

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2025
185 Spring Avenue**

I. Call to Order

President Nephew called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Commissioners

Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Cornell, Stortz, Crickmore, Durham, and President Nephew.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Cornell, 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, and Board Secretary & Directors' Assistant Dikker.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

President Nephew led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Changes to the Agenda

None.

V. Public Participation

Those present shared they would be speaking during the proper Agenda item.

VI. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Crickmore moved, seconded by Commissioner Stortz, to approve the Consent Agenda including the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$588,796.72 and minutes from the August 19, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes.

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

Motion Carried.

VII. New Business

A. E-Bike and Micromobility Device Discussion

Executive Director Dave Thommes stated that on April 28, 2025, the Village of Glen Ellyn Board of Trustees adopted an ordinance to address the growing use of bicycles, low-speed electric bicycles, and personal micromobility devices such as electric scooters within the Village. Thommes shared that the Park District's current Governing Ordinances need to be updated to include this language and Thommes would like the Board to discuss this topic further and provide direction. Thommes then shared that there has been several complaints about those devices within the Parks and several people were here to speak regarding this topic.

Carolyn Oesterle, a long-term resident of Glen Ellyn who lives in the Lake Ellyn area, shared that the proliferation of these electric vehicles have increased dramatically while regulation has lagged. Ms. Oesterle shared the Illinois State Statute that says "A person may not operate a low-speed electric bicycle on a sidewalk" but share that Glen Ellyn is a home rule municipality and has leeway to make its own ordinances to some extent. Oesterle shared her concerns for safety of allowing this devices on the sidewalks and paths, especially within the Parks. Oesterle provided details of various encounters with E-bikes and other devices within the Parks, sharing her concern for children, elderly, people with pets and patrons in general. Oesterle inquired about enforcement and signage and would like to encourage the Park Board Commissioners to come to their own conclusions about the safety of these devices when updating their Ordinances to reflect language pertaining to electric devices within the Parks and to not allow them within their Parks.

Marilyn Mauren, also a resident of Glen Ellyn, spoke on the accident trends of E-bike usage and discussed scooter use within the Parks as well as collateral damage to others from their use. She would like the Board of Commissioners to consider extending the ban of these devices to Lake Ellyn Park and potentially other Parks to prevent harm to other patrons.

Patricia Spence, a resident of Glen Ellyn, was here to support her friends positions on this topic. She is a frequent walker within Ackerman, Newton, and Lake Ellyn Park and presented her concern with residents of Brookdale Community who use Newton Park. She also shared that Newton Park has a large presence of athletic activities and worried about the children within those Parks while these devices are being used on the sidewalks. Spence referenced the fact that California requires a license and class attendance to use E-bike devices and agreed with the others that safer protocols need to be put into place.

The Park Board of Commissioners then held a discussion on this topic. Staff reviewed its current ordinances pertaining to bicycles and other wheeled vehicles and also reviewed the Village of Glen Ellyn's Ordinance sharing that they allow E-bikes (class 1 and 2) and E-scooters on all sidewalks except those in the Downtown Business District. Several Park Board Commissioners asked that staff engage the Village to discuss these issues further. The Park Board of Commissioners did all agree that they would prefer to not allow E-bikes and other motorized micromobility devices within the Parks on their paths and sidewalks except for those needed by patrons that require assistance with a disability. Director Thommes shared that staff would reach out to the Village to discuss further and would bring the information back to the Boad at a subsequent meeting.

B. Ordinance Amending the Glen Ellyn Park District Board Policy Regarding Meeting Attendance-Ordinance 25-03

Executive Director Thommes shared that the Glen Ellyn Park Board of Commissioners passed unanimously the recommended updates to Chapter I-Board and Administration of the Glen Ellyn Park District Policy Manual. It was recommended by Park District counsel to provide guidance by Board Ordinance, when declaring a vacancy on the Board should a member neglect to perform the duties of their office. Counsel has provided this Ordinance, and staff has reviewed and recommends adoption of Ordinance 25-03, "An Ordinance Amending The Glen Ellyn Park District Park Board Policy Regarding Meeting Attendance". Staff discussed the parameters of this Ordinance stating that this is to be implemented if there is "absent of good cause" and reviewed the stated policy.

The Park Board held a brief discussion and following, Commissioner Stortz moved, seconded by Commissioner Cornell, to adopt Ordinance 25-03, "An Ordinance Amending The Glen Ellyn Park District Park Board Policy Regarding Meeting Attendance as presented".

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

Motion Carried.

C. Lenox Road Garden Plot Pay Application

Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia shared that staff publicly noticed invitations for bid on February 19th, requesting contractors to provide proposals for improvements at the Lenox Road area of Ackerman Park. This scope of work included concrete sidewalks, asphalt pathways, shelter installation, and construction of new garden plots. This phase 2 of the Ackerman Park Lenox Site Addition OSLAD project is nearing completion. This payout request #3 of the Lenox Garden Plot Improvements in the amount of \$147,967.14 represents material and labor for July and August. The remaining work includes landscaping which will be completed within the next few weeks. Staff has begun working on submittal of the paperwork for the OSLAD grant reimbursement.

The Park Board held a brief discussion with Commissioner Crickmore making a motion, seconded by Commissioner Durham, to approve Daybreaker's payout request #3 for the Lenox Road Garden Plots in the amount of \$147,967.14

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

Motion Carried.

D. OSLAD Application Resolution – Resolution 25-01

Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia shared that in anticipation of the Glen Ellyn Park District possibly implementing significant improvements to Village Green in 2026, the District would be submitting an OSLAD grant application for elements within the proposed project. A Grant Resolution is a requisite of the IDNR process in receiving an OSLAD grant. The Park Board inquired on the timeline of submission and the possible outcome of receiving this grant. Executive Director Thommes shared that due to a clerical error on behalf of the IDNR the District was not awarded an OSLAD grant last year but the IDNR did encourage the District to resubmit for this next cycle. The Park Board discussed the project and Troia shared that once the permitting docs have been completed staff would hope the project would begin in 2027.

Following, Commissioner Durham moved, seconded by Commissioner Crickmore, to approve the "Resolution of Authorization," Resolution 25-02 specific to the OSLAD grant application for improvements to Village Green.

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

Motion Carried.

VIII. Staff Reports

A. Finance Report (For information only)

B. Staff Reports

Executive Director Thommes encouraged all to attend the Foundation's Par-Tee for Parks Mini Golf Tournament on Thursday, September 18th. Thommes also shared that several new staff members have been hired including Susan McLaughlin, the District's new Human Resources & Risk Manager. Thommes shared that she has already automated several new processes and will be in attendance at the next Board meeting. Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia extended a Happy Birthday to Executive Director Dave Thommes. Board Secretary and Directors' Assistant Dikker shared that Jeremy Boynton's appointment as new Park Board Commissioner will be moved up to the October 7, 2025, Workshop Meeting.

IX. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Cornell shared she is looking forward to the Par-Tee event for the Foundation and would be volunteering for Oaktoberfest. President Nephew stated she would be attending the Lantern Walk this Friday and hopes to attend the Foundation's Mini Golf event on the 18th. Commissioner Crickmore provided a PowerPoint presentation and shared her amazing photos of the newly paved walkway that connects Ackerman Park to Lenox Road Garden Plots, the new outdoor education space, newly designed garden plots and the nature trails within Lenox Woods. Crickmore also shared various species of native flowers as well as the Girl Scouts litter clean up program located at Churchill Park.

X. Adjourn

There being no further business, Commissioner Stortz moved, seconded by Commissioner Crickmore to adjourn the September 9, 2025, Regular Meeting at 8:00 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