

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

I. Call to Order

President Stortz called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Commissioners

Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Crickmore, Ward, Nephew, Durham, and President Stortz. Commissioner Weber was absent. Commissioner Cornell arrived at 7:06 p.m.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Crickmore, Ward, Nephew, 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 & Facilities Lim, Special Facilities Manager Semetko, and Board Secretary & Directors' Assistant Dikker.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

President Stortz led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Changes to the Agenda

Executive Director Thommes stated that an additional section would be added to Executive Session, Section 2 (c) 1 for the discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees or legal counsel for the district.

V. Public Participation

Several students from Glenbard West's AP Government class attended the meeting as it is a requisite to attend a local governmental board meeting. The Park Board of Commissioners took a photograph with the attendees.

VI. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Durham, to approve the Consent Agenda including the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$978,163.68 and minutes from the October 15, 2024, Regular Meeting.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

VII. New Business

A. Budget Discussion

Executive Deputy Director Cinquegrani discussed the timeline of the remainder of the budget process stating a public hearing will be held at the December 10, 2024, Regular Meeting followed by proposed approval of the 2025 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance. A non-referendum bond sale will follow as well. Cinquegrani provided information from the October 29th Citizens Finance Committee meeting then provided updates on the Operation Highlights from the last meeting. Lastly Cinquegrani provided the tax rate comparison with surrounding Districts and stated that the Capital Project forecast remained the same since the September meeting. President Stortz inquired if the minimum wage increase was reflective in the current projections and Cinquegrani confirmed that the increase was included.

Director of Recreation and Facilities Lim provided an analysis of Sunset Pool. Lim shared that Pool expenses have increased dramatically over the last ten years. Part-time wages have nearly doubled and many expenses, notably pool chemical expenses, have increased substantially since 2015. An example was given that showed mustard packets have increased nearly 200% since 2017. Lim shared the history of membership prices over the last ten plus years and also provided a price comparison of neighboring community pools indicating Glen Ellyn's proposed pricing for 2025 are in line with the surrounding area. Lastly, Director Lim provided projected revenue with the price adjustments and following the Park Board held a discussion on the presentation. The Park Board commended staff on the opening of the renovated pool and shared their positive feedback from patrons. They extended their appreciation to Lisa Semetko, Special Facilities Manager, who oversees Sunset Pool, and were supportive of staff's rate proposal for 2025.

B. Approval of Designate for IAPD Credentials for Annual Meeting

Executive Director Thommes stated that as a member of the Illinois Association of Park Districts, the Glen Ellyn Park District is required to formally designate a representative and an alternate to attend the association's annual Board meeting held in late January 2025. This enables the District representatives to attend and participate in any action or matters of business that might be presented. Thommes stated that should a Board member be interested in representing the District, the Board may vote and approve either tonight or later if interested should a Board member's schedule allow. The Park Board held a brief discussion and following, Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Crickmore, to appoint Executive Director Thommes as the delegate and Executive Deputy Director Cinquegrani as the alternate delegate to represent the Glen Ellyn Park District at the 2025 Illinois Association of Park District's annual meeting.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

C. IAPD Best of the Best Awards Gala

Executive Director Thommes shared information of the Illinois Association of Park District's (IAPD) Best of the Best Gala. He stated the District won an award for the Best Green Practices and commended the District's Natural Resources Staff for their efforts and achievements of this award. Thommes stated that IAPD also recognized long standing Commissioners and shared that Commissioner Nephew was presented with an award for her fifteen years of service within the Glen Ellyn Park District. Thommes stated it was a wonderful evening to celebrate the accomplishments of the District.

D. 2025 Proposed Board Meeting Schedule

Board Secretary Dikker presented the 2025 proposed Board Meeting schedule stating that dates have been reviewed by staff. Dikker shared that dates were scheduled per Board direction and taking into account Holidays, election dates and local school calendars. Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Durham, to approve the 2025 Board Meeting schedule as presented. Commissioner Crickmore was pleased that meeting dates were reduced and scheduled accordingly.

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

Motion Carried.

