

**Glen Ellyn Park District  
Citizens' Finance Committee  
185 Spring Avenue  
May 12, 2022**

**I. Call to Order**

The committee meeting of the Glen Ellyn Park District Citizens' Finance Committee was held at the Spring Avenue Recreation Center and via Zoom on May 12, 2022. The meeting convened at 7:00 am.

**II. Committee Roll Call**

Members in Attendance

John Vitalis, Mike Graham, Mike Hoban, Leo Lanzillo, Charlie Prisco, and Don St. Clair

Members Not in Attendance

Tom Lettenberger

Also in Attendance

Nick Cinquegrani, Superintendent of Finance & Personnel, Dave Harris, Executive Director, Paul Bischoff, Park District Commissioner, and Julia Nephew, Park District Commissioner

**III. Changes to the Agenda**

None

**Motion:** Don St. Clair moved to put aside formal meeting protocol under Roberts Rules of Order. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Hoban. The motion carried unanimously.

**IV. Approve Meeting Meetings**

Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2022

**Motion:** Mike Graham motioned to approve the minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Hoban. The motion carried unanimously.

**V. Unfinished Business**

**A. None**

**VI. New Business**

**A. Monthly Finance Report**

- Superintendent Cinquegrani presented the monthly finance report packet for April 2022. In a year-to-year comparison as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, total park district revenue has increased more than \$1.4 million from FY2021, which was more impacted by COVID-19 restrictions. Further, in the same year-to-year comparison, expenses increased approximately \$730,000, primarily due to increased operations of facilities and programs that were limited during the same time period in FY2021.

## **B. Committee Membership**

- Superintendent Cinquegrani stated each year, the Park Board of Commissioners formally approves members of the committee for staggered two-year terms commencing on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Members discussed and expressed their interest in remaining on the Citizens' Finance Committee. Additionally, Superintendent Cinquegrani stated that he, along with committee members St. Clair and Vitalis recently met with an additional citizen who had expressed interest in becoming a member. The committee membership will be presented and approved at an upcoming Park Board meeting.

## **C. Referendum Discussion**

- Executive Director Harris began discussion on the Park Board of Commissioners decision to pursue a referendum on the June 28<sup>th</sup> primary election. Director Harris provided further details stating the \$15.9 million bond referendum will be used to raise revenue to repair, improve and expand facilities, upgrade four park properties within the district, and purchase additional land for parks. Continuing, the Park District identified the proposed projects after conducting community-wide surveys in late 2021 and early 2022.
- Projects the community identified as priorities include:
  - Improve, equip and maintain Sunset Pool
  - Expand, improve, equip and maintain Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center
  - Improve, equip and maintain other parks, some which have not been improved in 50 years
  - Acquire additional land to expand parks
- Director Harris and Superintendent Cinquegrani further emphasized although the Glen Ellyn Park District continues to maintain a longstanding conservative approach to fiscal management, available funds will not cover the full cost needed for these necessary repairs and improvements.

## **D. Updating Long-Range Financial Plan**

- Don St. Clair began discussion on the park district's current 10-year plan, identified as the 'base-case', which assumes current funding remains unchanged.
- Discussion amongst the committee included the District could continue its current practice of only one significant capital effort every eight to ten years while addressing ongoing yearly capital needs based on priorities and available funding.
- Further discussion amongst the committee members noted the funding from the proposed referendum will be required in order to fund any additional major repairs and improvements to Sunset Pool and Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center in the near-term. These projects and other projects not currently forecasted in the 10-year 'base-case' capital project plan will most likely be deferred to later years or not addressed at all.

## **E. Discussion of future topics to be pursued by the Citizens' Finance Committee**

- The committee discussed a need to update the long-range capital plan given the recent surge in inflation as well as providing scenarios based on the outcome of the proposed referendum.

**VII. Adjourn**

Don St. Clair moved to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Mike Graham. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27am.

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Date of approval