

APPROVED

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE COMMISSIONERS AND OFFICERS OF
THE GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT
999 GREEN BAY ROAD, GLENCOE, ILLINOIS 60022
HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. and the roll was called. Present were Commissioners Michael Brohman (President), Tim Stratton, Hilary Lee, Max Retsky and Bob Kimble. Staff present included Executive Director/ Secretary Don Van Arsdale, Director of Finance/Human Resources Carol Mensinger, Director of Facilities Rob Ward, Director of Parks Rick Bold, Director of Recreation Cheryl DeClerck and Manager of Marketing Communications Lynne Kurdziel.

Members of the public in attendance at this meeting were Glencoe residents Jack Weinberg, 111 Ravine Glade, Sheila Weinberg, 111 Ravine Glade, Chris Pfaff, 7 Briar Lane, Nicolas Porta 134 Linden, Michele Porta, 134 Linden, Catherine Schulte, 1005 Meadow Rd., Valerie Trabaris, 561 Drexel, Peter Holstein, 426 Madison, Andrea Goldman, 320 Palos Rd., Mark Rice, 546 Westly. Also present was Katie Okon, reporter for the Pioneer Press.

Consent Agenda Items: Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Kimble seconded the motion. The result of a roll call vote follows:

AYES: Kimble, Lee, Retsky, Stratton, Brohman
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Financial Report Director of Finance/Human Resources Mensinger gave an oral summary of her written report which was contained in the packet of materials prepared for the regular meeting on this date. Mensinger highlighted the significant turnaround of the Daycare Department which is over \$100,000 better than last year at this time. Tax collection is now at 98%. Commissioner Retsky questioned the impact of the reassessment. Mensinger answered that the real impact on 2010/2011 budget will be due to the .1% CPI for the tax levy increase. This concludes the financial report.

IAPD Awards President Brohman presented IAPD Community Service Awards to Jack Weinberg, Peter Holstein, Michele Porta and Chris Pfaff for their service to the Glencoe Park District and the community of Glencoe.

Matters from the Public President Brohman asked if there were audience members wishing to address the Board. No one responded in the affirmative.

Takiff Center Discussion President Brohman asked the Commissioners to review information from Mr. Bob Nielsen from Henry Bros. regarding the progress of the Takiff Center renovation and additions project. No action was required.

Commissioner Stratton gave a brief recap of the Community Center Design Planning Committee meeting conducted on January 11, 2010. Stratton presented the committee recommended layout and design of the donor wall to be displayed in the main lobby of the Takiff Center. The Takiff family has approved the recommended design. Commissioner Lee stated she was totally against replacing the Glencoe Park District logo with the new Takiff Center logo. Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the design and language on the donor wall as agreed upon by the Community Center Design and Planning Committee and Takiff Family. Commissioner Retsky seconded the motion. The result of a roll call vote follows:

AYES: Kimble, Retsky, Stratton, Brohman
NAYS: Lee
ABSENT: None

Glencoe Junior High Project Annual Report – Stipend Request Director DeClerck introduced Catherine Schulte of Glencoe Junior High Project who presented a report on the activities of the organization and need for funding. Commissioner Lee moved to approve a stipend of \$10,000 for the Glencoe Junior High Project and direct staff to include said amount in the fiscal year 2010/2011 budget. Commissioner Kimble seconded the motion. The result of a roll call vote follows:

AYES: Kimble, Lee, Retsky, Stratton, Brohman
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Glencoe Youth Services Annual Report – Stipend Request No one was present from Glencoe Youth Services and this matter was tabled until the February 16, 2010 Park Board meeting.

Discussion of 3N Park Design Drawings President Brohman presented a summary of the situation and the desire to increase the number of athletic fields in the community. Commissioner Stratton expressed the need for additional baseball fields. Commissioner Retsky asked if this field could be used for more sports than baseball. Director of Parks Bold answered that other sports could use this field. Proposed studies would be paid for by Glencoe Baseball Association. Director of Parks Bold will oversee the project. Commissioner Stratton moved to direct staff to complete a topographical study and design study for Park 3N to be funded by the Glencoe Baseball Association. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion.

The result of a roll call vote follows:

AYES: Kimble, Lee, Retsky, Stratton
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Brohman

Discussion of 233 Linden Project Director of Facilities Ward reported no further developments on this project. Director of Finance/Human Resources Mensinger pointed out the three documents in the packet relating to the Cost Payment and Reimbursement Agreement. President Brohman noted a few changes he suggested that clarified the need (if any) to borrow money from Mr. Van Arsdale. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the First Amendment to the Cost Payment Reimbursement Agreement. Commissioner Kimble seconded the motion.

The result of a roll call vote follows:

AYES: Kimble, Lee, Retsky, Stratton, Brohman
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Commissioner Lee moved to direct staff to begin refurbishment of 233 Linden Avenue at a cost not to exceed \$70,000. Commissioner Kimble seconded the motion.

The result of a roll call vote follows:

AYES: Kimble, Lee, Retsky, Stratton, Brohman
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Discussion of Dental Insurance Renewal Director of Finance/Human Resources Mensinger presented a report on the proposed Dental Insurance Renewal. Commissioner Lee moved that the Park District continue dental coverage with Humana effective February 1, 2010. Commissioner Stratton seconded the motion.

