

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 20, 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, Durham, Nephew and President Stortz. Commissioner Weber was absent, and Commissioner Cornell arrived at 7:25 p.m.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Crickmore, Ward, Durham, Nephew, 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 & Facilities Lim, Manager of Natural Areas & Outdoor Education Chris Gutmann, 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 Crickmore moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to approve the Consent Agenda including the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$1,293,451.33 and minutes from the July 16, 2024, Regular Meeting.

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

 Nay: None

Motion Carried.

VII. New Business

A. Frank Johnson Center – Playground Remediation Pay Application #2

Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia briefed the Board on the status of the Frank Johnson Center Playground Remediation. Troia shared that Bird Inc. has completed 100% of their work and Hacienda has reinstalled the playground equipment. Staff will complete restoration, and the playground should reopen by the end of August.

Troia shared that original excavation estimate was \$197,000 but final total was \$98,662.50 which resulted in significant savings. Staff recommends approval of pay application #2 in the amount of \$29,598.75.

Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Crickmore; to approve Bird, Inc.'s pay application #2 for the Frank Johnson Center Playground Remediation project in the amount of \$29,598.75.

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

Motion Carried.

B. Sunset Pool – W.B. Olson August pay application

Director Troia presented the Sunset Pool August pay application stating that this includes construction and finishing of the slides, play equipment, new wading pool, bathhouse, and concessions. Troia shared that the pool has been very well received by the community. Following, Commissioner Durham moved, seconded by Commissioner Crickmore, to approve the W.B. Olson August pay application for the Sunset Pool construction in the amount of \$40,807.00 as the services identified within the pay application have been performed.

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

Motion Carried.

C. Wight Pay Application #13

Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia stated that construction is going well at the Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center and reviewed Wight payment application #13 for improvements in the amount of \$172,560.64. Troia stated this payout includes the construction of the gymnastics studio, including walls, floors, utilities, painting, and finishings. Troia shared that final touches on the gymnastics studio is being done, restoration of outside perimeter and gymnastics equipment is being installed.

Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Crickmore, to approve Wight Construction payout request #13 for the Ackerman addition and renovation in the amount of \$172,560.64.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

D. Village Green Master Plan discussion

Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia shared that Village Green park was last improved in 2009 and it now requires renovations to its fencing, batting cages, fields, and other amenities. These improvements were considered under the Athletic Improvement of the 2022 bond referendum. While the District was not able to pursue this park for an OSLAD (Open Space Land Acquisition and Development Program) grant last year, the District is able to this year. Troia shared that the first step is to design a Master Plan for the site.

Troia presented the list of improvements for Village Green and highlighted those that are highly favorable when applying for an OSLAD grant. Some of the improvements to the area included the Pickleball area; shelter outside of courts, seating area within the courts, lights, and a major pickleball renovation. New recreational features proposed included bags games, sand volleyball courts, perimeter walking paths, new tee ball backstops and an adult fitness area. Improvements to the athletic areas included, field improvements, updates to the batting cages, new dugouts to certain fields with ADA sidewalk connections, dark sky lighting, and irrigation improvements. Various site improvements included interpretive signage, added garden plot amenities, splash pad upgrades, addition of a well to the site, stadium hill seating, artificial turf field at field 1, proposed waterless restroom and security camera installation.

The Park Board discussed the proposed improvements to the site and posed questions to staff. Troia shared that staff would bring this before the public for input in the weeks ahead and will seek input from the various user groups as well. Troia shared the timeline of the OSLAD grant process and will keep the Board apprised of its progress.

E. OSLAD Application Resolution 24-02

In anticipation of the Glen Ellyn Park District implementing significant improvements to Village Green beginning in 2025, the Park District will be submitting an OSLAD grant application for the project.

The Grant program, established by the Illinois General Assembly in 1986, matches funds provided by park districts, municipalities, forest preserve districts, and other local government entities, providing 50% of the funding.

Troia shared that the District will be compiling an application and submitting it by the September 6, 2024, deadline on behalf of the Village Green project. As a part of the grant requirement, the Glen Ellyn Park District must approve a "Resolution of Authorization" including affirming the District has the necessary funds for the project and that the District must comply with the conditions, terms, and regulations of the OSLAD program. Staff recommends approval of the Resolution.

Following, Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Crickmore, to approve "Resolution of Authorization," Resolution 24-02 specific to the OSLAD grant application for improvements to Village Green.

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

Motion Carried.

F. Village Green Parking Lot Pay Final Pay Application

Director Troia relayed that public bids were noticed in the Spring for asphalt improvements at Village Green Park. The scope included resurfacing both parking lots and the basketball court as well as color striping of the basketball court. Troia stated \$250,000 was budgeted for the project in 2023. Evans & Son Blacktop, Inc. is the general contractor on the project and to date 100% of the work has been completed. This final payout included the color coat of the basketball courts which was completed this past spring. The total contract amount is \$230,829.39 and staff recommends approval of the final pay application to Evans & Son for the Village Green Asphalt Improvements in the amount of \$41,422.14.