E. Ring Road Pay Application #1

Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia presented the payout request for the Ackerman Ring Road. He said AccuPaving submitted the lowest responsive responsible bid and was awarded the project in May. He shared that this payout represented the work performed in October including primarily work on the east parking lot and swales. He shared the current status of the project and said all should be paved before the asphalt plants close at the end of November. The Park Board of Commissioners was pleased with the progress and following Commissioner Crickmore moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to approve AccuPaving pay application #1 for the Ackerman Ring Road in the amount of \$154,807.20.

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

Motion Carried.

F. Franklin Cooney – Ackerman Furniture Invoice

Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia reminded the Park Board that as part of the Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center improvements, new furniture was required in various areas. This payout request reflected the furniture that was implemented in the Gymnastics Lobby and to date all furniture for the Ackerman improvements have been installed. Troia presented Franklin Cooney's payout request and following, Commissioner Cornell moved, seconded by

Commissioner Crickmore, to approve Franklin Cooney payout request for the Ackerman furnishings in the amount of \$32,024.56.

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

Motion Carried.

G. ASFC - Wight Final Pay Applications

Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia presented Wight's two final payment applications for the Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center improvements in the amount of \$517,318.51. Troia shared that this payout includes a \$302,055.16 deduct change order for unused contingencies and allowances.

Following, Commissioner Durham moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to approve the presented Wight Construction pay applications for the Ackerman addition and renovation in the amount of \$517,318.51.

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

Motion Carried.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Approve the 2024 Tax Levy Ordinance 24-07

Executive Deputy Director Cinquegrani presented the 2024 tax levy ordinance that was placed on file at the October 1, 2024, Board Meeting. At that meeting, the Board approved Resolution 24-03 "Truth in Taxation Law Resolution".

The Park Board had a brief discussion and following, Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Durham, to approve the 2024 Tax Levy (Ordinance 24-07).

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

Motion Carried.

B. 2023-2025 Project Update(s)

Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia provided an update on the ongoing Capital Projects within the District. Troia briefed the Board on the progress of the Ackerman Ring Road project stating that the East side has been paved and they have been stoning the North side with plans to pave all before the asphalt plants close. Striping of the lot will be completed in the Spring of 2025 and restoration of the landscaping will also take place at that time. Troia also shared that

all of the larger projects, Lenox Road Garden Plots, Ackerman Pickleball, and the Downtown Park have all been submitted to the Planning Commission of the Village of Glen Ellyn.

IX. Staff Reports

A. Finance Report (For information only)

B. Staff Reports

Board Secretary and Directors' Assistant Dikker shared that the Staff Holiday luncheon will take place on Friday, December 13th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Boathouse should any Commissioners wish to attend. Dikker also shared that Pre-filing for the 2025 Consolidated Election began Tuesday, November 12th at 8:30 a.m. Candidates can continue to file their packets through Friday, November 15th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the last day to file is Monday, November 18th from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

X. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Durham commended the District and especially Special Facilities Manager Lisa Semetko for a wonderful season at Sunset Pool. Commissioner Nephew also thanked Semetko and shared that she has only received positive comments on the facility. Nephew also stated she had a wonderful time at the IAPD Best of the Best Gala with Commissioner Cornell, staff and Senator Ellman who was also in attendance. Nephew shared that the District's award for Best Green Practices was well received, and she was happy to share some insights of the District's Sport Swap with other communities present. Commissioner Crickmore and her grandkids attended Babcock Grove Park and enjoyed their time there. Commissioner Cornell thanked Executive Director Thommes for submitting the application for the IAPD award for Best Green Practices. Lastly, President Stortz thanked Executive Deputy Director Cinquegrani for his work on the budget and thanked the students in attendance for joining the meeting.

XI. Adjourn to Executive Session

At 7:50 p.m., Commissioner Cornell moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward to move into Executive Session under Section 2 (c) 5 discussion of the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the district, including discussion of whether a particular parcel should be acquired and section 2 (c) 1 for the discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees or legal counsel for the district.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

XII. Reconvene to Open Session

The Park Board reconvened open session at 8:35 p.m.

XIII. Adjourn

There being no further business, Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Cornell to adjourn the November 12, 2024, Regular Meeting at 8:36 p.m.

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

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Dikker
Board Secretary & Directors' Assistant