

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Workshop Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2024
185 Spring Avenue**

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call of Commissioners

Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Ward, Durham, Nephew, and President Stortz. Commissioners Crickmore and Weber were absent, and Commissioner Cornell participated via Zoom.

Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Durham, and voted unanimously by the Park Board of Commissioners who were physically present at the Spring Avenue location, to allow Commissioner Cornell to vote via Zoom for tonight's meeting.

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

Motion Carried.

Staff members present were Executive Director Dave Thommes, Executive Deputy Director Cinquegrani, Director of Recreation & Facilities Lim, Board Secretary & Directors' Assistant Dikker and Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia who participated via Zoom.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

President Stortz led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Changes to the Agenda

None.

V. Public Participation

Atif Mumatz of Lombard spoke to the Board on behalf of a group seeking space to play Cricket. Mumatz stated that their group has played Cricket indoors at Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center several years ago and would like to restart that again. Mumatz discussed the previous arrangement of using Ackerman in the late evening from 10:30pm – 1:30am. He stated he was provided with a key and alarm codes to use this facility at night. He relayed that this group is comprised of residents from the surrounding area who's availability is only in the late evening. He understood the facility is closed at that time and asked the Board to consider hiring staff to continue this practice. The Park Board shared that this would be discussed with staff and either staff or the Park Board would reach out to him with a decision.

VI. Voucher List of Bills Totaling \$343,667.06

Commissioner Durham moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to approve the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$343,667.06.

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

Motion Carried.

VII. Ackerman Ring Road Change Order

Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia shared that the asphalt road that is on the perimeter of the softball fields and turf field at Ackerman Park was budgeted to be replaced in 2024 for \$600,000. The project was publicly and competitively bid in May and the permitting process began in April and continued until late September of 2024. The bid was awarded to AccuPaving for \$599,139. The permitting process led to comments and subsequent plan changes that have resulted in potential change orders to the project that include changes to both the costs and the scope.

Troia presented that the significant changes incurred from the permitting process, affect the East side of the Ackerman Ring Road. Due to stipulations set from the Village of Glen Ellyn, the road would need to shift several feet to the left causing significant repair to the existing features; rain gardens, pathways, sidewalks etc. Troia shared that the project can be completed within the budget if only the West and North side were completed but if the East side is to be included it would result in an overage of budget by \$200,000.

The Park Board and staff discussed the various options and issues with the current road and the project as a whole and inquired if the District was financially able to complete the entire project. Troia shared that within the Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center Renovations there were cost savings and contingencies of approximately \$320,000.00 that could be applied to this project to complete it in entirety. Troia also shared that if the road is not completed now, they would have similar issues within the future when the project is completed. Following the discussion and under recommendation from staff Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Cornell to award the Change Order 1 to Ackerman Ring Road project to AccuPaving for the amount of \$167,723.40 thus being able to complete the entire project.

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

Motion Carried.

VIII. Place the 2024 Tax Levy of File

Executive Deputy Director Cinquegrani stated that consistent with previous years, staff is recommending approving a tax levy ordinance for 2024 that encompasses the amount of tax dollars allowed under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL). Staff recommended levying an increase of 4.98% to allow the District to capture new growth within the community, which is determined once the final property assessment numbers are available in April of 2025.

Cinquegrani discussed the parameters of the 2024 tax levy, the prior tax levies of the District and answered questions from Park Commissioners. After a brief Board discussion, Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to approve Resolution 24-03 "Truth in Taxation Law".

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

Motion Carried

Commissioner Nephew then moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to place the 2024 Tax Levy on file.

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

Motion Carried

IX. 2023-2026 Project Update(s)

Executive Director Thommes shared that staff is currently working through some HVAC issues that are occurring within the new gymnastics center at Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center. No other updates were provided.

X. Staff Reports

Executive Director Thommes provided background information regarding the Cricket group that previously used to use Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center a few years ago. He shared that the group used the facility with no staff present during the late evening hours and after discussing with staff did not feel it was a safe protocol to continue. He shared that space was offered during facility working hours, but the timing did not work for this group. Commissioner Cornell inquired if we would have staff available during the overnight hours, but staff commented that it would be challenging to hire staff to work overnight on a temporary basis as they would need to be of certain age and compensated financially. The Park Board and staff felt that this late-night programming would not be something the District would be capable of programming.

Director of Recreation and Facilities Lim shared that the Lakers Tournament was held this past weekend and was very successful with a record number of teams participating; over 200.

XI. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Durham shared that he volunteered at the Lakers Tournament as his son was a participant. He shared that staff managed an incident at the tournament during his game very well and commended staff and those present. Durham asked that staff look into possible long-range plans to improve the lighting within the NE corner of the fields as there were some darker areas on the playing fields. President Stortz shared that he spoke with Commissioner Crickmore on streamlining and revising the evaluation process for the Executive Director within the next year.

XII. Adjourn

There being no further business, Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Durham, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:44 p.m.

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

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Dikker
Board Secretary & Directors' Assistant