

**Glen Ellyn Park District  
Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
November 11, 2025  
185 Spring Avenue**

**I. Call to Order**

President Nephew called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**II. Roll Call of Commissioners**

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

Roll Call:      Aye:    Commissioners Cornell, Crickmore, Ward, 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, Downtown Park Events & Sponsorship Manager Smentek 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**

None.

**VI. Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Crickmore moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to approve the Consent Agenda including the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$727,181.82 and minutes from the October 21, 2025, Regular Meeting.

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

*Motion Carried.*

**VII. Recognition – Dan Anderson, Downtown Community Park Donor**

Park Board President introduced Jonothan Huard, President of the Glen Ellyn Parks Foundation, who recognized Dan Anderson for his impactful donation to the "From Parking Lot to Park! Fundraising campaign to support phase 1 development of the Glen Ellyn Downtown Community

Park. Huard relayed that Mr. Anderson is a Board Member of the Glen Ellyn Historical Society, Historian, Author and Philanthropist. He and his late wife Midge Avery, who was a lifelong Glen Ellyn resident raised their children here and were active in volunteering within various organizations in the community. Mr. Anderson has donated \$15,000 to the Glen Ellyn Parks Foundation in memory of his wife Midge Anderson and shared that his wife passed away three years ago and emphasized local support of the community. He could not think of a more fitting way to honor her but supporting this effort. Park Board President Nephew thanked Mr. Anderson for his support in helping to create green space in the heart of downtown Glen Ellyn, building a gathering space for all and having a lasting impact on our community. Mr. Anderson humbly accepted his recognition of thanks and following photos were taken with the Park Board and staff to be shared via social media.

### **VIII. Unfinished Business**

#### **A. Approve the 2025 Tax Levy Ordinance 25-04**

Deputy Executive Director Cinquegrani presented the 2025 tax levy ordinance that was placed on file at the October 7, 2025, Workshop Meeting. At that meeting the Board approved Resolution 25-02 "Truth in Taxation Law Resolution".

The Park Board had no discussion and following Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Crickmore, to approve the 2025 Tax Levy (Ordinance 25-04).

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

*Motion Carried.*

### **IX. Public Hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Park Commissioners to sell \$10,000,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District for the payment of the expenses incident thereto.**

President Nephew opened the public hearing for comments and/or discussion. Commissioner Cornell inquired about the dollar amount of the bond issuance to which Executive Deputy Director Cinquegrani stated that the public meeting is procedural and the hearing states for the sale of up to \$10,000,000 in General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds. This allows us the flexibility of up to that amount without having to hold an additional public hearing should the amount change. Following no further comments and/or discussion, Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Cornell, to close the public hearing.

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

*Motion Carried.*

### **X. New Business**

#### **A. Budget Discussion**

Deputy Executive Director Cinquegrani shared that the Board placed a draft of the 2026 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on file along with the first draft of the 2026 Budget document. Cinquegrani said no major changes have been added to that budget except some advanced funding for HVAC improvements to the Ackerman facility. No other discussion took place, and the final budget is scheduled for approval, following a public hearing, at the December 9 Board meeting.

**B. Approval of Designate for IAPD Credentials for Annual Meeting**

Board Secretary & Directors' Assistant Dikker stated that as a member of the Illinois Association of Park Districts, the Glen Ellyn Park District is required to formally designate a representative and an alternate to attend the association's annual Board meeting held in late January 2026. This enables the District representatives to attend and participate in any action or matters of business that might be presented. Dikker stated that should a Board member be interested in representing the District, the Board may vote and approve either tonight or later if interested should a Board member's schedule allow. The Park Board held a brief discussion and following, Commissioner Cornell moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to appoint Executive Director Thommes as the delegate and Executive Deputy Director Cinquegrani as the alternate delegate to represent the Glen Ellyn Park District at the 2026 Illinois Association of Park District's annual meeting.

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

*Motion Carried.*

**C. 2026 Proposed Board Meeting Schedule Discussion**

Board Secretary Dikker presented the 2026 proposed Board Meeting schedule stating that dates have been reviewed by staff. Dikker shared that dates were scheduled similar to 2025's Park Board schedule and taking into account Holidays, election dates and local school calendars. Dikker also shared that the dates allow for timely payments of vendor invoices between meetings. Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Crickmore moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to approve the 2026 Board Meeting schedule as presented.

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

*Motion Carried.*

**VIII. Staff Reports**

**A. Finance Report (For information only)**

**B. Staff Reports**

Executive Director Thommes shared that staff completed and applied for the DCEO Tourism grant which if received, would be applied to the Downtown Community Park. The maximum one could receive is \$200,000.00 and it is provided to a project that would increase tourism and increase sales tax revenue from purchases within the community. Thommes shared that staff are working on evaluations and lastly it was relayed that Senator Ellman's \$300,000 appropriation money that

was applied for in April of 2025 was released and paperwork will begin to be completed. Staff are happy that this is slowly coming to fruition. Board Secretary and Directors' Assistant Dikker relayed to the Park Board that Executive Director Evaluations will be emailed out by the end of the week. As done in the prior year, they are to complete the evaluations, remit to President Nephew and discussion will be held in Executive Session at the December 9, 2025, Regular Meeting. Director of Planning and Natural Resources shared that 8,500 pounds of pumpkins were smashed during our annual Pumpkin Smash. Troia thanked Manager of Natural Areas & Outdoor Education Gutman and Environmental Outreach Specialist Bellmar for their efforts in coordinating this program. Troia also shared that the RFP for the Downtown Community Park Construction is now online with bids due by December 11, 2025. He was happy to share that 40 plan holders have been interested in this project so far. Also, the toddler equipment at Panfish Park is being installed this week for the community. Deputy Executive Director thanked staff for their work completing the budget process and lastly Director of Recreation and Facilities Lim stated that the new refund policy was launched in the Winter Playbook and there have been no challenges or questions from the public.

#### **IX. Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Cornell shared that she was looking forward to the upcoming Holiday events within the Park District. Commissioner Crickmore provided a slide show presentation of various photos around the District. Crickmore shared a photo of the future Downtown Community Park following demolition of the US Bank site. She then had various photos of the Ackerman Woods project highlighting the bridge, wildflowers, new tree plantings, future garden plots and nature activity area along with educational signage along the pathway. Lastly, Crickmore featured Pumpkins on Main and Boo Bash photos highlighting seasonal programming for kids that were child friendly and shared that Crickmore and staff attended the Interfaith Prayer Breakfast that was a wonderful demonstration of respect and solidarity within the community. Lastly President Nephew thanked Commissioner Crickmore for her photos and has enjoyed the updates to the Ackerman/Lenox Road area. Nephew requested an official opening for the State funded project with local representatives and other dignitaries sometime next year to promote the project to the public.

#### **X. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Cornell to adjourn the November 11, 2025, Regular Meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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

*Motion Carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Dikker  
Board Secretary & Directors' Assistant