

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 10, 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, Weber, Nephew, Durham, and President Stortz. Commissioner Ward was absent. Commissioner Cornell arrived at 7:06 p.m.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Crickmore, Weber, 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, 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 Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Weber, to approve the Consent Agenda including the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$1,319,202.69 and minutes from the November 12, 2024, Regular Meeting.

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

Motion Carried.

VII. Public Hearing for the 2025 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance 24-08

President Stortz opened the Public Hearing for the 2025 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance and asked if there was any discussion. Stortz then asked if there were any public comments of which there were none. Following, Commissioner Weber made a motion to close the public hearing seconded by Commissioner Crickmore.

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

Motion Carried.

President Stortz declared the Public Hearing Closed.

VIII. New Business

A. Approval for the 2025 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance 24-08

Executive Deputy Director Cinquegrani shared that nothing has changed with the 2025 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance since the last presentation except for two (2) expenditures, the Lenox Road Parking Lot and Ackerman Ring Road, which have been pushed to Fiscal Year 2025. Those two items alter the total fund balance change for FYE 2025 with a net change of \$95,000. Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Crickmore moved, seconded by Commissioner Durham, to approve the 2025 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance, Ordinance 24-08.

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

Motion Carried.

B. An Ordinance providing for the issue of approximately \$1,400,845 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2024B, for the payment of land for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving, and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. (Ordinance 24-09)

The meeting was called to order by the President, and upon the roll being called, Ben Stortz, the President, and the following Park Commissioners were physically present at said location: Commissioners Cornell, Crickmore, Weber, Durham, Nephew, and President Stortz

The following Park Commissioners were allowed by a majority of the members of the Board of Park Commissioners in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners to attend the meeting by video or audio conference:

No Park Commissioner was not permitted to attend the meeting by video or audio conference.

The following Park Commissioners were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever: Commissioner Ward

The President announced that a proposal had been received from Wheaton Bank & Trust Company, Wheaton, Illinois for the purchase of the District's \$1,405,595 non-referendum general obligation limited park bonds to be issued by the District pursuant to Section 6-4 of the Park District Code for the payment of land for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, and that the Board of Park Commissioners would consider the adoption of an ordinance providing for the issue of said bonds and the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest thereon. The President also summarized the pertinent terms of said proposal and said bonds, including the length of maturity, rate of interest, purchase price and tax levy for said bonds.

Whereupon Park Commissioner Stortz presented, and the Secretary read by title an ordinance as follows, a copy of which was provided to each Park Commissioner prior to said meeting and to everyone in attendance at said meeting who requested a copy:

Park Commissioner Weber moved, and Park Commissioner Durham seconded the motion that said ordinance as presented and read by title by adopted.

After a full discussion thereof, the President directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion to adopt said ordinance.

Upon the roll being called, the following Park Commissioners voted AYE: Commissioners Cornell, Crickmore, Weber, Durham, Nephew, and President Stortz

The following Park Commissioners voted NAY: None

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and said ordinance adopted, approved and signed the same in open meeting and directed the Secretary to record the same in full in the records of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Glen Ellyn Park District, DuPage County, Illinois, which was done.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

C. Ackerman HVAC Purchase Agreement

Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia shared that \$233,000 was budgeted in 2025 for HVAC replacement units for Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center. Troia provided information for the purchase of four (4) new units through Midwest Mechanical that was conducted through the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) purchasing cooperative. The cost of purchase and installation is \$190,850.00 and staff is recommending this purchase as these units have come past their useful life and this keeps us on target with our asset replacement schedule.

The Park Board held a discussion and inquired about the remainder of the units, to which Troia shared that 3-4 remain to be replaced and that the control system is functioning better as well. Following Commissioner Durham moved, seconded by Commissioner Crickmore to approve the cooperative purchase agreement to Midwest Mechanical for (4) RTU replacements for Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center for the amount of \$190,850.

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

Motion Carried.

D. Ring Road Pay Application #2

Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia presented the second payout request for the Ackerman Ring Road. He said AccuPaving was awarded the project in May, and all is done and complete. He provided they nearly beat the closing of the asphalt plants and that sealcoating and striping will take place in the Spring of 2025. Commissioner Cornell inquired on the number of parking spaces to which Troia shared is current and up to the Villages standards. The Park Board of Commissioners was happy to have the project completed and following Commissioner Crickmore moved, seconded by Commissioner Durham, to approve AccuPaving pay application #2 for the Ackerman Ring Road in the amount of \$540,478.71.

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

Motion Carried.

