

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2010
185 Spring Avenue**

Call to Order

President Hess called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call of Commissioners

Upon roll call those answering present were Commissioners Aubrey, Creech, Kinzler, Minogue, Nephew, Dallman and President Hess.

Staff members present were Executive Director Atwell, Superintendent of Parks Scarmardo, Superintendent of Recreation Esposito, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation Defiglia and Executive Assistant Nejedly. Attorney Adams was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Hess led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes to the Agenda

None

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Dallman moved, seconded by Commissioner Creech, to approve the Consent Agenda

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Nephew, Kinzler, Dallman, Aubrey, Minogue, Creech and President Hess
Motion Carried.*

Public Participation

None

Unfinished Business

271 St. Charles Road – Churchill Property Razing

President Hess stated that formally the Board does not have to have a motion because it is already in the Capital Improvement Budget.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the razing of the home. Many Board Members expressed concern over liability and safety issues due to the deterioration of the building while others felt that in light of not receiving the Grant there was not a pressing need to raze the building at this time.

Commissioner Nephew stated that she will be voting against the process that up to this point was designed to support the conclusion that the building should be destroyed and not remodeled.

Commissioner Aubrey stated that the razing of this Churchill home has been part of capital expenditures since 2005. He stated that it was approved for demolition by the Board in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, on October 3, 2008 the Board spoke about it in their Comprehensive Plan for 2009/2013 and made it their number one priority, and most recently at the Board Retreat on August 29, 2009 where it again was specifically stated \$10,000 to raze Churchill house. He questioned why this is being brought up again for a vote when it has already been previously approved and does not want to compromise what the Board has already done.

Attorney Adams explained that Staff is just looking for confirmation to move ahead with the work.

Staff explained the lengthy demolition process to the Board.

President Hess stated that he believes that they delay was due to many reasons, especially waiting for the Grant to come in because that would have helped pay for the demotion.

Commissioner Dallman moved, seconded by Commission Minogue, to approve Churchill property razing at the address 271 St. Charles Road, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Kinzler, Dallman, Aubrey, Minogue, and President Hess
Nay: Commissioner Creech and Nephew Motion Carried.*

New Business

Western Du Page Special Recreation Association

Director Atwell provided the April Executive Summary to the Board. He stated that the Windy City Warriors will be recognized at a future meeting.

The Board stated that WDSRA seems happy at Ackerman and noted that they are using the deal they made with the Glen Ellyn Park District as a model in working with other facilities.

Director Atwell stated that WDSRA is trying to make decisions regarding their need for a pool. WDSRA is hoping to work something out with the Carol Stream Park District, or in the future, the Naperville Park District.

Matters from Staff

None

Matters from Commissioners

Commissioner Dallman reported hearing good things concerning the skate park. He said he read that Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center is now being used by the high school early mornings and thinks that great. He announced that Ackerman was hosting post-prom this year and said they are looking for volunteers. He also inquired as to the status of the Intergovernmental Agreement.

Director Atwell informed the Board that the Agreement will be approved at the April 26, 2010 meeting.

Commissioner Aubrey stated that significant progress is being made in the clean-up at Churchill and that there are a number of dead trees now showing. He asked if there are any plans to complete the trail.

Superintendent Scarmardo reported that Staff will be removing the dead trees shortly. He reported that the completion of the trail was part of the Grant, so they will now have to reconfigure the trail and find dry land.

Commissioner Aubrey gave the Board an update regarding the Historical Society's decision on digitizing documents. He stated that they are ready to move forward on equipment and looked into outsourcing the work to India but found that it was too costly. They recognize that this will be a labor intensive project so it is going to take some time. He stated that the Kiwanis, Library and Rotary want to be involved in the project and plan on contributing money and/or labor hours.

The Board discussed the Park District's disaster recovery program and discussed participating in the project. The Board asked Director Atwell to look into this and will be place it on a future Agenda.

Commissioner Kinzler asked a couple of questions regarding the voucher list and stated that he will go over the list with Staff at a later date. He also stated that payroll for Ackerman must be reviewed carefully during the summer months so that it does not greatly affect the profit margin.

Commissioner Kinzler asked for an update on the roof issue. Director Atwell reported that he has a meeting scheduled with the consultants later in the week and will be able to update the Board after that meeting.

President Hess stated that upon receipt of the roofing report, it will be discussed in Executive Session at a future meeting.

Commissioner Creech thanked Staff for organizing the park cleanups and stated that Jill was wonderful to work with. She reported that she took plenty of before and after park pictures and will share them with the Board at a future meeting. She stated that the parks look great.

Commissioner Nephew stated that she enjoyed taking part in the park cleanups and is looking forward to more of those in the future.

Adjourn

There being no further business Commissioner Dallman moved, seconded by Commissioner Minogue, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:43 p.m. *Motion Carried*

Respectfully submitted,

Laurelyn Woods
Board Secretary