

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2025
185 Spring Avenue**

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call of Commissioners

Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Stortz, Crickmore, Durham, and President Nephew. Commissioner Cornell arrived at 7:30 p.m. and Commissioner Ward was absent.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Stortz, Crickmore, Durham, and President Nephew
 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, and Board Secretary & Directors' Assistant Dikker.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

President Nephew led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Changes to the Agenda

Executive Director Thommes shared that Agenda items VII, Appointment of Park Board Commissioner and VIII, Oath of Office of Park Board Commissioner will be removed from the agenda and postponed to a later Board Meeting due to a family emergency.

V. Public Participation

Amy Ahlenius, who lives near Panfish Park, spoke about her disappointment in the equipment installed at Panfish Playground. While she is supportive of the park, she does not feel the park is updated but feels there is a lack of play structures and would like more sensory play features within the park and more equipment for younger ages. Lauren Dirkse, also who lives near Panfish Park, has concerns with the new play structure installed and listed her concerns. She also would like more features to be added to the park.

Staff stated they would look into the safety concerns and also stated as previously discussed at a public meeting, if excess funds are available after the slated Panfish Park improvements, staff will look into adding additional equipment for the park.

VI. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Crickmore moved, seconded by Commissioner Stortz, to approve the Consent Agenda including the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$1,409,128.47 and minutes from the June 17, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes.

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

Motion Carried.

VII. New Business

A. Proclamation, July as Park and Recreation Month

Executive Director Dave Thommes shared that the National Park and Recreation Association (NRPA) has celebrated Park and Recreation Month in July to promote the power parks and recreation plays in building strong, vibrant, and resilient communities. Thommes said the month of July is dedicated to recognizing and celebrating park and recreation employees and volunteers who maintain our parks. Thommes also shared that on Friday, July 18th an All-Staff Picnic Day will be held for full-time and part-time staff at Main Street Recreation Center and welcomed Commissioners. Staff would like the Board to formally adopt a Proclamation for July to be designated as Parks and Recreation Month.

Following, Commissioner Durham moved, seconded by Commissioner Crickmore, to adopt the Proclamation designating July as Park and Recreation Month.

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

Motion Carried.

B Ackerman Pickleball – Final Pay Application

Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia shared that Ackerman Pickleball Courts are phase 1 of the Ackerman Park Lenox Site Addition OSLAD project. Troia provided that the project has been completed, opened on the 4th of July, and has been very well received.

Troia shared that this is the final payout request in the amount of \$98,544.00. Park Board Commissioner Stortz relayed that a few patrons would love to see a ribbon cutting ceremony for the courts and said it is a great asset to the community.

Following, Commissioner Durham moved, seconded by Commissioner Crickmore , to approve the ProVantage Systems Paving, Inc. final pay application for the amount of \$98,544.00.

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

Motion Carried.

C. Main Street Roofing

Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia provided some background on the status of the Main Street Recreation Center roof including original installation date and repairs. He shared that most recently the southeast section of the roof was repaired with a complete tear-off and replacement in 2024. The remainder of the roof was budgeted for \$265,000 and anticipated to be replaced in 2025

Troia presented the proposal from Garland/DBS, Inc. which will be conducted through the OMNIA purchasing cooperative in the amount of \$264,461. Troia shared that the project would take 2-4 weeks and relayed that Garland performed the roof installation at Spring Avenue Recreation Center.

Following, Commissioner Crickmore moved, seconded by Commissioner Durham, to approve the cooperative purchase agreement for Garland/DBS, Inc. for roof improvements at Main Street Recreation Center for the amount of \$264,461.

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

Motion Carried.

D. Lake Ellyn Clay Courts proposed naming discussion

Executive Director Thommes said staff received a community request to consider naming the newly renovated clay tennis courts in honor of a longtime user and supporter of the facility. Staff reviewed the current naming policy with the Park Board and shared other options that may be more appropriate for a commemoration. Commissioners Durham and Cornell along with President Nephew shared their reluctance to name various areas within parks, had further discussion of past naming circumstances, and agreed with staff that the proposed options would be a better option. Director Thommes said staff would reach back out to the patrons with more information on the options that could be available.

VIII. Staff Reports

A. Finance Report (For information only)

B. Staff Reports

Executive Director Thommes shared that an All-Staff BBQ will be held on Friday, July 18th from 11:00am – 1:00pm at the Main Street Recreation Center should Commissioners wish to attend. Thommes also reminded Commissioners of the Gator Race that will be held at Sunset Pool on Thursday, July 24th at 4:30pm that benefits the Foundation.

C. Sponsorship Report

IX. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Cornell inquired about the Downtown Park fundraising progress which Director of Parks and Planning shared that roughly \$5000 has been raised and that staff was speaking with a potential donor later this week. Commissioner Durham stated he would like more clarity on

the website regarding individual donations, tiers for donation, and recognition. Commissioner Cornell would like to see options for anonymous donors as well. Commissioner Stortz commended staff on the handling of the incident at Sunset Pool that occurred over the 4th of July weekend. He appreciated the communication and inquired if there was anything further to be relayed. Executive Director Thommes shared that notices were provided to the public from the Park District as well as the Village and stated staff has asked for additional patrols of the area as well. Commissioner Stortz also thanked staff for all of their coordination for the 4th of July festivities and gave a shoutout to his son's team, 13U Rebels, for placing 2nd in the WSBL and also to his daughter for softball achievements. Commissioner Durham also commended staff at Sunset, especially to the manager on duty for her efforts. Executive Director agreed that the manager and staff did a wonderful job in deescalating a difficult situation. Commissioner Cornell enjoyed the fireworks on the deck and relayed that staff did an amazing job of taking care of the facility and park post fireworks. President Nephew also attended the fireworks and enjoyed the deck. She also appreciated staff's updates and their handling of the Sunset incident. Commissioner Crickmore provided a PowerPoint presentation expressing her enjoyment of the Parks and events within the District.

X. Adjourn to Executive Session

At 7:46 p.m., Commissioner Durham moved, seconded by Commissioner Crickmore, to move into Executive Session under Section 2 (c) 5 for 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.

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

Motion Carried.

XI. Reconvene to Open Session

The Park Board reconvened open session at 7:57 p.m.

XII. Adjourn

There being no further business, Commissioner Stortz moved, seconded by Commissioner Crickmore to adjourn the July 15, 2025, Regular Meeting at 7:57 p.m.

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

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Dikker
Board Secretary & Directors' Assistant