

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
December 6, 2022
185 Spring Avenue**

I. Call to Order

President Durham called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Commissioners

Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Crickmore, Ward, Weber, Nephew, and President Durham. Commissioner Cornell arrived at 7:04 p.m. Commissioner Nephew participated remotely, and Commissioner Stortz arrived in the Zoom meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Staff members present were Executive Director Harris, Deputy Director Cinquegrani, Superintendent of Planning and Natural Resources Troia, Superintendent of Athletics Babicz, Superintendent of Facilities Lim, Special Facilities Manager Semetko 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. 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 and implementing additional park and facility improvements.

Additionally, the District created new positions while filling several existing vacancies. Many new staff were introduced at the October 4th Board meeting. Since then, three (3) additional employees have started, and the District is excited to welcome them and would like to introduce the following to the Park Board:

- Manager of Athletics Tripp
- ASFC Assistant Manager of Programming Brush
- Director of Soccer Operations Billings

VII. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Cornell moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward to approve the Consent Agenda including the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$461,893.86 and Minutes from November 15, 2022, Regular meeting.

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

Motion Carried

VIII. New Business

A. An Ordinance providing for the issue of approximately \$1,338,815 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2022, for the payment of land 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, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

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.

The Park Board briefly discussed the outcome and following the discussion Commissioner Weber moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to adopt Ordinance 22-02 providing for the issue of approximately \$1,338,815 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2022, for the payment of land 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, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

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

Motion Carried

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

Superintendent Babicz stated that 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. Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Weber to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Consolidated School District 89 as presented.

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

Motion Carried

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. Commissioners had several questions including statistics on concussions within the tackle football program, quality of helmets, differences between manufacturers. Superintendent Babicz provided answers to all the inquiries presented. Following, Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Weber to 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.

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

Motion Carried

IX. Unfinished Business

A. Budget Discussion

Following the 2023 budget presentation at the previous Board meeting, this evening was another opportunity to for the Board and public to present further questions and comments. There was no additional question raised at this time. Final approval will be included on the January 10 Board agenda following the Public Hearing. In the meantime, if questions arise prior to January 10, they can be presented to Deputy Director Cinquegrani or Executive Director Harris

B. 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. Superintendent Troia provided brief updates of current projects and highlighted that following this agenda item, presentations on the Johnson Center and Sunset Pool improvement projects will be provided.

X. 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, 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. Several questions were presented by the Board including areas within water play section that had no play features, added requirement of guards, color of equipment, lap swimming, zero depth area, construction schedule including closing mid-August 2023 and current budget estimations which are more than initial target. Board was complimentary of the recommendations and the fact that it addressed the improvements featured in the referendum education effort. A public meeting will be staged at SARC on Thursday, December 15.

XI. 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, FGM Architects presented a well-developed design of the new facility along with cost estimates. Board questions included “finishing” and color elements. If the current façade of the Johnson Center can be reused. The Board was also supportive of the recommendations as presented. A public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 8 at the Johnson Center.

XII. Staff Reports

A. Finance Report (For information only)

B. Staff Reports

None

XIII. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Cornell expressed how impressed she is with all the current projects and staff efforts to accomplish them. Commissioner Crickmore mentioned she attended the ASFC Restoration day, and she was very pleased of how well everything went. Commissioner Weber complimented the Park District on its dedication and was pleased to partake in the annual Turkey Trot once again along with many of his family members. Lastly, President Durham expressed his appreciation of staff and all their efforts and wished all a happy holiday.

XIV. Adjourn to Executive Session

At 9:40 p.m., Commissioner Weber moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to convene into Executive Session under section 2 (c) 5 of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussion of the purchase, lease or sale of real property for the use of the district, including discussion of whether a particular parcel should be acquired and/or sold.

XV. Reconvene to Open Session

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:45 p.m.

XVI. Adjourn

There being no further business, Commissioner Weber moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward to adjourn the Meeting at 10:46 p.m.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Harris
Board Secretary