

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Workshop Meeting Highlights January 10, 2023



WDSRA Annual Update – Executive Director Dan Leahy

Executive Director Harris welcomed the Western DuPage Special Recreation (WDSRA) Executive Director, Dan Leahy, and stated Director Leahy was appointed as the next Executive Director for the association back in June 2021. Dan Leahy thanked the Board for their time and presented an overview of the WDSRA annual report. He briefed the Board on his professional background stating he has worked in local government for 16 years and is the parent of a child with special needs, so he brings this insight into his position. Leahy provided information on the year in review sharing personal stories and challenges along the way. Leahy concluded expressing his appreciation of the member Districts, thanked staff and the Park Board for their time and addressed a few follow up questions.

Public Hearing for the 2023 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance

President Durham opened discussion for the public hearing for the 2023 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. Durham invited those with comments to address the Park Board. There being no comments from the public, Commissioner Ward moved to close the public hearing for the 2023 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

New Business

A. Newton Park Concrete Improvements – Pay Application #1

As a reminder, Newton Park was awarded an OSLAD Grant for site wide improvements from a master plan. Concrete sidewalks providing connectivity throughout the park, and ADA access to the baseball field were components of the Grant. Additionally, a proposed Lacrosse wall with significant concrete footer was part of the project.

These elements were combined to bid, and Schaeffges Brothers Inc. concrete contractor was selected as lowest responsible bid. After this payout of \$136,356.30, the Balance to finish, is the retainage of \$15,150.70. In spring, through a separate contract, the Lacrosse wall will be painted a neutral color. Based on feedback from the Lacrosse community, no goals will be painted on the wall. The Newton Park OSLAD project is now complete, and staff will be seeking the balance of the IDNR reimbursement.

B. Ackerman Park Field 5 & 6 – Pay Application #1

Payout request #1 was presented to the Park Board for the Ackerman Fields 5 & 6 Improvements in the amount of \$93,780. This payout is from Hacienda Landscaping Inc. which is the general contractor for this project. This payout also includes a change order deduct of \$22,000 for bleachers. Staff evaluated current bleachers in the District that could be re-used with minor repair. This payout represents the work done in October and November.

Unfinished Business

A. Approval of the 2023 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance 23-01

The 2023 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance 23-01 that was placed on file at the November 15th Board Meeting with adjustments made through Board and staff discussions was presented. The Park Board had a brief discussion and following, Commissioner Stortz moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to approve 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."

B. 2023-2025 Project Update(s)

There were no specific updates currently, the scope of all projects remains the same and more to follow at the next board meetings. However, estimated projects costs including ASFC and Sunset Pool which are currently projected to be higher than initially budgeted, were presented to the Board of Commissioners. The increase expense is due largely to inflation as the scope of the projects are consistent with what was presented to the community at the time of the referendum. The Board consensus was despite the increase in expense, continue to plan the projects as they were originally identified. A contingency plan to offset the increased expenses was presented including deferring some near-future capital projects. The Board was appreciative but directed staff to wait until the second quarter of the year to further consider the need to defer projects.