

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2011
185 Spring Avenue**

Call to Order

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

Roll Call of Commissioners

Upon roll call those answering present were Commissioners Nephew, Kinzler, Mayo, Dunn, and President Creech. Commissioner Aubrey arrived at 7:16 p.m. Commissioner Cornell was absent.

Staff members present were Director Harris, Superintendent of Parks Scarmardo, Superintendent of Recreation Esposito, Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani, Communication & Marketing Supervisor Talenco, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation Defiglia, Executive Assistant Wendland, Facility Manager Kroger, and Parks Foreman Cannaday. Attorney's Adams and Kooy arrived at 8:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Creech led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes to the Agenda

President Creech announced the Board would not be adjourning into Executive Session tonight.

Public Participation

None.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Dunn moved, seconded by Commissioner Kinzler, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Dunn, Kinzler, Aubrey, Nephew, Mayo, and President Creech.

Nay: None.

Motion Carried.

Public Hearing on 2012 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance

President Creech opened the public hearing for the 2012 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

There being no comments from the public Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Dunn, to close the public hearing for the 2012 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Nephew, Dunn, Aubrey, Kinzler, Mayo, and President Creech.

Nay: None.

Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business

Spring Avenue Dog Park

Superintendent Scarmardo explained to the Board where the proposed fence would be installed, along with the addition of a card swipe system. He also addressed the proposed rule changes for the dog park.

Ms. Anne Zeidman, 354 Cumnor, addressed the Board and stated that the age of 16 should be changed to 14 or older to enter the park without a parent.

Ms. Cheryl Ruceis, 744 Highland Avenue, addressed the Board about her concerns regarding the entrance and exit gate for the dog park; she would like to see a double gate installed.

Mr. Dan Dietzler, 150 Montclair, complimented staff on how well the turf looks in the dog park, and would like to see a winterized water fountain installed in the park.

Ms. Jennifer Jacobson, 633 West Wilson, commented that she would like to see a double gate installed at the park.

The Board discussed the age requirements and the hours of the dog park.

Commissioner Kinzler stepped out at 7:40 p.m.

Director Harris explained to the Board that there would be greater control at the park if it were to be fenced in.

Commissioner Kinzler stepped back in at 7:44 p.m.

Commissioner Mayo moved, seconded by Commissioner Kinzler, to approve the installation of the fence, gates, updated signage with new rules that were proposed, with the exception of park hours, and a card swipe system in the amount of \$12,350.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Mayo, Kinzler, Aubrey, Nephew, Dunn, and President Creech.

Nay: None.

Motion Carried.

Approval of the 2012 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance

Commissioner Kinzler moved, seconded by Commissioner Dunn, to approve ordinance number 11-06, “a combined annual budget and appropriation ordinance for the purpose of the Glen Ellyn Park District for the year beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2012.”

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Kinzler, Dunn, Aubrey, Nephew, Mayo, and President Creech.

Nay: None.

Motion Carried.

The Board of Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

New Business

Ackerman Roof Repairs

President Creech read the following press release regarding the Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center roof repairs.

The Glen Ellyn Park District Board of Commissioners will solicit bids this February for work to achieve a comprehensive repair of the roof at Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center. Construction will begin in Spring 2012 and is expected to last for four months, with a projected total cost in excess of \$1 million. The building will remain open during construction.

“We’re confident this repair work will give us a permanent solution for our leaky roof at Ackerman. It is important to fix all of the problems before the interior of our building is further damaged. By investing in a long-term solution now we can avoid a vicious cycle of temporary patches to the roof and expensive repairs for years to come,” said Melissa Creech, Glen Ellyn Park District Board President.

The Park District hired roofing experts from Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates (WJE) to evaluate the condition of the roof and make recommendations for repair. WJE is an international interdisciplinary firm of architects, engineers and materials scientists that has been called upon to solve some of the world’s most challenging construction-related problems. Most recently, they have been in the news for their work on the repair of the Washington National Monument and analysis of the Minnesota bridge collapse.

After thorough review and analysis by WJE, including a detailed examination of the building, infrared study and document review, the Park District has determined the most effective long-term solution for repairing the roof is to overclad the existing roof with an insulated and adhered single-ply membrane.

Funding for the repairs will be provided through capital funds, which have been reserved in anticipation of this project. The Park District will aggressively seek to recoup any and all costs for repair of the roof.

“It is unfortunate that the Park District has to expend the money to repair the roof; however we believe it is in the Park District’s best interests to fix the problems as soon as possible while at the same time pursuing legal action to recoup those costs. The Park District will aggressively pursue all available legal remedies,” said Dave Harris, Glen Ellyn Park District Executive Director.

The Glen Ellyn Park District became aware of significant interior water leakage within Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center before the building opened. The leaks were first apparent in the corners of the building and in the central portion of the roof. Additional leaks were observed in the fitness center, fitness classroom, multipurpose room, along the exterior walls in both the gym and the indoor turf area, throughout the center of the gym and the second floor mezzanine area. Glen Ellyn Park District staff constructed a system of buckets, tarps and flexible piping to control the flow of water from at least 20 leaks in the building.

“The staff has been extremely resourceful in dealing with the ongoing and increasing leaks. Despite never having a completely functional facility, they have done an outstanding job in operating and maintaining the Center. Additionally, facility members and patrons have been supportive and patient during this time as well,” said Harris.

“With these repairs we will finally have a fully functional building and can focus on making Ackerman a vibrant center for our community. I’d like to thank the Ackerman members and Glen Ellyn residents for their patience and support as the Park District works towards finally resolving the issues,” said Creech.

President Creech took questions from the audience.

Ms. Bonnie Gharis, asked if the Park District was going to try and recoup the legal fees and the cost of the repairs for the roof.

President Creech explained that the Park District would try to recoup the costs through the legal process.

Ms. Gharis, also asked if these expenses have been budgeted for.

President Creech told her that they were included in the 2012 budget that was approved tonight.

Director’s Report

None.

Commissioner’s Report

Commissioner Nephew thanked Recreation Supervisor Robinson, and all the volunteers for their hard work, in preparing and visiting all of the families for Santa visits.

Commissioner Kinzler congratulated the Golden Eagles 6th grade cheerleading squad, on winning the Illinois Recreation Cheerleading Association Championship.

Adjourn

There being no further business Commissioner Kinzler moved, seconded by Commissioner Nephew, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Wendland
Board Secretary