

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

**Board Observer's Report**

Board Observer: Bonnie Gahrts

Date: August 16, 2011

Meeting Started: 7:02 p.m.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at approx. 9:30 p.m.; I left at approx. 10:45 p.m. and do not know the precise times meeting reconvened and adjourned

Commissioners present: Aubrey, Cornell, Dunn, Kinzler, Mayo & Nephew and President Creech.

Park District representatives present: Interim Director Fugiel; Superintendents Scarmado, Esposito, Cinquegrani, and Defiglia; Supervisor Talenco; and Secretary Wendland. Attorney Adams was also present.

Estimates for public attendance: 4-6 community members.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Following Roll Call and Pledge, there was a change to the Agenda: Section VIII.D. Temporary Roof Repairs, will be after the Executive Session.

The Consent Agenda (consisting of Finance Report, Voucher List of Bills and Meeting Minutes) was enacted in one motion.

**Public Participation:**

None.

**Unfinished Business:**

A. Early Retirement Incentive Review – Tabled from May. A payment to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund was not budgeted in 2011, but \$332,894.92 is due to the IMRF on or before Dec. 31, 2011; otherwise there is a substantial penalty. The Finance Superintendent was directed to pay the amount due on or around Dec. 1, 2011. There is an amended Fund Balance of \$3,000,000. This payment should be included in next year's budget.

B. Director's Vehicle Bids – After discussion of whether to keep or sell this car, a decision was made to get a report on the overall vehicle needs of the PD, then make a decision on what vehicle(s) to keep or sell.

**New Business:**

A. Goals and Objectives – A nine-page draft of PD Goals and Objectives for 2012, compiled by the Interim Director from suggestions made by staff and commissioners, was discussed. Duplicate items were noted and a page-by-page review was held. Note: As part of the long-term financial planning goal, the topic of non-referendum bonds came up. The PD attorney indicated that the intent of the law for these bonds is for infrastructure repair to aging buildings. The PD is not required to do non-referendum bonds – if they did, public notice and a Board vote would be needed. Some questions/concerns arose: If the PD lowered property taxes, would that lower their levy? Do not change levy or taxes? The Board President indicated the PD should not intentionally lower taxes they collect as the state has already limited what they can collect (i.e., the CPI or 5% increase, whichever is lower).

B. A 2011-12 Financial Calendar was presented.

C. GE PD Soccer Goal Safety and Education Policy – Zach’s Law (Ill. HB 1130) is effective immediately; the intent of the law is to make soccer goal posts safe. A label will be put on all GEPD goals with info and phone number. New policies (soccer goal safety and education) are to be implemented by all PD organizations.

D. Temporary Roof Repairs [to Ackerman Sports Complex (ASC)] – The Board will make a decision after Exec. Session.

**Matters from Staff:**

Recently, there have been four smash and grab robberies of vehicles at Maryknoll Park

**Matters from Commissioners:**

The individual commissioners shared various PD activities they are involved in: scanner project with GE Historical Soc., refinancing of bonds/interest rates; TIF district; finance committee meetings.

Interim Director Fugiel was complimented and thanked for his excellent work by several Board members.

**Adjournment to Executive Session**

At approx. 9:30 p.m. the Board went into Exec. Session to discuss temporary roof repairs to the Ackerman Sports Complex.

**Reconvene the Board Meeting**

The Board reconvened sometime around 11:00 p.m. A decision was made to temporarily fix the roof leaks at ASC, in the amount of \$10,540.

**League Concerns/Observations:**

We need to keep an eye on Park District non-referendum bonds (See item A under Goals and Objectives.)