

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2024
185 Spring Avenue**

I. Call to Order

President Stortz called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Commissioners

Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Crickmore, Ward, Weber, Durham, and President Stortz. Commissioner Nephew was absent and representing the District at the Chamber of Glen Ellyn Community Award and Commissioner Cornell arrived at 7:06 p.m.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Crickmore, Ward, Weber, Durham, and President Stortz
Nay: None*

Motion Carried.

Staff members present were Executive Director Dave Thommes, Executive Deputy Director Cinquegrani, Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia, Director of Recreation and Facilities Lim, Manager of Natural Areas and Outdoor Education Guttman, and Board Secretary & Directors' Assistant Dikker.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

President Stortz led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Changes to the Agenda

None.

V. Public Participation

None.

VI. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Durham, to approve the Consent Agenda including the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$1,019,053.92 and minutes from the February 20, 2024, Regular Meeting.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Ward, Durham, Crickmore, Weber, and President Stortz
Nay: None*

Motion Carried.

VII. WDSRA Annual Update

Executive Director of the Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA), Dan Leahy, provided the annual update for the Glen Ellyn Park District. Leahy provided an update to the reconstruction following the flood that occurred to its main operating building back in October of 2023. Leahy provided that they are utilizing space in Glendale Heights and Carol Stream while also having staff working remotely. The operation should be back to its original building in July or August of this year.

Leahy provided an update on the Foundation fundraiser, The Bash, which was just held this past month and achieved huge success. He thanked the Board members and staff who attended and appreciated their commitment to the program. He then updated the Board on the various programs that take place within Glen Ellyn including Rec n' Roll at Ackerman and the Glen Ellyn Lakers peer partner soccer program. He provided highlights of the past year and statistics of their regular programs and inclusion programs. Director Leahy provided information on launching of the WDSRA Scholarship Endowment Fund and shared a personal journey of one family. In conclusion, Director Leahy thanked the Glen Ellyn Park District for their partnership and provided a preview of their course of action for the years ahead that include the celebration of 50 years in 2026.

VIII. D87

Dr. Seth Chapman, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations of Glenbard District 87, along with Joe Kain, Assistant Principal of Athletics at Glenbard West High School, provided a presentation to the Park Board regarding the upcoming referendum for facility improvements at Glenbard District 87. Dr. Chapman provided some background on the Districts financial accomplishments, priorities for the next ten (10) years, comparisons of other school districts, and funding mechanisms thus far. He then provided information on the infrastructure and needs of the District over the next ten (10) years along with an in-depth view of proposed improvements at Glenbard South High School. Mr. Kain provided an in depth look at the proposed improvements for Glenbard West High School and Dr. Chapman provided information on the funding sources, timing of the bond schedule and provided information for further details and how to calculate the affect on taxpayers for this referendum.

Commissioner Cornell inquired about the vestibule improvements at Glenbard West and following the Park Board thanked the District 87 representatives for their time in educating the Board and Community on this referendum.

IX. New Business

A. Ordinance Authorizing a Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement for Village Green Between the Glen Ellyn Park District and the Village of Glen Ellyn – Ordinance 24-05

Executive Director Thommes provided information on the current Lease Agreement for Village Green with the Village of Glen Ellyn that currently expires in 2028, after a 25-year term. Thommes shared that in order to apply and qualify for an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant, the lease length would need to be longer. Thommes shared that Park District Staff negotiated a second amendment to the current lease to extend the Agreement expiration date

to December 31, 2058, thus allowing the Park District the capability to apply for OSLAD grants in the years to come.

Staff recommends the Park Board approve Ordinance 24-05; An Ordinance Authorizing a Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement for Village Green Between the Glen Ellyn Park District and the Village of Glen Ellyn. The Park Board had a brief discussion and following Commissioner Weber moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to approve Ordinance 24-05 an Ordinance Authorizing a Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement for Village Green Between the Glen Ellyn Park District and the Village of Glen Ellyn.

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

Motion Carried.

B. Ordinance Authorizing a Second Amendment to the License Agreement for Snow Stockpiling Between the Glen Ellyn Park District and the Village of Glen Ellyn – Ordinance 24-06

Director Thommes shared that within the Lease Agreement to Village Green there is language that allows for snow stock piling at Village Green should the Ackerman location be maximized. The original License Agreement for Snow Stockpiling was entered in 2006 and expires on December 31, 2028. To keep things cohesive, the District recommends extending the License Agreement for Snow Stock Piling Between the Glen Ellyn Park District and the Village of Glen Ellyn to coincide with the dates of the Second Amendment to the Village Green Lease Agreement. Thommes stated that this is a great example of two government entities working together for its residents.

Following this discussion, Commissioner Cornell moved, seconded by Commissioner Durham to approve Ordinance 24-06, an Ordinance Authorizing an Amendment to the License Agreement for Snow Stockpiling between the Glen Ellyn Park District and the Village of Glen Ellyn.

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

Motion Carried.

C. Security Camera Guidelines

Director of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani shared that the Park District has expanded its use of security cameras to several parks and facilities. As an outcome of PDRMA's annual Risk Management Review process, PDRMA recommended the District establish guidelines pertaining to the use of surveillance cameras throughout the District. Cinquegrani stated that staff recommends approval of Chapter VII, Section 9.09 'Security Camera Guidelines' of the Glen Ellyn Park District's Policy Manual as presented.