The result of a roll call vote follows:

AYES: Kimble, Lee, Retsky, Stratton, Brohman
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Staff Reports Director of Facilities Ward presented an update on the Takiff Center burst water pipe situation on January 5, 2010. Ward reported the District is working with PDRMA and the building repairs have been completed. Executive Director Van Arsdale noted the District's involvement with Glencoe Common Ground's efforts to collect donated clothing, tents and blankets for Haitian relief. Van Arsdale reminded the Board that the Self Assessment Retreat will be conducted on January 31, 2010 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM at the Takiff Center. Van Arsdale encouraged all board members to attend the Takiff Center Showcase on January 21, 2010.

Schedule Committee Meetings Director of Finance/Human Resources Mensinger will send out possible meeting dates and times for a Finance Committee of the Whole to discuss the first draft of the FY2010/2011 Proposed Budget for the Board's consideration. Director of Recreation DeClerck will send out possible meeting dates and times for a Recreation Committee for the Committee's consideration.

Other Business None

Adjourn With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Kimble and a second Commissioner Stratton.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald P. Van Arsdale
Secretary

Enclosure

IAPD Community Service Awards Biographical Comments

Jack Weinberg

Jack has a long history of giving of his time and expertise to make Glencoe a better community. He has coached many kids in soccer and hockey and served for many years on the Winnetka Hockey Association Board where he worked tirelessly to improve the quality of the experience for kids and parents alike.

He was involved in three Park District referendums two of which passed. He played a major role in the redevelopment and improvement of Watts Ice Center after voters approved a \$1.6 million dollar bond issue in 2000.

Among his many contributions were the countless hours spent in Board and Committee meetings during the 6 years Jack spent as a Park Commissioner, two of which he served as Board President. He served on a Board that completed the Watts renovation and went along way to prepare for the referendum which resulted in the additions and improvements made to the Takiff Center.

Jack can be found regularly at a local coffee shop “holding court” and informal focus groups where he keeps abreast of all things Glencoe. If there was ever the prototype of the ultimate community volunteer, Jack Weinberg is that person.

Peter Holstein

Peter approached his community service from the perspective of a parent who also grew up in Glencoe. His long term view of what it should be like to be a child in Glencoe served as the backdrop of his years of volunteer service.

He can be considered the champion of planning and development. Peter served on the Glencoe Library Board for 5 years including 1 year as President. It was during this time that the Library went through its beautiful renovation and expansion.

He brought his calm demeanor and thoughtful approach to sound governance along with him to the Park Board, where he served for 6 years. Peter was instrumental in getting the Park District to undertake appropriate planning measures, which gave direction and momentum to the Board's efforts to determine and resolve the long term future of the former Community Center.

Peter was also instrumental in securing a legacy gift from the Takiff family and First Bank of Highland Park to help fund improvements to Takiff Center.

He was Park Board President at the time voters gave the Park District permission to borrow the most money in its history, - how's that for trusting?! The resulting improvements and expansion to what is now Takiff Center will serve Glencoe families' recreational needs well into the future.

For this and many other contributions, we owe Peter our thanks.

Michele Porta

We're not aware of any one person who served the Park District in so many different important capacities over such a brief period of time than Michele. She gave new meaning to the phrase "it's not how long you have, but what you do with it that matters!"

Michele got on the Park District's radar screen by serving as a member of a focus group during the earliest strategic planning process to help determine the long term uses for the Community Center.

Her ideas and energy were noticed by the group facilitator SO her name was given to the Park District as someone who should become more involved.

She was appointed to serve on the Community Center Advisory Committee which was formed by the Park Board to work with an architect to develop a recommended Community Center Master Plan. She later served a vital role on the "Friends for a Better Center" Committee which conducted the referendum campaign which ultimately funded the improvements and expansion made to the Takiff Center.

Somewhere in the middle of all this, Michele a 3 year term as a Park Commissioner, during which many important issues regarding the center were dealt with. Perhaps Michele's greatest legacy was the positive impact she had on the quality and quantity of Park District printed materials and web site. Her influence lives on well beyond her time on the Board.

We wish to thank Michele on behalf of a grateful community.

Chris Pfaff

No one person is any more identified with being largely responsible for making the improvements and expansion of the former Community Center a reality than Chris. He showed up at one of the focus groups and took the place of his wife Sarah, because he had a burning interest in seeing that something be done to the center to make it relevant as a recreational resource to all residents.

From that beginning, Chris accepted an appointment as Co-Chair of the Community Center Advisory Committee which developed and presented its recommendations to the Park Board about the kind of facility they felt the community wanted. Having done such a great job in this capacity, he was drafted into service as co-chair of the "Friends for a Better Center" Committee during which time he worked tirelessly to help pass the \$14 bond issue referendum to renovate the center. Chris gave most generously of his time and money to help the campaign succeed.

But his volunteer service wasn't done there. Due to a mid-term resignation of a commissioner, Chris accepted an appointment to the Park Board and was subsequently elected to another 2 year term. Along with other commissioners, Chris made it his mission to ensure that the voters received the type of facility that was represented to the community during the referendum. We are now sitting in the building that is a testament to Chris' commitment.