

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Meeting Highlights April 19th, 2022

State of Illinois Capital Grant Project

The District received funding at the beginning of 2022 through the Rebuild Illinois Grant, administered by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). The total amount allocated at this time to the Glen Ellyn Park District is \$323,600. As a reminder, the Glen Ellyn Park District was appropriated over \$900,000 in 2019 but also was unfunded. In addition to the recently funded portion, \$611,000 remains appropriated but unfunded.

While the recent funds are for Ackerman Park, the Park District does have discretion as to the specific use if it is within the park and must follow the bondability guidelines of the DCEO.

Once a project has been selected, staff will complete and submit all necessary paperwork including Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) information, project narrative, cost estimates, and signed disclosures. There is not a specific timeframe for the application, but the sooner completed application forms are submitted, the sooner they are reviewed.

Three (3) eligible options were presented:

- **Improve softball fields #5 and #6**
Those fields were included as an alternate within the 2018 Ackerman Park Improvement Project. Due to the bid amount and available funds, the alternate bid was not accepted, and the fields have remained in their current condition. This includes outdated dugouts, sideline fencing and backstops; lack of adequate surfacing for the dugouts and public areas; poor infield mix, and the size of the infields are much larger than required. The estimated cost to complete the improvements is \$300,000 and can be completed in its entirety within a six-month period beginning in fall 2022 and ready for spring 2023.
- **Ackerman parking lot – center, north and far east lots and driving lanes**
While the lots need repair and improvement, the project costs far exceed the project's estimated cost (\$900,000). However, the available grant funds would defer anticipated expenses. If the district was to proceed in this direction, the parking lot improvements would be done in phases due to available funding. Finally, the park district has budgeted the project in 2023 and 2024.
- **Ackerman SFC interior**
As the District has intention of improving and renovating some interior areas of the facility, the Capital Bill funds could be allocated to A & E expenses and some preliminary construction expenses. It would only likely fund a portion of the improvements and the projects would likely extend over several years.

ASFC Athletic Training Flooring

Board was apprised of the improvements that were made to the Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center Training Room. A room formally occupied by HGA. Flexible configured batting cages were installed in January, along with painting and fitness equipment improvements. The existing flooring is original to the construction of Ackerman – a very thin basic artificial turf. To best utilize and maximize the potential of this room, staff has investigated flooring improvements.

Within the Board packet, is a proposal for flooring improvements for the Ackerman Indoor Training Room in the amount of \$69,516 from Tarkett Sports Company. FieldTurf is a subsidiary of Tarkett Sports and has installed the outdoor and indoor sports turf fields for the Glen Ellyn Park District. Purchasing is done through the SmartBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program which fulfills the bidding requirements.

The entry and area most used by group exercise will be converted to a rubber flooring. The remaining flooring, mostly under the batting cages will be an artificial turf specifically designed for multipurpose athletic training rooms. This new turf system will be durable, long lasting, and can even hold up to heavy usage such as CrossFit.

Winter Athletic Update

A review and highlights of some of the many programs and activities that took place during the winter was presented.

Basketball

The Youth Basketball program fielded 86 teams from Kindergarten through 8th grade this winter. The Kindergarten program, which was new this year, was extremely popular with almost 100 participants for the inaugural season. Kindergarten games were played at the Main Street Recreation Center, with all other games played at the Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center. Instructional levels played an eight (8) game season, while the Competitive levels (grades 3-8) played a seven (7) game season followed by playoffs. Most of the playoff games were close, with multiple games going into overtime.

Free skills clinics for grades 1 & 2, grades 3 & 4, and grades 5-8 were held in November and December. The nine sessions drew 218 participants and were led by Big 3 Sports Basketball.

New this season, Rob Hudson and Big 3 Basketball assisted with all boy's teams and Ryan Edwards from Glenbard West assisted with all girl's teams. They provided professional coaches for two practices per team to provide higher level instruction for players, as well as educating and serving as resources for the volunteer coaches. This new component will continue next season.

The Men's Basketball League was held on Monday evenings at the Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center with ten teams.

Gymnastics

Gymnastics programs continued to be popular with over 700 participants registering for the winter season and over 95% of classes filling to maximum capacity and additional classes were offered to help

accommodate waitlists. The Grasshoppers Tumbling Team hosted a home meet at the Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center on December 12th with teams from Bloomingdale, Elk Grove, Sokol and Burbank competing. The program then capped off a successful season with all members qualifying to participate in the State Meet in either the individual or team competitions. The Beginner team placed 1st and the Novice 1 team placed 3rd in their respective divisions. Individual State Champions included Nora Cullerton (Novice 1), Maya Prebe (Advanced Beginner I) and Maddison Gose (Beginner).

Volleyball

In preparation for the spring leagues, the Cyclones Volleyball program offered skills and drills classes at the College of DuPage for the first time since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Over 60 participants took part in the winter classes, and they helped drive registration for the spring league which currently have 131 participants in two (2) divisions.

