAK WILT UPDATE**

Director Harris shared that since last meeting there has not been any additional information to report. Harris stated that staff will continue to monitor the trees within Lake Ellyn and the District will continue to add diversity to the tree inventory. The Park Board held a brief discussion on the Oak Wilt update and while relieved regarding the recent negative test results, advocated for continued oversight and attention.

### **NEWTON PARK PLAYGROUND PAYOUT REQUEST #1**

Project Manager Troia reminded all that Newton Park was awarded an OSLAD Grant for Newton Park wide improvements from a master plan. The playground was one of the components and is the first phase of construction which included installation of owner-purchased play equipment, concrete sidewalks, benches, tables, bike racks and a small shade structure. Hacienda was awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bid and to date 50% of the project has been completed, with much of the playground and formwork installed. The Park Board had a brief discussion of the project and approved staff’s recommendation for the first payout in the amount of \$92,767.50. The Park Board looks forward to the completion of the project.

### **BATTING CAGE BID RESULTS**

Project Manager Troia discussed that on November 17<sup>th</sup>, the Park District publicly noticed bids for proposals for indoor batting cage improvements at Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center. Troia discussed the scope of work and how this would allow staff the opportunity to maximize the use of the space for rentals and training and provide long-term durability.

The bid opening was conducted on December 1<sup>st</sup>, at which time one (1) sealed bid was received. Troia discussed the bidding process, interest to date in submitting of bids and the specialized industry of this product. Troia stated that National Sports Nets, LLC submitted the lowest lump sum bid of \$59,810 and the bid was vetted and found to be complete. Troia relayed that funding would be provided from baseball and softball affiliates totaling \$50,000 while the remaining would come from the Ackerman Facility budget.

Following a brief discussion, the Park Board awarded the Ackerman Indoor Batting Cages to National Sports Net as the lowest responsive and responsible bid for the amount of \$59,810.

#### **PLATFORM FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS (PROPOSED)**

Executive Director Harris provided a brief overview of the Platform Tennis program that first began in 2008 and provided a recap of the collaborative effort between the Glen Ellyn Park District and the Glen Ellyn Platform Tennis Club including significant financial contributions by the club towards previous facility improvements. Harris added that as usage and demand remains high for platform tennis and for outdoor sports, staff has reviewed, analyzed and created a masterplan detailing potential improvements to the Platform Tennis facility.

Project Manager Troia reviewed the proposed preliminary facility renovations that could be implemented in two (2) phases. Phase 1 would include an extension of the existing roof, thus increasing the exterior public space and enhancing the entrance to the facility along with implementing A.D.A. improvements. These renovations are included in the 2022 budget and would coincide with a 50% contribution from the Glen Ellyn Platform Tennis Club. Troia reviewed phase II as well that could be funded at an additional time.

The Park Board held a lengthy discussion of the project with all agreeing to proceed with phase I of the project.