

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Regular Meeting Highlights December 6, 2022



### **New Staff Introductions**

Earlier this year, several staff departures led to organizational adjustments with existing staff assuming added and/or new responsibilities to fill the voids and continue to provide Glen Ellyn residents with outstanding recreational programs and services. While challenging, the District persevered and successfully navigated the summer and beginning of fall programming, received approval from the community for a \$15.9 million referendum, continued several ongoing capital projects and began planning. With that being said, the District is pleased to welcome several new additions to our team so that the District can continue to build upon those successes moving forward. We are excited for them to join the Park District and look forward to the positive impact and influence they will have on the community. Previously, several recently hired staff were introduced at the October 4th Board meeting. At the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, Athletic Manager Tripp, ASFC Assistant Manager Brush and Director of Soccer Operations Billings were recognized.

### **New Business**

#### **A. 2022 Non-Referendum Bond Ordinance**

Deputy Director Cinquegrani presented Dan Forbes from Speer Financial to the board who provided details regarding the 2022 non-referendum bond sale. Bids were received on December 5 for the \$1,311,938 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2022. There were five (5) bids received. After review, the bid of First Secure Community Bank, Sugar Grove, Illinois (the “Purchaser”), is the best bid received, and that the bid is favorable to the District and should be accepted.

#### **B. Approval of Community Consolidated School District 89 I.G.A. agreement**

The Glen Ellyn Park District and the Community Consolidated School District 89 have had a longstanding Intergovernmental Agreement which enables the Park District to utilize athletic fields at Glen Crest Middle School and Parkview Elementary School. Over the years, Park District baseball, soccer and lacrosse have used these sites in the fall, spring, and summer. It is anticipated that the programs will continue to make use of these locations. In return, the Park District maintains the specific areas during the months that our programs are scheduled at the two schools. Included at the request of the Park District and agreed upon by District 89, language was previously added to the agreement regarding use of the Glen Crest Middle School gym(s) and additional outdoor usage should additional time become available. As a result, except for dates, this agreement is identical to the previous agreement that was approved in May 2016. As a reminder, this agreement requires no exchange of money and is an excellent example of mutually beneficial use of community assets. It is recommended that the Glen Ellyn Park District Board enter into a five-year agreement with Community Consolidated School District 89. The agreement has been reviewed by counsel.

### **C. Replacement Riddell Football Helmets – Intent to Sole Source**

Each year, the Park District sends football helmets used during the Glen Ellyn Golden Eagles tackle program to Riddell All-American for refurbishing. Helmets that have been deemed “unsafe” or which have reached their end of life (10 years from initial season as indicated on the helmet sticker) must be discarded and replaced. With 151 tackle participants in 2022 and a goal of 200 tackle participants in 2023, the program is looking to purchase 175 new helmets to account for program growth as well as provide flexibility in sizing given that continuing supply chain issues will likely limit availability to procure additional helmets if needed prior to the season. Superintendent of Athletics Babicz recommended that the Glen Ellyn Park District Board approve Riddell All-American as a sole source provider of Riddell football helmets in an amount not to exceed \$34,125 plus shipping to purchase replacement helmets for the Golden Eagles Football program.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **A. Budget Discussion**

Deputy Director Cinquegrani reminded the Park Board that questions and comments can be directed to staff at any time and discussion would continue at the January Board meeting at which time the Board will be presented with approval of the 2023 budget following the Public Hearing at the 1-10-2022 Regular Meeting.

#### **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. All construction is expected to be completed within 3.5 years and staff has begun the process of implementation. Superintendent Troia provided brief updates.

### **Sunset Pool Concept Presentation**

Originally constructed in the 1950s, Sunset Pool has had no major improvements for more than 20 years. It is one of the most well-attended facilities within Glen Ellyn and always rated as a highly valued community asset. Implementing periodic improvements will ensure the pool continues to serve our residents. As part of the successful referendum, improvements to Sunset Pool were proposed. At the Board meeting, Staff and FGM Architects presented an update on the progress of the improvement plans, along with preliminary opinions of costs. This includes an improved entry sequence, a completely new children's pool area, new water slides, water play features and more.

### **Frank Johnson Center Concept Presentation**

The Frank Johnson Center is the maintenance headquarters for the Park District. Situated on 2 acres of land, the building was formerly an ice manufacturing facility. Originally constructed in c.1930 and most recently renovated in 2001. FJC has served as a recreation, administration, and maintenance facility prior to becoming the maintenance headquarters. To ensure the facility continues to remain capable of serving the demands and needs of the community for years to come, the Glen Ellyn Park District has budgeted for the construction of a new facility at the same location. This was the outcome of a master planning facility study that deemed the existing buildings not worthy of renovation. During the Board meeting, Staff along with FGM Architects presented a well-developed design of the new facility along with cost estimates.