

**Glen Ellyn Park District Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
Spring Avenue Rec. Center**

**Board Observer's Report**

Board Observer: Bonnie Gahrts

Date: December 20, 2011

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 p.m.

At 8:22 p.m. meeting adjourned;  
Board did not go into Executive Session

Commissioners present: Aubrey, Dunn, Kinsler, Mayo & Nephew and President Creech. Cornell was absent.  
Park District representatives present: Executive Director Harris; Secretary Wendland; Superintendents Cinquegrani, Esposito and Scarmado; Asst. Supt. of Recreation Defiglia; Supervisor Talenco; Dan Kroger, ASFC Staff. Attending part of meeting: Steve Adams and Ralph Kooy, attorneys with law firm Tressler, LLP.

Estimates for public attendance: 12 community members

Following Roll Call and Pledge, there were no changes to the Agenda.

Public Participation: There were a number of comments on changes to Dog Park fencing (see below).

**Consent Agenda:** Consisting of Finance Report; Voucher List of Bills; Release of the Nov. 29 Regular Meeting and Dec. 6 Special Meeting minutes. Several Commissioners had questions on costs of some of the items on the Voucher List of Bills, most notably the increase in water rates for 2012. After discussion with staff, the Consent Agenda was ok'd by all Commissioners.

**Public Hearing on 2012 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance:** There was one change consisting of reduced dollars allocated to staff training. Hearing was then closed.

**Unfinished Business:**

A. Spring Avenue Dog Park: There was public input on what kind of gate system to have; water for dogs in winter; lowering entrance age to 14 with adult (it is now age 16 - needs to be looked at further per Director Harris). There was Board discussion. Director Harris indicated that with new fencing there will be more control over which dogs & owners are in park should a problem arise; most park districts have fencing. Proposal was readjusted, then approved. There will be self-closers, card swipe system, and fencing to totally enclose park for a cost of \$12,050. Hours remain the same.

B. Approval of 2012 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance: There was a slight reduction in budget as presented (see Public Hearing above). The Board thanked Staff for all of their work on the budget; one member was happy with the process; another member was concerned about low amount of cash on hand.

**New Business:**

A. Ackerman Roof Repairs: A press release dated 12/20/11 was issued by the Park District in regard to the Ackerman roof. Briefly, bids will be solicited in February 2012 to give a permanent solution to the leaky roof, which "is to overlaid the existing roof with an insulated and adhered single-ply membrane. Funding for the repairs will be provided through capital funds... The Park District will aggressively seek to recoup any and all costs for repair of the roof."

**Director's Report:** None.

**Commissioners' Report:** Individual Commissioners mentioned upcoming activities: the Polar Express train ride with Santa was a great success with 600 people (two trains x 300 kids each); 80 people came to Breakfast with Santa at Boat House; Golden Eagles football took first place.

**League Concerns/Observations:** Recoupment of attorney fees will be sought as part of the legal remedy for the roof repair at Ackerman Sports Complex.