

MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY JULY 19, 2017 GLENCOE BEACH AND
LAKEFRONT ADVISORY GROUP MEETING - GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT
GLENCOE BEACH – SUN SHELTER 5

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chair Lutton and roll was called.

Members in Attendance: Josh Lutton (Chair), Andre Lerman, Dudley Onderdonk (commissioner), Jon Ruderman, Eileen Sirkin, Larry Smith, Kathy Sussman, Steve Varick

Staff in Attendance: Director of Recreation and Facilities Michael Lushniak, Beach/Watts Facility Manager Bobby Collins, Executive Director Lisa Sheppard

Public in Attendance: Melina Faier, Rene Firmin, Erich Haupt, Harrie Hughes, Janet Lerman, Mark Metzner, Elyce Metzner, James Rosenfield

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the April 13, 2017 Glencoe Beach and Lakefront Advisory Group meeting was unanimously approved.

Midseason Operational Update: Director Lushniak reviewed the 4th of July holiday events at the beach and thanked everyone in attendance. It was noted that there was still fireworks debris around the area of Lakefront Park. Manager Collins updated everyone on the successful lifeguard audit that took place in July. A discussion with all members was had about the current stand erosion problem.

Manager Collins also updated the committee on the new equipment that was purchased including a new Hobie cat, new sailboats, new kayaks and paddleboards, and a new powerboat.

Midseason Usage Update: Manager Collins spoke about the perceived decrease in attendance at the beach this summer and noted that it might be due to higher prices or the greater uncertainty in weather conditions. It was noted that daily revenue appeared to be in-line with last year's numbers through the middle of July. Manager Collins also spoke about the new Aquatics Camp and its popularity.

Advisory Group Feedback: Director Lushniak asked for feedback from the committee about the new computerized cash registers, the credit card swipes, and new passes. Feedback was generally positive. Feedback was also solicited about the on-line boater registration form. It was discussed that this process must be made easier and more streamlined, especially for people with multiple boats. Feedback was also collected about moving boats for the 4th of July holiday. The committee agreed that it was acceptable to move boats based on request only moving forward.

End of Season Planning: Manager Collins updated the committee on the end of season facility schedules and upcoming special events at the beach. Manager Collins spoke about his confidence in staffing levels towards the end of the year.

Matters from the Public: Matters from the public included noise levels at the beach disrupting neighbors, an abundance of dogs on the beach, after hour's parties on the beach, and a discussion about making parking around Lakefront Park for residents only. Information was also disseminated about the continued development of the bluff restoration and Lakefront Park renovation planning.

Other: None

Adjourn: It was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Bobby Collins
Director of Recreation and Facilities