Commissioner Ward then moved, seconded by Commissioner Durham, to approve the Evans & Son final pay application for the Village Green Asphalt Improvements in the amount of \$41,422.14 as the services identified have been performed.

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

Motion Carried.

G. Ackerman Gymnastics Equipment Final Pay Application

Director Troia said that as part of the Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center improvements, new gymnastics equipment is required and was included in the Ackerman Improvements budget. Troia shared that due to the specialized nature of the equipment it was purchased as a sole purchase with Board approval from The Athletic Equipment Source. Troia relayed that the cost was \$201,553.97 and this included delivery and installation and has been reviewed by the Architect, staff, and gymnastics staff as well. The equipment has now been delivered and will be installed by the end of the month.

Staff recommended Board Approval of the final pay application for the amount of \$92,148.99. Executive Director Thommes shared that a ribbon cutting ceremony will take place in early September.

The Park Board is excited to see the outcome and following Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Durham to approve The Athletic Equipment Source final pay application for the amount of \$92,148.99.

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

Motion Carried.

H. Budget Discussion

Executive Deputy Director Cinquegrani stated that preparation is underway for the annual operating budget for the 2025 calendar year. Cinquegrani presented the timeline for the budget process, including the 2024 tax levy, 2025 budget process, amendment of the 2024 budget ordinance if needed, and timeline of the non-referendum bond issuance. Staff is hoping a first draft of the budget will be delivered to the Board in mid-October. Commissioner Crickmore asked if the Citizens Finance Committee would be meeting prior, but Cinquegrani said they in years past they have not met prior to the first draft of the budget and adjustments can be made to the budget, if necessary, prior to approval. Cinquegrani shared that a Capital Planning strategic discussion would take place at the September 17th Regular Meeting. President Stortz asked if information could be disbursed prior to the meeting and would like the Citizens Finance Committee to report back to the Board with their insight as well. The Park Board thanked staff for the timeline and looks forward to the Capital Planning session.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. 2023-2025 Project Update(s)

Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia provided an update on the ongoing Capital Projects within the District. Troia said staff is waiting on the Village for comments regarding the Ackerman Ring Road Improvements. Staff is also waiting for Village comments on the Special Use permit for the Ackerman Pickleball courts. Troia shared that the pickleball improvements and Lenox Road improvements were separated in hopes that permitting for the Ackerman pickleball courts would occur in a timelier manner for a Fall start while Lenox Road improvements would occur in 2025. Troia shared that an OSLAD extension was granted for the Lenox Road Improvements. HVAC improvements will be occurring at Main Street Recreation Center this week and Spring Avenue plumbing improvements are currently in progress.

IX. Staff Reports

A. Finance Report (For information only)

B. Staff Reports

Executive Director Thommes reminded all of the upcoming Foundation events within the District; the Gator Race at Sunset Pool on August 22nd and the Halloween Hangout on Saturday, October 19th at the Lake Ellyn Boathouse. Thommes also shared that the Ackerman Ribbon Cutting will take place on Thursday, September 5th from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. There will be a gymnastics showcase and tours of the facility. Lastly, the Open House for the Frank Johnson Maintenance Facility will take place on Tuesday, September 17th with the Regular Board Meeting to follow. More details will be forthcoming!

X. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Cornell stated she adopted a Chomp Pack and looks forward to the Foundation's Gator Race event. Commissioner Durham looks forward to viewing the livestreaming of the Gator Race and Commissioner Nephew shared that she is happy the lap pool has reopened and stated the families all looked like they were thoroughly enjoying the facility. President Stortz relayed that Sunset is a great facility and commended staff on the renovation! Commissioner Crickmore said she is so pleased with the wading pool and shared how nice it is for supervising kids and that the family restroom is very useful. Following, Commissioner Crickmore shared that one of her hobbies is flower photography and natural areas and she shared a presentation with all.

- Nature PowerPoint, Commissioner Crickmore

Commissioner Crickmore shared a presentation highlighting various native plants that have been restored within the natural areas of the District. Crickmore highlighted some flowers within Maryknoll Park and shared that the District has participated in the DuPage Monarch Project since 2017, with a goal of expanding and improving habitats for the butterflies. She previewed a variety of beautiful flowers within Churchill Park along with butterflies in their habitat. Lastly, Crickmore displayed a variety of flowers and pollinators within Ackerman Woods including the new trail. Commissioner Crickmore expressed her sincere appreciation of our Natural Resources and Outdoor Educational Staff for their dedication to their craft and beautifying the local Parks.

XI. Adjourn

There being no further business, Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Durham to adjourn the August 20, 2024, Regular Meeting at 8:07 p.m.

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

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Dikker
Board Secretary & Directors' Assistant