E. Ackerman Pickleball Project Pay Application

Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia reminded the Park Board of the timeline and progress of the Ackerman Pickleball Project stating that it is being presented to the Plan Commission in mid-December with hopes to go before the Village Board by February. To accommodate lead times, the small shelter was purchased prior to being ready for construction. The shelter has now been delivered and is being stored at the Frank Johnson Center. To cover the material costs of the shelter staff is recommending approval of the pay application to ProVantage Systems Paving, Inc. Following the brief discussion, Commissioner Weber moved, seconded by Commissioner Cornell, to approve ProVantage Systems Paving Inc.'s pay application for the amount of \$33,280.

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

Motion Carried.

F. Ackerman Masterplan

Director of Planning and Natural Resources Nate Troia reviewed the Master Plan of Ackerman Park, discussing the many upgrades to the Park that were completed prior such as the Softball Hub area, field improvements, addition of a turf field and now the new gymnastics building. Troia shared that these developments were communicated to the public through various meetings. Troia then presented graphics of the upcoming improvements including the pickleball courts and garden plots at Lenox Road. Troia shared a proposed timeline of the projects and shared the difficulties and delays due to the Village of Glen Ellyn's permitting process. Commissioner Durham hopes to include updates to the West Fields as well in the future.

IX. Unfinished Business

A. Sunset Mural Update

Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia shared a preview of a rough draft of the mural that will be painted on the wall within the Wading Pool at Sunset Pool. Troia stated that the artist, Geoff Bevington of Glen Ellyn was the selected artist. The Park Board were happy with the draft of the mural and Commissioner Crickmore shared that the kids will enjoy this theme.

B. 2023-2025 Project Update(s)

Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia provided an update on the progress of the temporary theatre that is being erected in the old gymnastics area of the Spring Avenue Recreation Center.

X. Staff Reports

A. Finance Report (For information only)

B. Staff Reports

Executive Director Dave Thommes reminded the Park Board of Commissioners of the Staff Holiday Luncheon that will take place on Friday, December 13th at the Lake Ellyn Boathouse. Director of Planning and Natural Resources recognized Go Green as they received a grant and presented it to the District to fund 2 bottle fill stations at the Ackerman Softball Hub and playground.

XI. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Durham thanked staff for all of their efforts this past year. Commissioner Nephew shared the same sentiment and wished everyone Happy Holidays. Commissioner Weber inquired about the Turkey Trot if staff received any feedback for changing the route. Director of Recreation and Facilities Lim shared that the route was changed to accommodate the recommendation from the Glen Ellyn Police department so runners would not be crossing Main Street and stated they did receive some feedback from runners and will evaluate for 2025. Weber shared it is one of his family's favorite event and wished everyone a Happy Holiday. Commissioner Crickmore attended Donuts and Bingo and commended staff on a well-run event. She also completed a Nature Walk at Maryknoll, observed kids enjoying Sports and a fun day off during Thanksgiving week at Ackerman as well as the large number of people playing pickleball. Crickmore also attended Toys For Tots on December 8th and shared a story of her husband attending a similar event in Michigan back in the 60s. Crickmore inquired if new residents were provided information when they move into the District which staff shared that the District does

not reach out, but should one want to inquire about what District they belong to they can find that information on their property tax bill. Crickmore also shared a graph that was presented by the finance department to a neighbor inquiring about how their Park District's tax bill is so much higher than those of Glen Ellyn. Lastly, Crickmore was impressed with the Diversity Equity and Inclusion meeting of the Park District and shared some of their platforms they are bringing to the District.

XII. Adjourn to Executive Session

At 8:01 p.m., Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Weber, to move into Executive Session under Section 2 (c) 21 discussion of minutes of prior executive session meetings, for the purpose of review, approval or release of such minutes and 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 Nephew, Weber, Cornell, Crickmore, Durham, and President Stortz
Nay: None*

Motion Carried.

XIII. Reconvene to Open Session

The Park Board reconvened open session at 8:53 p.m.

XIV. Semi-Annual Executive Session Minutes Review

Staff and the Park Board of Commissioners completed the Semi-Annual Review of Executive Session minutes and following Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Crickmore to approve and Release the minutes from the June 18, 2024, Executive Session Section 2 (c) 21.

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

Following, Commissioner Weber then moved, seconded by Commissioner Nephew to approve and Not Release the minutes from the June 18, 2024, Executive Session Section 2 (c) 5 and minutes from November 12, 2024, Executive Session Section 2 (c) 5 and Section 2 (c) 1.

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

XV. Adjourn

There being no further business, Commissioner Weber moved, seconded by Commissioner Cornell to adjourn the December 10, 2024, Regular Meeting at 8:55 p.m.

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

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Dikker
Board Secretary & Directors' Assistant