



Commissioner Crickmore moved, seconded by Commissioner Weber, to approve the Consent Agenda including the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$788,741.21, minutes from the August 20, 2024, Regular Meeting, and the September 3, 2024, Workshop Meeting.

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

*Motion Carried.*

## **VII. Staff Recognition – Aquatic Staff**

Executive Director Dave Thommes welcomed those in attendance and recognized the Sunset Pool staff who responded to an emergency over Labor Day weekend at Sunset Pool. Thommes shared that on the second to last day of the season pool staff utilized their life-saving skills that day and aided a young patron. Director of Recreation and Facilities, Stacey Lim, shared that the training and hard work were put into action that day and thanked the entire staff of Sunset Pool. Lim thanked the mentors who led the training this season that helped to keep our community and patrons of the pool safe. Lim personally noted the staff members present that day of the emergency who included, Kaitlyn Stortz, Annie Franz, Jacqui Wilkinson, Jane Adduci, Charlie Coffey, Tori Fors, Joseph Gianneschi, Henry Koppenhoefer, Cole Lisook, Kate Miller, Owen Rees, Graedon Rodine, Santiago Sanitbanez, Kayla Street, Autumn Sury, Ely Tedford, Willem Vogel, Marcus (MJ) Wargin, Addie Williams, Michael Miller, Christine Giunta-Mayer, Russell Monahan, Adam Baldocchi, and Lisa Semetko.

The Park Board of Commissioners gave a standing ovation and praised all for their dedication and commitment to Sunset Pool and to their profession.

## **VIII. New Business**

### **A. Frank Johnson Center update with Parks Staff**

Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia provided a brief journey of the Frank Johnson Center renovation from fruition. Troia provided information on how the District managed Park operations during the renovation and said Parks staff is elated to be back under one roof in the new facility. Troia provided that staff was very thankful for this facility and some Parks staff were on hand to personally thank the Park Board of Commissioners.

Parks Foreman, Scott Norman, shared his appreciation of the new state of the art facility, saying how wonderful it is to have the crew, all of the equipment, and materials now all in one place and praised the Park Board for implementing this renovation. Norman shared stories of his longevity with the District in the old facility and was very appreciative. Fleet Manager, Eric Wassell, also with the District for many years, praised the new facility and stated that having all of the new safety features within fleet management have been tremendous. Following, the Park Board shared their praise of the outcome of this renovation and said a lot of positive feedback was shared at the open house this evening.

### **B. First Amendment to Lease Agreement-Surrey Park**

Executive Director Dave Thommes provided that a lease agreement with Lombard School District 44 regarding Surrey Park was coming up for renewal in the next couple of years. To maintain consistency in park lease terms, staff negotiated an extension of this lease agreement to align with the recently approved Village Green lease agreement. Staff negotiated an amendment with Lombard School District 44, extending the expiration date to July 31, 2054, with an option to renew the lease for two additional 15-year periods upon expiration. Staff shared that Surrey Park is a very well received park and neighbors are very appreciative of our District. Following, Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Nephew, to approve the First Amendment to Lease Agreement- Surrey Park Between the Glen Ellyn Park District and the Board of Education, School District 44.

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

*Motion Carried.*

C.      Long-Range Capital Projects Discussion

Executive Deputy Director Cinquegrani provided an update on the Long-Range Capital Project Forecast. Cinquegrani led the Park Board through a Capital Project Forecast from 2024-2033 highlighting the major projects slated throughout those years. Following, Cinquegrani discussed the estimated Fund Balances over those years, sharing projected revenues, expenditures, minimum fund balance requirements and whether the current trend needs to increase due to the District's new projects and increase in assets. Cinquegrani discussed various options of issuing non-referendum bonds dependent on the District's threshold for interest rates and shared that the District has completed several large projects within the District with our surplus funds from operations including the Boathouse renovation, Ackerman Field renovations, and most currently the Frank Johnson Center renovation. The Board held a discussion regarding opportunities to help fund the Downtown Park, but staff discussed we need to be further along in discussions and collaboration with the Village. The consensus amongst the Board and staff was to re-evaluate in 2025 for further discussion on funding and long-range capital projects.

