

**Glen Ellyn Park District  
Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 15, 2025  
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 Crickmore, Ward, Nephew, and President Stortz. Commissioner Cornell arrived at 7:21 p.m. and Commissioner Weber was absent.

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

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

*Motion Carried.*

Staff members present were Executive Director Dave Thommes, Deputy Executive Director Cinquegrani, Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia, Director of Recreation & Facilities Lim, Superintendent of Athletics Babicz, Manager of Athletics Tripp, Board Secretary & Directors' Assistant Dikker and Ancel Glink Attorney Derke Price.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

President Stortz led the pledge of allegiance.

**IV. Changes to the Agenda**

None.

**V. Recognition – Volunteer of the Year – Andy Eltzroth**

President Stortz shared that Andy Eltzroth has been named the Glen Ellyn Park District's "Volunteer of the Year." Stortz shared that Andy has been a cornerstone of the Glen Ellyn Girls' Softball program, first as coach and now as Travel Chair. Andy played a role in both the House and Travel programs. As Travel Chair, he oversees everything from tryouts to games and the annual Glen Ellyn Softball Invitational Tournament. Andy's tireless efforts and countless hours of service provide hundreds of girls each year with opportunities to grow, compete, and exceed. His leadership and dedication to the program and its players have been essential in driving the success of the Glen Ellyn Girls Softball. President Stortz shared that the District is incredibly

fortunate to have Andy as part of the community and praised him and all of the volunteers for their invaluable contributions they make for the community.

President Stortz personally thanked Andy Eltzroth for their time working together with the program and Andy shared that seeing so many girls achieving success through the program and onward through high school reedified that he was blessed with this opportunity. Following, Andy Eltzroth, the Park Board, along with Superintendent of Athletics Babicz and Manager of Athletics Tripp had a photo taken to be shared on the Districts social media.

## **VI. Public Participation**

None.

## **VII. Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to approve the Consent Agenda including the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$587,320.47 and minutes from the March 18, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes.

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

*Motion Carried.*

## **VIII. New Business**

### **A. Lenox Road Garden Plots Bid Results**

Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia stated that the Village Board of Trustees for Glen Ellyn approved the permit for the Lenox Road Garden Plots. Staff publicly noticed invitations for bids for the Lenox Road Garden Plot project on February 19<sup>th</sup> at which time three (3) sealed bids were received, opened, and read aloud. The bids were competitive and Daybreaker Incorporated, LLC. submitted the lowest lump sum bid of \$350,000. Troia shared that the bid was vetted and found complete. Troia also shared that Daybreaker has been very thorough and attended a scope review of the project and feels comfortable that the project will be completed by the September deadline for the OSLAD grant.

The Park Board inquired about the opening of the garden plots which staff stated would be in summer of 2026. The Board asked various questions about the project including details of the walkway, and the staircase, which staff stated was an alternate and will not be completed at this time due to budget constraints. Commissioner Crickmore also discussed the many nature programs that will have the opportunity to be held at the site in addition to the garden plots. Following the discussion, Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Crickmore to award the Lenox Road Garden Plots base bid to Day breaker for the amount of \$350,000.

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

*Motion Carried.*

B. Ackerman outfield fencing bid results (fields 2 and 3)

Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia shared that on March 14<sup>th</sup>, staff publicly noticed invitations for bid to install outfield fences at Ackerman Park on Fields 2 and 3. Troia shared that scope of work includes 6-foot-high black fencing with yellow caps that would match other fencing at Ackerman. Previously temporary fencing was used, and this was a budgeted item for \$60,000 including funding from the softball affiliate program. Troia stated that four (4) sealed bids were received and Action Fence, Inc. submitted the lowest lump sum bid of \$35,600. The bid was vetted and found to be complete. Troia shared that Action Fence has installed the majority of the fencing at Ackerman Park as well as other areas within the District.

Following, Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Nephew, moved to award the Ackerman Outfield Fencing bid to Action Fence for the amount of \$35,600.

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

*Nay: None*

*Motion Carried.*

C. District 41 – Facility Use Agreement (Before/After School Program)

Director of Recreation and Facilities Lim shared that the Park District and Glen Ellyn School District 41 has collaborated since 1999 to provide before and after school care to the community. With the construction of the new Kindergarten Center, the Park District will have programming in the new center along with continuing its offering at Churchill School. Forest Glen will partner with the YMCA. Lim provided the revised agreement that reflects these changes and after being reviewed previously by legal counsel, recommends approval of the Facility Use Agreement with School District 41 for the 2025/2026 school year, thus continuing our partnership with Glen Ellyn School District 41.

