

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 18, 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, and President Hess. Absent: William Dallman

Staff members present were Executive Director Atwell, Superintendent of Parks Scarmardo, 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 Minogue moved, seconded by Commissioner Creech, to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

Public Participation

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Jane Hodgkinson gave an update to the Board on the various programs that WDSRA has at Ackerman. She informed the Board that the Windy City Warriors won their fifth state IHSA championship and finished thirteenth at Nationals. She stated that the team has enjoyed their permanent home at Ackerman Sports Complex. She advised the Board that all nine districts have approved and signed the agreement for joint space at Ackerman. She reported that a survey was taken by the City of Naperville and WDSRA was honored to be identified as the most valuable community asset by families with members with special needs. She informed the Board that the WDSRA Board has approved the budget and goals for this upcoming year.

Lastly, she congratulated the Park District on being a finalist in the National Gold Medal Award.

Western DuPage Special Recreation Association

Director Atwell provided the May Executive Summary to the Board.

Matters from Staff

Director Atwell reported that the Park District received the permit from the Illinois Department of Health for the Virginia Graeme Baker repairs. He stated that work had resumed on Monday but due to the concrete requiring seven days to cure, he is not sure if they will be able to open the pool on time.

Director Atwell stated that there is nothing new to report on the roof issue. TA Bowman and ABC Roofing are working with Division 7 on the repair issues. Staff reassured the Board that repairs will not be started until the Board and Staff signs off on the work. ABC

Matters from Commissioners

Commissioner Nephew thanked Jane Hodgkinson for her presentation and for all the great work she has done.

Commissioner Kinzler had questions regarding the Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center Budget. He stated that it is understandable that it slows down in the summer but we need to make sure we keep ahead of the costs. He asked if Staff was doing something to cut payroll for the summer months at Ackerman.

Director Atwell reported that Facility Manager Kroger is cutting back on the climbing wall personnel and is looking to reduce payroll in other areas for the summer months.

Commissioner Creech asked if Staff is anticipating league revenue to come later in the year. Director Atwell reported that leagues start up in the fall but that this year Ackerman did not have league play start until the end of January, so the amount shown is for January to April.

Commissioner Kinzler had questions regarding the revenue and expenses shown in the Recreation Fund budget. Director Atwell stated that the amounts shown are for all the facilities not just Ackerman.

Commissioner Kinzler thanked Superintendent Woods for taking the time to research for new cell phone plans. He also reported that the baseball fields, especially the newer fields, are great and that there is a nice coordination between Staff and Dads.

Commissioner Aubrey inquired about the dog policy at Ackerman. He stated that the situation seems to be getting worse, that a lot of people are bringing their dogs and are not keeping them on a leash. He suggested putting up signs and having concession workers hand out flyers.

Director Atwell reported that the Park District's policy asks them not to bring their dogs but if they do, keep them on a leash and back from the field. He reported that in the past the police have not wanted to enforce this policy and that is why Staff has not enforced the issue or put up signs.

Commissioner Creech asked if there was a cost to applying for the Gold Medal Award. Director Atwell stated that the only cost is to produce a video which is required from all finalists for the Gold Medal Award. He said that the cost will be approximately \$5000 and they are receiving private donations to sponsor this video. Commissioner Creech stated that her concern is that in these harsh economic times the Park District should not be spending money to try to get an award that she does not see a financial benefit. Director Atwell responded that it is a well known award, especially in Illinois, and good public relations for the Park District.

Commissioner Minogue stated that it was nice to see positive press. She enjoyed reading something positive.

Adjourn

There being no further business Commissioner Minogue moved, seconded by Commissioner Aubrey, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Laurelyn Woods
Board Secretary