

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
October 18, 2022
185 Spring Avenue**

I. Call to Order

President Durham called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Commissioners

Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Cornell, Stortz, Nephew and President Durham.

Staff members present were Executive Director Harris, Deputy Director Cinquegrani, Superintendent of Planning and Natural Resources Troia and Administration & Special Services Supervisor Blanco.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

President Durham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Appointment of New Commissioner

The Glen Ellyn Park District is pleased to announce that Mary Crickmore has been selected to fill the vacant Board of Commissioners position at the Park District. Mary is a longtime resident of Glen Ellyn, having graduated from Glenbard West High School in the early 70's. She then went to Wheaton College for her undergraduate degree and received a master's degree in public administration from American University. She just retired after working for World Renew for 37 years which provided international relief and development charity. Mary and her family lived abroad for many years as part of her career obligations.

Mary and her husband Scott reside in Carol Stream but is within the Glen Ellyn Park District boundaries. Over the years, Mary and her family including two grown children and grandchildren, utilized the Park District and still do! She values the services and resources that the Park District provides and looks forward to the implementation of the referendum projects.

As a reminder, in August 2022 Glen Ellyn Park District Board Commissioner Paul Bischoff Jr. moved move outside the Park District boundaries. To fill the void, the Park District conducted a search for potential candidates to serve as Park District Commissioner for approximately six months until the next Park District Commissioner election, which will take place in April 2023.

As part of the process to fill the vacancy, the Glen Ellyn Park District posted the announcement on its website and social media along with numerous news publications. Several qualified, civic-minded and community-oriented candidates applied for the opportunity. All applications were reviewed and a select few were chosen to be interviewed.

Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Cornell to approve Mary Crickmore as Park District Commissioner to replace former Park District Commissioner Paul Bischoff Jr. who resigned effectively on August 2nd, due to his relocating outside of the Glen Ellyn Park District boundaries.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Nephew, Cornell, , Stortz and President Durham.
Nay: None*

V. Oath of Office – Mary Crickmore

The newly elected Commissioner Crickmore was given Oath of Office for the Glen Ellyn Park District to serve a term until May 2023.

VI. Changes to the Agenda

None.

VII. Public Participation

None.

VIII. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Cornell moved, seconded by Commissioner Stortz to approve the Consent Agenda including the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$481,769.53 and Minutes from August 16, 2022, Regular meeting, September 6 Workshop meeting and October 4, 2022, Workshop Meeting.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Stortz, Cornell, Nephew, Crickmore and President Durham.
Nay: None*

Motion Carried

IX. New Business

A. Long Range Capital Projects Discussion

In correlation with the preparation of the annual operating budget for calendar year 2023, staff compiled an updated long-term capital project plan. Deputy Director Cinquegrani presented to the board the updated plan. Followed the presentation, Board provided comments and feedback that will be used to revise the long-range plan and incorporate those adjustments within the 2023 budget document tentatively scheduled to be presented at the November 15th Board meeting.

B. Goals and Objectives 2022 (update) / 2023 (proposed)

As part of the annual budget process, the Glen Ellyn Park District establishes goals and objectives for the fiscal year. Critical goals were developed several years ago with the plan to repeat annually while adjusting and creating updated objectives. As a result, the Glen Ellyn Park District has shown excellent progress in those identified areas including community relations, expanded recreation opportunities, collaboration, marketing, economic stability, and park operations. Executive Director presented to the board an update for 2022 and a proposed list of goals and objectives for 2023.

X. Old Business

A. 2023 – 2025 Project(s) Update

The Glen Ellyn Park District referendum request for \$15.9 million to repair, improve and expand facilities, upgrade four park properties throughout the district, and purchase additional land for parks was approved in June of 2022. Additionally, there are other significant projects, including the Frank Johnson Center replacement is currently in progress. All construction is expected to be completed within 3.5 years and staff has begun the process of implementation.

To keep the Board informed of progress, a brief update, including scope and schedule, was provided by Superintendent Troia on the following projects: Frank Johnson Center, Ackerman Gymnastics, Sunset Pool, Sunset Playground, Newton Park, and others.

XI. Staff Reports

A. Finance Report (For information only)

B. Staff Reports

Director Harris highlighted the success of past events such as Family Bingo Night at ASFC, Kiwanis Fish Release, PAWS Chicago Adoption event. Harris also reminded the Board of upcoming Halloween events such as Boo Bash, Ackerman Haunted Trail, and Pumpkins on Main. Lastly, Harris thanked both Commissioners Stortz and Weber for attending the recent AS AFC and Athletic advisory meetings.

XII. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Cornell expressed joy for the success of our Park District's events specifically the Kiwanis Fish release, and she looks forward to attending in the future. She thanked Deputy Director Cinquegrani and Superintendent Troia for all their hard work and efforts. Commissioner Crickmore expressed her excitement to be part of the Glen Ellyn Park District Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Nephew also thanked both Deputy Director Cinquegrani and Superintendent Troia for all their efforts. Commissioner Stortz is happy about referendum and thankful for all updates staff continues to provide. Lastly, President Durham mentioned he visited Panfish park to walk his dog and shared he was impressed by how nice it is and the opportunities for improvements.

XIII. Adjourn

There being no further business, Commissioner Stortz moved, seconded by Commissioner Nephew to adjourn the Meeting at 8:55 p.m.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners, Stortz, Nephew, Cornell, Crickmore and President Durham
Nay: None*

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Harris
Board Secretary