Following, Commissioner Crickmore moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to approve the Facility Use Agreement between the Glen Ellyn Park District and Glen Ellyn School District 41 for the Park District's Before and After School Childcare Program.

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

*Nay: None*

*Motion Carried.*

#### D. April 2025 Glen Ellyn Park District Board Election Results & Next Steps

Executive Director Thommes congratulated incumbents Julia Nephew, Michael Ward, and Alex Durham on their re-elections to another four-year term with the Glen Ellyn Park District following the April 1, 2025, Consolidated Election. Thommes shared that the fourth position remains vacant as Commissioner Weber will be stepping down as Commissioner and did not pursue running for

re-election. Thommes shared that Park District attorney, Derke Price, was present to discuss the process for filling the vacant seat. Attorney Price shared that a person must fulfill the requirements for the District; legal resident of the District for one year and not be indebted of any notorious crimes. Price shared there was not one way of appointing a person to office, but the Board can discuss candidates within closed session but must vote in open session for election of that appointed person. There is no deadline to replace a vacant opening on a Board and you are able to advertise an open position on your Board once the seat has officially become vacant.

Director Thommes shared that he would like to have one to two Board members along with staff available to conduct interviews with potential candidates following Commissioner Weber's departure from office. The Park Board had a brief discussion on the process and Commissioner Crickmore volunteered her availability to partake in those interviews.

E. Discussion of Board officers and advisory committee liaisons for May 2025-May 2026

Board Secretary and Directors' Assistant Dikker stated that at the May 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting the District will hold their election of Board officers and appointment of Chair/Liaison positions to the advisory committees. Re-elected Commissioners will also be sworn in. In anticipation of that process, consideration and discussion was taken amongst the Park Board regarding interest in serving in those capacities.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Nephew shared interest in serving as Board President, Commissioner Crickmore as Vice-President and Commissioner Ward as Treasurer. President Stortz would like to continue to serve on the Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center Advisory Committee along with Commissioner Crickmore, Commissioners Nephew and Cornell would like to remain on the Citizen's Environmental Advisory Committee and Commissioner Cornell would like to remain on the Glen Ellyn Parks Foundation and serve as a Liaison. Dikker shared that the Park Board of Commissioners could reach out if they have further interest and discussion can also take place at the next meeting as well.

**IX. Unfinished Business**

A. 2023-2025 Project Update(s)

Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia shared that regular meetings are being scheduled with discussions on the Downtown Park with hopes for request for bids for demolition to go out in October or November in anticipation of breaking ground in early Spring of 2026. The Park Board discussed the upcoming demolition and inquired on timeline, work involved and testing of soils.

**X. Staff Reports**

A. Finance Report (For information only)

B. Staff Reports

Executive Director Dave Thommes shared that a new report will be included with the Finance Report next month along with a Social Media report and Sponsorship report. Thommes also stated that a Foundation Meeting will take place on Thursday at noon via Zoom. Board Secretary and Directors' Assistant Kimberly Dikker reminded the Park Board of Commissioners that emails

were sent from the DuPage County Clerk's office on March 4<sup>th</sup> to complete their Statement of Economic Interest filing. All submissions are due by May 1<sup>st</sup> after which a fine is imposed. All elected officials holding office through May 1<sup>st</sup> must submit their filing to the DuPage County Clerk's office. Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia shared that a Public Meeting regarding Panfish Park will take place on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm located at the Glen Ellyn Police department. Director of Recreation and Facilities Lim shared that the District is fully staffed for the summer and shared that the District is hosting many egg hunts in the days ahead.

#### **XI. Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Nephew was pleased that Commissioner Crickmore would be attending the Parks Day at the Capitol. Commissioner Crickmore shared that she rode on the Park District bus for the first time on a birding trip to Whalen Lake and enjoyed the trip. She said the Adult-tot gymnastics class is well liked by her grandchild and commended the staff. She commented on the good work being done for native plant restoration at Churchill Park and enjoyed the first migration morning there as well. Crickmore's grandsons had a wonderful time at the Hopper Cottontail & Friends event and Crickmore herself enjoyed the new equipment at Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center and was pleased with the communication that staff shares with its membership. Lastly, Commissioner Cornell inquired about a large tree at Lake Ellyn that was taken down and Director Troia shared that unfortunately it did need to come down and staff is watching others in the vicinity as well that may potentially need to come down in the near future.

#### **XII. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Commissioner Cornell moved, seconded by Commissioner Crickmore to adjourn the April 15, 2025, Regular Meeting at 7:54 p.m.

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

*Nay: None*

*Motion Carried.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Kimberly Dikker  
Board Secretary & Directors' Assistant