

MINUTES OF AN ADVISORY GROUP MEETING OF
THE GLENCOE BEACH AND LAKEFRONT ADVISORY GROUP OF
THE GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT

APPROVED

999 GREEN BAY ROAD, GLENCOE, ILLINOIS 60022

HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012

Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. Present were members Andre Lerman (Commissioner and Chair), Scott Goldberg, Lisa Brooks, John Fitzgerald, Linda Singer, Tom Welch, Susan Isaacson, Gael Strong, Laurie Morse, Jon Ruderman, Seth Palatnik and associate member Toni Risdon. Also present from Park District staff were Steve Nagle, Director of Facilities, and David Johnson, Facilities Manager.

Approval of Minutes:

John Fitzgerald made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 30th meeting. Andre Lerman Seconded and ALL approved. John Fitzgerald volunteered to record the minutes for the January 12th meeting.

Matters from the Public : There were no matters from the Public.

Discussion regarding shared aquatic services with Northbrook Park District

Andre Lerman opened by stating that Glencoe once looked at building a Public Swimming Pool, but that economics proved impractical for towns with less than approximately 30,000 residents. Past Bond Issues failed. Northbrook has a successful swimming pool program and Glencoe has a top rated Beach . Laurie Morse stated she was in favor of working with Northbrook since young Glencoe families need a pool with organized programs to provide swimming lessons for their children. Tom Welch and Jon Ruderman also stated that when the lakefront is cool , Northbrook's weather is often warmer and access to a pool for swimming would be welcome to many Glencoe adults. Steve Nagle stated that at present only 50-60 Northbrook families purchase seasonal passes at the Glencoe Beach. If discounted rates for pool and beach fees were available to Northbrook and Glencoe residents more revenue for both communities should be expected for swimming and sailing programs. Increased parking at the Glencoe beach became a potential stumbling block. A discussion on 'shuttle busses' from the Glencoe train station took place. In conclusion, the Advisory Group was in favor of trying shared aquatic programs with Northbrook for one year to determine if the advantages out- weighed potential parking problems.

2112 Beach season items to be included in Summer brochure:

A. Beach & Boating Beach Hours:

Steve Nagle presented three options on Bathing & Boating Beach hours. One included opening the beach 30 minutes earlier to hopefully capture more revenue from non token holders that arrive early

in hopes of avoiding fee collecting attendants. Concerns that it would simply drive potential cheater to come earlier were stated by local residents Jon Ruderman and Scott Goldberg. Andre Lerman stated that addition costs to open the Beach earlier could be balanced by closing the beach 30 minutes earlier in mid season, based on earlier sunsets in late July and August. Steve Nagle stated although attempts to collect revenue from early beach comers on the beach were made after the Beach opened he favored trying the 9:30 a.m. opening for a year to see if it captured more revenue. A Beach and Boating Calendar of events from May thru October was also circulated.

B. Bathing & Boating Beach Fees:

Steve Nagle presented detailed comparisons of Resident and Non Resident fees for other local communities. He suggested the fees for Non Residents be raised in 2012 to allow for an approximate 28% differential between residents and non residents. All were in favor of raising the Non Resident family Swimming Pass fee from \$130.00 to \$140.00 while leaving the resident fee the same at \$80.00. Boating Sand and Rack storage for Non Residents would also increase from \$590.00 to \$615.00 for Sand Space and from \$340.00 to \$380.00 for Rack Space. Resident rates would stay the same. Winter Storage rates for Non residents would also be increased for Non Residents, maintaining the same percentage differential.

C. Sailing Instruction Program:

Steve Nagle reviewed the success of the 2011 sailing instruction program and discussed a possible addition of a Junior Fleet and adult lessons in 2012 with a larger Rental Fleet that may include two new Hobie 16' Getaways. This would benefit the transition from the Barnett mono hulls to the popular catamarans.

D. Boating Racing Schedule: The Glencoe Boat Club agreed with the racing Schedule proposed by the Glencoe Park District with races on July 7th, July 21st and August 11th and a Make Up date scheduled for August 18th. Care was taken to avoid the popular 'Lollapalooza' concert event in Chicago.

E. Rental Options & Fees : Several in the Advisory Group felt rental fees for Catamarans could be increased. Dave Johnson agreed to check with Wilmette and other communities for competitive rates. It was also suggested that sailing instructors check out renter skills and offer an option of a 'skipped rental' for an additional fee. This would provide families with no sailing skills an opportunity to enjoy a sailing opportunity.

F. Other Items for the Brochure & Operation Items not listed above:

Laurie Morse stated that a possible option to erecting possibly unsightly beach user lockers would be to make open existing sailing lockers, that were not rented to sailors, available to swimming beach patrons. Most were in favor of some form of rental locker for swimmers. It was also suggested that a " Daily Beach Blog" for residents be made available that listed water and weather conditions. There is also a current site at: glencoe park district.com

Steve Nagle stated that "The Little Red Hen" would continue to pay a flat rental fee for use of the Beach House as a concession stand. There is an 'Evergreen Contract' that renews unless cancelled.

Discussion regarding Beach related capital & operating budget for FY 2013, rank & priorities:

Steve Nagle presented a detailed list of budget items and priorities. Most agreed with the list of priorities based on input from the Park District staff. John Fitzgerald, representing the Glencoe Boat Club, stated that the addition of access doors to the Men and Women's lavatory and changing room at the Boat

House should be a priority since the Boating Season runs for approximately (6) six months from May thru October with no flushing toilet, running water or lighted changing facility available for its many sailors in May, September and October. Current conditions are at best crude and not appropriate for a premier Boating Beach.

Update on village street end beach committee:

Laurie Morse stated that there are (8) eight street end public beach areas that could be opened and used by residents of the community. It was stated that some existing fences could be considered a public safety issue as some young residents will jump the fence and access to the ravines and beach area while public safety is hampered by the fences. These street end beach areas could also be used by sailors and kayakers as 'safe harbor' in a storm or rest areas. The Park District should consider the best and safest use of these community sites.

Laurie also reminded the Advisory Group that there is a : "Sustainable Green Practices" meeting on March 10th at 9:00A.M. All are invited !

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:00 P.M. No date for the next meeting was scheduled.

Submitted by:

John A. Fitzgerald