

Glen Ellyn Parks Foundation
185 Spring Avenue – 7:00 P.M.
February 7, 2024, Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Glen Ellyn Parks Foundation was held at the Spring Avenue Recreation Center and convened at 7:10 p.m.

II. Foundation Roll Call

Present

Jonathan Huard, Kathy Cornell

Not Present

Lisa Hepner

Also in attendance

Stacey Lim, Susan Smentek, Nathan Troia. Nick Cinquegrani and Dave Thommes attended via electronic means.

III. Changes to the Agenda

None

IV. Approve Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2023

Motion: Jonathan Huard motioned to approve the minutes. 2nd by Kathy Cornell. The motion carried unanimously.

Board members approved appointing Susan Smentek to record the meeting minutes for 2/7/24.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Financial update – Nick Cinquegrani reported that one check in the amount of \$25 for name change filing has been cashed.

B. Scholarship

- a. Discussion of the Fall fundraising event on October 19, 2024, including other possible sites such as Ackerman and the Paddle Hut. Preference is to hold the event at the Boat House.
- b. District staff will investigate the possibility of using school parking lot on 10/19. Board would like to have a valet option at the event.
- c. Halloween theme with costumes optional but encouraged, costume contest of some kind, with either tickets to vote in the contest being sold or, including a portion of the event ticket price going towards a vote, to ensure participation in the voting process.
- d. Ensure that a certain amount of the ticket price supports scholarship, \$20.
- e. Expect event to be less expensive to host, with more funds going towards the mission. Save money on DJ by using President Huard's large Bluetooth speaker and a party playlist.

- f. Discussion of caterer, to hire made-to-order Mexican instead of food trucks.
 - g. District staff will find contact for last year's Auctioneer/Emcee.
 - h. President Huard will provide contact for photo booth vendor.
 - i. Paddle raise and auction items were discussed. Experience with Inspirato packages is that, while they do not cost the Foundation anything to offer at auction, they did not achieve the net results that were expected. Foundation is still waiting for \$10,000 donation from Inspirato which may not come until all the packages have been booked by the auction winners. The goal is to net \$50,000. Foundation will send out letters and email seeking auction donations from previous attendees and from nearby park districts and cultural institutions. President Huard will secure some rounds of golf and Kane County Cougars tickets.
- C. Improvement
- a. Nate Troia reported on Downtown Park Fundraising and park timeline.
 - b. Tourism grant status, no updates yet from the state.
- D. Preservation – Nate Troia reported no significant changes since the last meeting.

VI. New Business

A. Name Change

- a. Updates will be made to current website.
- b. Social media accounts will be renamed.
- c. Discussion of donor management software platforms. Stay with Greater Giving through Fall, 2024.

B. Pop Up Events

- a. Smentek recommended creation of booth kit including tablecloth, sign, giveaway items. Board members will plan on attending and staffing the booth at Touch A Truck, May 3 and Summer Break at the Lake, June 27. Foundation will send a volunteer recruitment email seeking volunteers to help staff the booth.

C. Fundraising Events

- a. Smentek suggested a June Cocktails for a Cause event. Discussion of various local venues followed. Recommendation to look for a date in May before the end of school year.

VII. Other Matters

Future meeting date is April 3, 2024.

VIII. Adjourn

Jonathan Huard moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.