

**Glen Ellyn Park District Board of Commissioners  
&  
Village of Glen Ellyn Board of Trustees  
Special Meeting Minutes  
November 15, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.  
185 Spring Avenue**

**I. Call to Order**

Village Board President Senak called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

President Senak led the pledge of allegiance.

**III. Roll Call of Commissioners**

Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Cornell, Ward, Durham, Nephew, and President Stortz. Commissioner Crickmore and Weber were absent. Commissioner Nephew departed at 7:25 p.m.

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

*Motion Carried.*

Staff members present were Executive Director Dave Thommes, Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia and Board Secretary & Directors' Assistant Dikker.

**III. Roll Call of Trustees**

Upon roll call, those answering present were Trustee Kalinich, Thompson, Gould, Simon, Christiansen, and President Senak. Trustees Fasules was absent.

*Roll Call: Aye: Trustees Kalinich, Thompson, Gould, Simon, Christiansen, and President Senak.  
Nay: None*

*Motion Carried.*

Staff members present were Village Manager Mark Franz and Director of Public Works Dave Buckley.

**IV. Public Participation**

Several members of the public were in attendance to observe the discussion. Norris Eber, a neighbor of Panfish Park, inquired about the status of improvements within Panfish Park that are slated to take place. Village Manager Franz responded and provided some information on the timeline of the Panfish Park Improvements and information that has already been forthcoming to residents. During discussion of the Downtown Community Park, Diana Martinez, Director of

the McAninch Arts Center, offered some suggestions for future planning of the proposed stage/pavilion for the Downtown Community Park and was complimentary of the updated design.

#### **IV. Old Business**

##### **A. Discussion of Community Event Park at the U.S. Bank site with the Glen Ellyn Board of Commissioners and the Glen Ellyn Village Board Members**

Director of Planning and Natural Resources for the Glen Ellyn Park District, Nate Troia, welcomed everyone and stated that members of Site Design were here to present and walk through the updated design of the Downtown Community Park.

Clare Johnson, Project Manager at Site Design Group, Ltd., led a presentation of the updated design that was based off feedback from the October 26, 2023, Joint Meeting with the Village of Glen Ellyn Trustees and the Glen Ellyn Park Board of Commissioners.

Johnson presented the updated design and highlighted the changes from the previous design presented at the October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. She stated that the location of the pavilion and support building remained in the Southeast corner and would be elevated to aid in the topography planning for the park while the restrooms and smaller support building were moved to the Northeast corner of the park and were scaled down in size. The play area would now be located on the North side of the park just off the Prairie Path and would be separated by a berm with trees and plantings. The central lawn would now be a level area of lawn that would allow for a large ice rink in winter and offer plenty of open space for park events. Terraced seating would surround areas of the central lawn and accommodate the slope of the site and provide seating and elevated landscaped beds for sights of interest. A smaller reading lawn along with a picnic grove of trees would surround the central lawn area. Seating benches would be placed in various areas of the park and a seating nook would be located on the North side of the park along the Prairie Path. There would be several entrances/egresses to the park with two (2) larger entrances/egresses coming from the site of the proposed train underpass and prairie path as well as from the corner of Duane and Forest Avenue. Lastly, Johnson reviewed the areas of Forest Avenue and Duane Street that could be used as spillover should that be needed for a larger community event.

The Park Board of Commissioners and Village Board of Trustees then held a discussion of the proposed draft design. Trustee Christiansen inquired about the variety of plantings encompassing the park during the various seasons and whether permeable pavers would be used within the site. It was stated that greenery would be provided for all seasons and permeable pavers would be used within the park, to what extent has yet to be determined. Trustee Simon inquired on the sustainability of the products used within the park and Trustee Thompson asked about irrigation of the park. Project Managers of Site Design stated that sustainability is regarded when assessing the products used for projects and they highly recommended using an irrigation system within this park. Irrigation would help to keep a highly used park such as this in good condition and can be tailored with sensors to monitor rain etc. Lastly Trustee Christiansen inquired on safety and fencing within the area. Staff and Site Design

personnel stated that several entrances, along with permanent fencing would aid in the safety of park goers and allow for securing the park should a large event or an event with alcohol take place. Other required items for safety would be assessed during the detailed planning of the park.

Trustees along with Park Board Commissioners expressed their approval and appreciation for the design presented and following Village Board President Senak moved, seconded by Park Board Commissioner Cornell, to approve the updated and presented design concept dated 11/15/2023 for the Community Event Park at 453 Forest Avenue in downtown Glen Ellyn per the Intergovernmental Purchase and Sale Agreement.

*Roll Call: Aye: Village Board President Senak, Park Board Commissioner Cornell, Trustee Kalinich, Trustee Simon, Trustee Christiansen, Trustee Gould, Trustee Thompson, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Durham, and Park Board President Stortz*

*Nay: None*

*Motion Carried*

#### **V. Adjourn**

Park Board President Ben Stortz thanked everyone for their collaboration and especially thanked Director of Planning and Natural Resources Nate Troia on his time and dedication to this project and looks forward to its fruition.

There being no further business, Trustee Kalinich moved, seconded by Trustee Christiansen, to adjourn the joint meeting at 8:42 p.m.

*Roll Call: Aye: All Commissioners and Trustees present voted Aye to adjourn said meeting.  
Nay: None*

*Motion Carried*

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Dikker  
Board Secretary  
Glen Ellyn Park District