Travel Soccer

Travel Soccer winter training was held at the Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center using the turf field and Training Center. Lakers teams trained once per week and Midwest FC teams trained twice per week. Teams also participated in various indoor leagues throughout the area. Overall, teams were competitive with numerous teams placing well, including:

- 2014 Boys Green: 3rd place
- 2013 Boys Green: 1st place undefeated (scored 58 goals; allowed 14 goals)
- 2012 Boys Green: 1st place undefeated (scored 59 goals; allowed 13 goals)
- 2012 Girls Green: 2nd place
- 2011 Boys Premier: 2nd place
- 2009 Girls Premier: 2nd place
- 2009 Boys Premier: 1st place undefeated
- Midwest FC 2008 Girls Elite: 1st place
- Midwest FC 2006/2007 Girls Elite: 3rd place
- Midwest FC 2004 Boys Elite: 2nd place

From November through March, private training sessions were also offered, primarily in the Ackerman Training Center. There were 80 sessions and 205 players registered.

Indoor House Soccer

The Winter House Soccer program offered 6 sessions with 228 total participants. The program, led by Future Pros trainers, utilized the Training Center and turf field at the Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center.

Platform Tennis

The Platform Tennis program boasted 537 members, along with 23 men's and women's teams totaling 250 travel players. Of the seven (7) women's teams, two (2) advanced to the semi-finals in their division of their winter league. Seven (7) of sixteen (16) men's teams also advanced to the semi-finals in their division, with

two (2) winning to advance to the finals. In addition to league play, several youth classes were offered with approximately 75 players participating.

The Co-Rec In-House Platform Tennis League was held on Monday evenings at the Platform Tennis facility with 90 total participants. The Women's In-House Platform Tennis League was held on Wednesday evenings with 14 total participants.

Dodgeball

In a nod to childhood gym class, Dodgeball made a big comeback this winter with four (4) youth and two (2) adult tournaments held at the Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center. The tournaments were well received with 52 teams participating and will continue throughout 2022.

Field Hockey

The RISE Field Hockey program hosted two, four-week clinics in January and February which focused on preparing players in advance of tryouts for the RISE Select teams. With programs in Glen Ellyn, Naperville, Evanston, Chicago, and Oak Park, partnering with RISE Field Hockey has allowed for more game opportunities along with an increase in the quality of instruction for our participants. The RISE coaching staff has brought new ideas and teaching methods to the program resulting in new participation and enthusiasm for the field hockey program.

Softball/Baseball

In early January, the start of winter training for the softball and baseball programs was delayed while installation of new batting cage netting was completed in the Ackerman Training Center. When finished, the Phillies Travel Softball and Rebels Travel Baseball used the facility seven days per week during the winter months, totaling almost 500 hours of usage. In addition to the training center, softball and baseball utilized the synthetic turf field at the Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center along with Glenbard West and Glenbard South High Schools. Baseball also used space at the DuPage Training Academy. Mike Semprevivo and Glenbard West Head Baseball Coach Andy Schultz provided pitching and hitting instruction for the Rebels teams and Scott Swords and Matthew Lazzarotto provided pitching and catching instruction for the Phillies teams. The house baseball and softball programs have also had the opportunity to utilize the Ackerman Training Center and turf for practices during the week for all of April. This time ensures that house teams can practice prior to the start of games given the unpredictability of the weather.

Other Activities

Also utilizing the Ackerman Training Center was the Girls Lacrosse program. Started in early 2021 in partnership with East Ave Lacrosse, winter training was provided for the first time to Girls Lacrosse participants. The space was also utilized for private soccer lessons, Lakers Academy training, ASFC sports and fitness classes, along with a limited number of rentals. The availability of the Ackerman Training Center has been extremely beneficial for all programs and has helped relieve the need to rent additional facilities elsewhere.

Lake Ellyn Shoreline Improvement Project payout request #2

An overview of the Lake Ellyn Park Shoreline improvement project was provided. As a reminder, it connects the Boathouse to the existing floating pier with a wide permeable paver walkway. Providing access and additional seating opportunities directly adjacent to the lake edge. The existing stacked limestone retaining wall is being replaced with a stable engineered wall that retains the natural aesthetic.

Included with the Board packet was payout request #2 for the Lake Ellyn Shoreline Improvements in the amount of \$43,560. This is the second payout from Integral Construction Inc., which is the general contractor for this project. This payout includes materials stored on-site, removal of existing materials and some excavation.

The total contract amount is \$370,000. Previous payments total \$15,120. The balance to finish, including retainage is \$311,320. As a reminder, this project is completely funded by an anonymous donation.

This payout represents the work completed from January through March. Most of that time, construction was halted due to winter weather and rain. To date, the project is approximately 5% complete, with the site preparation, the start of excavation, and delivery of retaining wall materials.

Currently, all materials are available for the completion of the project, and the project will continue as weather allows with a tentative completion date of June 3rd.

Referendum Update.

Director Harris apprised the Board that a press release announcing the Board's decision to pursue a referendum this spring would be posted and distributed on Thursday. Additionally, to gather feedback and input regarding the process, focus group meetings would take place on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.