

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



## Meeting Highlights May 17th, 2022

### Recognition of Dance and Theatre Instructors

The District recognized Marissa Banker, James Demeny, and Anastasia Aubie for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to the Park District Dance and Theatre program including instructional classes and theatre productions. All three individuals have a different skill set in fine arts that provides the community with a variety of dance, theatre, and performance opportunities.

Marissa Banker serves as the Cultural Arts Coordinator, as well as a dance instructor, teaching most of the Park District Dance Academy classes. She has taken a significant role in coordinating this year's dance recital, including selecting costumes and songs, and putting together the order of show. Marissa is always patient, very knowledgeable, and consistently strives to make sure her participants are engaged, learning, and excited to return to class each week. She also serves as a leader for other dance instructors and as a mentor for our Jr. Dance Instructors.

James Demeny primarily teaches youth acting classes and camps but has made huge strides in creating and implementing an adult tap class which has grown to seven participants since beginning in January. James has a positive demeanor and creates a safe and fun learning environment. James will be hosting a musical theatre boot camp this summer and has a good following of participants.

Anastasia Aubie works in many roles within the Park District, but most recently served as stage manager and makeup designer for Seussical Jr. Anastasia worked patiently with each actor as many had different makeup and some makeup applications were more detailed and took longer than others. While working on the show, Anastasia was a constant leader backstage ensuring that everything ran smoothly, including scene transition and prop handoffs.

Providing theatre, dance, and creative arts is very valuable and with the help of Marissa, James, and Anastasia the District plans to continue creating and implementing opportunities for the residents of our community. All three individuals have a very positive outlook and approach and strive to provide high quality programming that allows participants the opportunity to learn and experiment in a safe and nurturing environment. Each of their roles have changed with the continuous growing interest in the theatre program. While they have done more than the initial scope of work they were hired for, they continue to take pride in the work they produce and know what it takes to put a class, camp, or production together.

### Election of Officers and Advisory Positions

The Glen Ellyn Park Board of Commissioners held their election of officers. President Durham was re-elected as the Park Board President, Vice President Nephew was elected as Vice President, and Commissioner Cornell as Treasurer. Other appointments included Dave Harris as Executive

Director, WDSRA (Western DuPage Special Recreation Association) representative and Board Secretary, and Ancel Glink as Legal Counsel. Following the election of officers and appointment of positions, the Park Board held discussion of the advisory positions on the various committees. Commissioners Ward and Bischoff will serve on the Citizens' Finance Committee and Commissioners Weber and Stortz will serve on the Ackerman Advisory and Youth Sports Advisory Committees. Commissioners Cornell and Nephew will remain serving as liaisons on the GEPD Citizens' Environmental Advisory Committee. Commissioners Cornell and Bischoff will serve on the Friends of Glen Ellyn Parks Foundation as liaisons.

### **Referendum**

Kari-Lyn Krafthefer, attorney with Ancel Glink, provided an overview of protocol for Board and employees participation and efforts regarding the Glen Ellyn Park District referendum. A brief PowerPoint presentation was shown. Questions and inquiries were raised by both Board Commissioners and staff. An update regarding the District's efforts to further educate and inform our constituents followed.

### **Newton Park Playground Payout Request #3**

Payout request #3 for the Newton Playground Park Improvements in the amount of \$31,340.10 was presented. This is the third payout from Hacienda Landscaping, Inc., who is the general contractor for this project.

The total contract amount is \$196,061. Previous payments total \$151,920. The balance to finish, including retainage, is \$12,800.

This payout represents the work completed from April 14 through May 3. To date, the project is approximately 100% complete, with playground, concrete, shade sail, and site furniture installed. The Little Tikes spinner arrived and will be installed in the next two weeks.

Glen Ellyn Park District staff installed sensory garden planting in the first week of May. The playground was opened by Saturday, April 30 and has been enjoyed by many.