Cinquegrani briefed the Board on Capital Funding Sources including the OSLAD grants for both Lenox Road, which has already been granted, and possibly Village Green, which is anticipated to be announced in January of 2025. Cinquegrani shared that the State Legislative money granted from Senator Ellman has not been included in the funding sources as of yet mainly due to unknown timing of receiving those grants. Cinquegrani discussed the capital funding needs in the next three years and the options in non-referendum bond issuance. He proposed cash flow considerations for the next few years and increasing capitals to be allocated for future asset replacement. Cinquegrani shared various strategies in non-referendum bond issuance over the next few years to limit high-interest rate payments. Lastly, the Park Board and staff discussed opportunities to help fund the Downtown Park through grant opportunities, building reserves to fund the financial commitment which would take several years or the possibility of seeking a referendum. Both Board and Staff felt discussions and finalized agreements with the Village of Glen Ellyn should be further along before any funding should be discussed.

Cinquegrani opened the floor for discussion on any other capital projects not discussed. President Stortz inquired about Holes & Knolls if upgrades/repairs were slated in the future and staff shared that new carpeting, updates to the caves and splashpad improvements were all slated in the near term. Cinquegrani shared that an increased target for surplus funds will begin in 2025 which would result in a change from \$800,000 to \$1,200,000. He then provided a timeline in the next two months of the budget process sharing that the tax levy will be placed on file at the October 1, 2024, Workshop meeting and the Budget Ordinance will be placed on file at the October 15<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting.

## **IX. 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 thanked Commissioner Durham for his assistance in reaching out to the Village of Glen Ellyn Trustees to help in securing a permit for the repaving of Ackerman Ring Road. Troia stated that a permit was granted, and the project should begin on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Troia shared the status of other projects and their timeline for proceeding through the Planning Commission within the Village of Glen Ellyn. Commissioner Weber inquired about the timeline for the pickleball courts at Ackerman and Troia said that permitting will proceed most likely through the end of the year and construction would not take place until Spring of 2025. Troia also shared that a special use permit will need to be secured for the Lenox Road garden plots and that would lead into 2025 as well. Commissioner Ward asked about the roof repair at Main Street Recreation Center and Troia said that project is taking place currently with a removal and replacement of a portion of the roof. He said two (2) smaller HVACs were replaced and next year a larger unit will be replaced.

## **X. Staff Reports**

### **A. Finance Report (For information only)**

### **B. Staff Reports**

Executive Director Dave Thommes shared that the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) named the Glen Ellyn Park District as the winner of the 2024 Best of the Best Award in the Best Green Practices category. Thommes shared that a reception event will take place Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> when the award would be presented. Thommes also shared that Commissioner Nephew would be receiving an award for 15 years of service as a Park Board Commissioner and would be able to attend the event if she wishes. Thommes then shared that Executive Deputy Director Cinquegrani achieved his CPRE certification and stated it is a great accomplishment. Lastly Director of Recreation and Facilities Lim received notice that Jacqui Wilkinson's name was originally omitted from the Aquatic staff recognition and wanted to be sure the Board recognized her efforts in the emergency incident that took place at Sunset Pool over the Labor Day weekend.

## **XI. Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Cornell thoroughly enjoyed the open house of the new Gymnastics Center at Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center and shared the kids seemed to enjoy the event. Commissioner Weber praised the staff for the new Gymnastics facility and thanked Executive Director Thommes for alerting the Commissioners of the emergency event at Sunset Pool over the Holiday weekend.

Weber also shared that he had a lot of positive feedback on the 1 mile run this past weekend. Commissioner Crickmore attended the Ackerman Gymnastics open house and was impressed by the kids' floor exercise demonstration and Commissioner Ward agreed that the Ackerman Facility looked great and commended staff. Commissioner Nephew enjoyed all of the past ribbon cuttings and shared that the neighbors of the Frank Johnson Center facility all seemed pleased with the facility and happy that the playground is open for use. Nephew also attended the Lantern Glow walk and said the event was well received.

## **XII. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Commissioner Weber moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward to adjourn the September 17, 2024, Regular Meeting at 8:42 p.m.

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

*Motion Carried.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Kimberly Dikker  
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