

Friends of Glen Ellyn Parks Foundation Meeting
May 18, 2022
185 Spring Avenue
7:30 p.m.
Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

II. Foundation Roll Call

Executive Director Harris called the Foundation meeting to order and those present responded: Foundation President Jonathan Huard, Foundation members Megan Yeh and Tom Melms, Commissioner Paul Bischoff and Glen Ellyn Park District Executive Director Dave Harris.

II. Approval of Minutes

Member Melms moved, seconded by Member Yeh to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2022, Friends of Glen Ellyn Parks Foundation meeting as presented.

*Roll Call: Aye: Members Melms, Yeh, Huard and Bischoff
Nay: None*

Motion Carried.

V. Old Business

A. Fête Update

The Fete – Spring edition was a successful event. 160+ were in attendance including President Huard, Members Yeh and Melms as well as Commissioners Cornell and Bischoff. All seemed to have an enjoyable time. The event generated a gross revenue of \$83,000 and net profit of \$52,000. A follow up survey to all attendees was sent. Eileen Mullin-Gasteier, Fete Director will be asked to attend a future Foundation meeting to provide an overview and discuss the upcoming Fete events as well as the next signature event to be held in Fall, 2023 (September 23 or 30). Ideas and suggestions can be made at that time or throughout the next several months.

B. Park District Scholarship Statistics (2022 y.t.d.)

To date the District has provided financial assistance to 76 recipients and \$24,182 awarded for the year thus far. In 2021 there were 72 scholarship recipients totaling \$22,888 awarded. Commissioner Bischoff was encouraged as the District has already exceed last year's total financial assistance. Member Yeh highlighted her efforts to further connect with those in need as she has had direct contact with Lincoln School counselors, Yeh will also try to connect with GBW prior to the end of the school year. One group of potential scholarship candidates is those D41 students who are homeless and do not have a Glen Ellyn Park District address. The consensus was that they would qualify and that the only requirement for residency would be confirmation from the School counselor.

C. 2022-2023 Fete Events

A list of satellite Fete events was provided. They included July 4th Fishing Pier raffle, Two Hound Red Concert, paddle tennis tournament, holiday light tour. Other ideas included a mini-golf outing, "e" games, poker night, trivia night, custom dog house raffle.

VI. New Business

A. Glen Ellyn Park District

Commissioner Bischoff and director Harris provided a summary of the Park District referendum. Members were supportive of the efforts and offered several ideas to further educate and inform constituents.

V. Other Matters

The next Foundation meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, August 24 at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at Spring Avenue Recreation Center.

VII. Adjourn

The Foundation meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.