

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
November 15, 2022
185 Spring Avenue
7:00 p.m.**

I. Call to Order

President Durham called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Commissioners

Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Cornell, Crickmore, Ward, Stortz, and President Durham. Commissioner Nephew arrived at 7:08 p.m.

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. Changes to the Agenda

None.

V. Public Participation

None.

VI. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Cornell moved, seconded by Commissioner Stortz to approve the Consent Agenda including the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$447,462.38 and Minutes from October 18, 2022, Regular meeting.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Cornell, Stortz, Ward, Crickmore, Nephew and
President Durham.*

Nay: None

Motion Carried

VII. Public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Park Commissioners to sell \$1,500,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving, and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto.

President Durham announced that the next agenda item for the Board of Park Commissioners was a public hearing to receive public comments on the proposal to sell \$1,500,000 General

Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds (the “Bonds”), for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, and explained that all persons desiring to be heard would have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony with respect thereto.

There being no comments from the public, Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Cornell, to close the public hearing for the issuance of the 2022 non-referendum bonds.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Ward, Cornell, Crickmore, Stortz, Nephew and President Durham

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

VIII. Truth in Taxation Hearing for the 2022 Tax Levy

President Durham announced that the next agenda item for the Board of Park Commissioners was a public hearing to receive public comments on the 2022 Tax Levy. President Durham stated the Park District is holding a Truth in Taxation Hearing for the 2022 Tax Levy. The purpose for the hearing is in order to capture all the “new-growth” within the community, in addition to the CPI increase of 5%, the Park District has proposed a 2022 Levy that represents an aggregate tax levy increase of 9%. Once the actual assessed valuation is known, the tax levy will be reduced to an amount legally allowed through the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL).

There being no comments from the public, Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Cornell, to close the public hearing for the Truth in Taxation Hearing for the 2022 Tax Levy.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Ward, Cornell, Crickmore, Stortz, Nephew and President Durham

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

IX. New Business

A. Place the 2023 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance (23-01) on File

Deputy Director Cinquegrani presented the 2023 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 23-01 to the Board to be placed on file for public inspection.

Commissioner Stortz moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to place on file tentative draft of the 2023 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (B&A Ordinance 23-01), a Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Purposes of the Glen Ellyn Park District for the year beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Stortz, Ward, Cornell, Crickmore, Nephew, and President Durham

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

B. Budget Discussion

Executive Director Harris commended Deputy Director Cinquegrani and staff for their time and effort during the 2023 Budget process. Deputy Director Cinquegrani discussed that the Board placed a draft of the 2023 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance on file and reminded the Park Board that questions and comments can be directed to staff at any time and discussion would continue at the December Board meeting. Staff had no further questions regarding the budget and look forward to its approval following the Public Hearing at the 1-10-2023 Workshop Meeting.

C. Land Purchase

Executive Director Harris stated that in the spring of 2022 the owner of 23W273 Saint Charles Rd, Glen Ellyn approached the Glen Ellyn Park District regarding the possibility of purchasing their property which is just west of the Churchill Park parking lot and shelter. Since that time, the Park District has negotiated over the past several months and in early October agreed in principle to purchase the parcel of property in the amount of \$365,000 and contingent on property being void of any environmental issues and passing a "Phase I" study. Early in the process, the consensus of the Board was supportive of the purchase and identified parameters for which the Director was to negotiate. The Park Board has been unanimous for years regarding preservation of open space and the value of available property contiguous to existing park property. This parcel, as it borders the northwest portion of Churchill Park, certainly fulfills those qualities.

Additionally, the timing is ideal as the property will be integrated into the Churchill Park improvements which was included within the recently approved referendum. While the improvement planning process is just underway, preliminary ideas include relocating the parking lot and drop off into the purchased property, creating better traffic flow and access to the active nature park. In turn, the existing parking lot would likely be removed.

By purchasing the open space, contiguous to an existing park, the District will improve and expand a current asset while preserving limited green space with the Glen Ellyn Park District. The acquisition of open space fits within the mission of the District. Commissioner Cornell expressed her excitement for the project but hopes for green space once demolition takes place. Following a brief discussion Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Nephew to approve the Real Estate Purchase Agreement for the 23W273 Saint Charles Rd, Glen Ellyn property in the amount of \$365,000 and on the terms as presented.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Ward, Nephew, Cornell, Crickmore, Stortz, and President Durham

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

D. 2023 Proposed Board Meeting Schedule

Executive Director Harris presented the 2023 proposed Board Meeting schedule stating that dates have been reviewed. Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Crickmore moved, seconded by Commissioner Stortz to approve the 2023 Board Meeting schedule as presented.

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

Motion Carried.

E. Approval of Designate for IAPD Credentials for Annual Meeting

Executive Director Harris stated that as a member of the Illinois Association of Park Districts, the Glen Ellyn Park District is required to formally designate a representative and an alternate to attend the association's annual Board meeting held in late January 2023. This enables the District representative to attend and participate in any action or matters of business that might be presented. Harris stated that should a Board member be interested in representing the District, the Board may vote and approve either tonight or later if interested should a Board member's schedule allow. The Park Board held a brief discussion and following, Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Stortz to appoint Executive Director Harris as the delegate and Deputy Director Cinquegrani as the alternate delegate to represent the Glen Ellyn Park District at the 2023 Illinois Association of Park District's annual meeting.

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

Motion Carried.

X. Unfinished Business

A. Approve the 2022 Tax Levy Ordinance 22-01

Deputy Director Cinquegrani presented the 2022 tax levy ordinance that was placed on file at the October 4th Board Meeting. The Park Board had a brief discussion and following, Commissioner Stortz moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to approve the 2022 Tax Levy (Ordinance 22-01).

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

Motion Carried.

B. 2023-2025 Project Update(s)

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. Superintendent

Troia provided updates during the budget discussion and mentioned this will be on going agenda item and he will continue to provide project updates as needed.

XI. Staff Reports

A. Finance Report (For Information Only)

B. Staff Reports

Executive Director Harris shared that Glen Ellyn Park District’s production of Addams Family took place this past weekend and it was outstanding. Harris mentioned past Halloween events such as Boo Bash, Pumpkins on Main and the Haunted Trail were a huge success. Harris reminded all that the Turkey Trot will take place beginning at Lake Ellyn on Thanksgiving Day along with Turkey Burn and many other active programs being held at Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center that morning. Harris also shared the many upcoming Holiday events that will be taking place within the Community.

XII. Commissioners’ Reports

Commissioner Cornell expressed her gratitude towards staff especially Superintendent of Recreation Services Robinson for being so great and responsive when renting the Lake Ellyn Boathouse last month. Commissioner Crickmore shared she has received a lot of positive feedback regarding Newton Park, Mary Knoll, and Lake Ellyn. Commissioner Ward, Nephew and Stortz were all thankful for all the budget information shared and efforts from Deputy Director Cinquegrani and staff. President Durham echoed the sentiments thanking staff and was very appreciative of their efforts.

XIII. Adjourn

There being no further business, Commissioner Stortz moved, seconded by Commissioner Nephew to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:55 p.m.

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

Motion Carried.