The Park Board had a brief discussion about the policy. Commissioner Weber inquired about the release of recordings to the Police department and Commissioner Crickmore alerted staff to two (2) typos within the Policy which were noted and will be corrected. Following discussion, Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Crickmore, to approve Chapter VII, Section 9.09 'Security Camera Guidelines' of the Glen Ellyn Park District's Policy Manual as presented.

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

Motion Carried.

D. Floating Restorers at Lake Ellyn Discussion

Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia provided background on the Floating Restorers that were installed in the summer of 2017. The islands were used to provide supplemental water filtration near stormwater discharge locations in the lake. Over the years the units have begun deteriorating and the elements are degrading into the lake. In addition, the maintenance of the islands have been problematic and have increased staff's time significantly to maintain and financially to provide upkeep of the islands.

Staff is recommending that the islands be removed, and restoration be focused on shoreline improvements, increased vegetation, establishment of rain gardens and maintenance of the oak woodlands. Troia stated this would provide more benefits to Lake Ellyn's water quality and be fiscally more responsible for the District.

The Park Board of Commissioners discussed it in length and Commissioner Cornell shared that she was on the Board when these were implemented but through the photos and discussion can see that they have lived their expectancy. Commissioner Crickmore stated that while innovative at the time she agreed with staff's recommendation. Commissioner Durham also was in agreement and following, Board Direction was to allow staff to continue with best management practices and proceed with removal of the Floating Restorers.

E. Frank Johnson Center – Featherstone, Inc. February payout

Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia briefed the Board on the status of the Frank Johnson Center providing that this payout included construction to date, including installation of drywall, finishes and more. Troia shared that all is still on tract for nearing completion and Featherstone should be off premises by early April.

The Park Board was happy with the progress and Commissioner Cornell asked if an open house will be planned. Troia shared that a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house for the neighborhood would be forthcoming. Following, Commissioner Weber then moved, seconded by Commissioner Cornell, to approve Featherstone's February payout request for the Frank Johnson Center construction in the amount of \$484,438.51 as the services identified within the payout request have been performed.

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

Motion Carried.

F. Sunset Pool – WB Olson February pay application

Director Troia presented the Sunset Pool February pay application stating that this includes construction of the bathhouse interior, slide tower concrete footers, children’s pool concrete, interior painting, pool plumbing and more. Following, Commissioner Durham moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to approve the W.B. Olson February pay application for the Sunset Pool construction in the amount of \$1,012,221.00 as the services identified within the pay application have been performed.

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

Motion Carried.

G. Wight Pay Application #8

Director Troia stated that construction is going smoothly at the Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center and reviewed Wight payment application #8 for improvements in the amount of \$602,229.82. Troia stated this payout includes the construction finishing of the fitness studios and offices, which all now have occupancy permits and are being utilized. Troia shared that Gymnastics studio improvements continue along with HVAC improvements.

Following, Commissioner Crickmore moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to approve Wight Construction payout request #8 for the Ackerman addition and renovation in the amount of \$602,229.82.

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

Motion Carried.

IX. Unfinished Business

A. 2023-2025 Project Update(s)

Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia stated that they have received occupancy for the completed front section of Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center and stated all is going well on the progress of the future gymnastics center. Troia shared that the pool is progressing on time as well and hopes for continued warm weather into April and May so the pool can be painted. The Dr. Frank Johnson Center is finishing completion as drywalling and painting are taking place currently and Featherstone is hoping to be offsite by the beginning of April. Lastly Troia shared

that all projects should finish with contingency money and said 80% of contingency money for FJC was allocated to the soil remediation.

X. Staff Reports

A. Finance Report (For information only)

B. Staff Reports

Executive Director Thommes thanked Commissioner Ward and President Stortz for attending the WDSRA “Bash” Fundraiser as well as thanked Commissioners Crickmore, Cornell and Nephew for attending the IAPD Legislative Breakfast. Director of Recreation and Facilities Lim stated they received a letter of appreciation for the donation of the Boathouse Facility that was used for a Celebration of Life for a local Glenbard West student that passed away unexpectedly and shared the thankful sentiments with the Park Board.

XI. Commissioners’ Reports

Commissioner Durham was pleased to hear the pool is still slated to be completed on time and Commissioner Ward enjoyed his time at the WDSRA fundraiser event as well as the Bags and Brews event held at Ackerman. Commissioner Crickmore relayed that her grandson thoroughly enjoyed Marie Ulhorn, Presidents Park and provided that she was very happy that the District provides a program for WDSRA patrons and was pleased to witness their activities in person at Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center. Commissioner Cornell stated she spoke to Legislative representatives at the Legislative Breakfast and was pleased to hear about the excitement of the Downtown Park Plaza. Lastly President Stortz said he was happy to see how busy our Parks have been with the warmer weather and stated that Commissioner Nephew is representing the District at the Chamber of Glen Ellyn’s Community Awards as they honor the Brondyke Family for their volunteerism within the Glen Ellyn Park District.

XII. Adjourn

There being no further business, Commissioner Weber moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:03 p.m.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.