

APPROVED

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE COMMISSIONERS AND OFFICERS OF
THE GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT
999 GREEN BAY ROAD, GLENCOE, ILLINOIS 60022
HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. and the roll was called. Present: Commissioners Max Retsky (President), Trent Cornell (Vice President), Bob Kimble, and Hilary Lee. Staff present included Interim Executive Director/ Secretary Steve Nagle, Director of Parks Rick Bold, and Director of Finance/Human Resources Carol Mensinger

Members of the public in attendance included Glencoe residents Robert Footlik, 940 Sheridan Road, and Nancy Meyer, 777 Maple Hill. Also in attendance were Rich Talkowski, STR Building Resources, and John Huston, reporter, Chicago Tribune.

Matters from the Public There was no one present wishing to address the Board.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Bid for Beach Staircase Repair Project Interim Executive Director Nagle began his report by stating there was good attendance from potential bidders at a required pre-bid meeting and bids were opened at 2 p.m. on October 29. He indicated Mr. Talkowski from STR Building Resources has recommended one firm for the stairway project. Mr. Talkowski indicated he has worked with the low bidder on other projects and has been very satisfied. Mr. Nagle stated Jimmy ~~Z~~ Masonry, the low bid, included a \$15,000 owner contingency.

Mr. Nagle indicated staff has begun the permit process with the Village of Glencoe so the project can move forward. He stated there will be some staging along Hazel Avenue and he will notify neighbors of Glencoe Beach of the project. There will be additional signage placed near the each to keep residents informed about the project.

Discussion ensued. Commissioner Cornell said it was important for the Board to have confidence in the company doing the project.

Village of Glencoe staff members have been helpful in this project, as they will need access to the water plant.

Director of Finance/Human Resources Mensinger stated funds for this project will be taken from the master plan capital item, which was approved in the budget.

Commissioner Cornell then moved to approve the bid submitted by Jimmy ~~Z~~ Masonry in the amount of \$112,700 including a \$15,000 owner contingency for the Beach Stairway Repair at the Glencoe Beach. Commissioner Kimble seconded the motion. The result of the roll call vote follows:

AYES: Lee, Kimble, Cornell, Retsky
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Lerman

Friends Park - General Update/Discussion Interim Executive Director Nagle stated Director of Parks Bold and he have discussed the process for the renovation of Friends Park. They have been working with a consultant to move forward on this project. He reviewed a tentative timeline for the renovation of the project. He has received names of residents who are interested in this project. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Kimble stated the community will be asked for its input on Friends Park because it is a central park in downtown Glencoe. He inquired if new equipment and features could be included or not. He stated recreational playground equipment and surfaces have evolved over the years. Mr. Kimble then introduced Nancy Meyer, who has worked on developing special needs playgrounds.

Mrs. Meyer stated she was active in developing an ADA accessible playground in Evanston. She said Friends Park has limited accessible play equipment available for special needs and limited ability children and adults. She would like to have some fencing around any park that is in a busy area in Glencoe. Discussion continued.

Robert Footlik was the next to speak. He felt the only ADA accessible playground in the area was at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

Commissioner Lee stated there are many families with children with special needs who move to Glencoe because of the accessibility and high quality of education and facilities available in Glencoe. She stated, however, she was not sure if Friends Park would be the best location for a fully accessible park. Friends Park is a destination park. Discussion continued.

Mrs. Meyer stated she would like to have the designer consider adults and children who would be able to use a portion of the park with a better surface and some equipment.

Commissioner Cornell stated he would like to have more information on the plans for the Writers Theatre renovation at the Woman's Library Club property next to Friends Park. He stated it was important to have some information available for review at the District's centennial gala on December 6. Commissioner Lee stated there have been extensive changes in recreational equipment since Friends Park opened in 1995. If possible, she would like to have some interim play pieces at Friends Park so the park is not completely empty.

Director of Parks Bold indicated the initial conceptual plans are based on the current footprint at Friends Park. Mr. Nagle stated there are some sight lines, which need to be refined. The park was ADA accessible when it was installed in 1995; the ADA requirements have been expanded since then. The District's consultant has extensive experience creating ADA accessible playgrounds.

Mr. Nagle shared with the Board excellent professional resources on playgrounds for the Board to review.

Discussion of the Current Year Capital Budget and Process for Next Fiscal Year Budget

Interim Executive Director Nagle asked Director of Finance/Human Resources Mensinger to provide the Board with current capital issued and the process for next year. Ms. Mensinger stated the list was prepared by department heads and the Interim Executive Director. The items were not listed in any preference order. Some of the items are annual projects, some are carryover projects from the previous year, and there are new items this year. There are several large items, which need to be addressed and there is \$200,000 set aside for capital projects. Ms. Mensinger stated the Board may decide that certain projects listed as carryover should not be re-budgeted. Monies are budgeted for fiscal year 2013-2014, but might need to be allocated to current projects. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Cornell asked if carryover items are re-ranked. Ms. Mensinger stated some of the carryover items may be re-ranked by staff. Ms. Mensinger stated when the beach stairway project is completed, staff will revise the capital projects list. Mr. Cornell stated the beach stairway is almost a replacement for the master plan. Ms. Mensinger stated as the District's fund balances improve, the District is able to accomplish many of the higher ranked capital projects.

Closed Session in Accordance with Section 2(c)1 and Section 2(c)6 of the Open Meetings Act At 8:21 p.m., Commissioner Cornell moved to adjourn into Closed Session in Accordance with Section 2(c)1 and Section 2(c)6 of the Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. The result of the roll call vote follows:

AYES: Lee, Kimble, Cornell, Retsky
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Lerman

The meeting reconvened in regular session at 9:06 p.m.

Action, if Any, on Item(s) Taken in Closed Session There was no action taken.

Other Interim Executive Director Nagle reminded the Board of upcoming dates. He stated annual stipend requests from service organizations in Glencoe will be discussed at the January Board meeting. He continued by reviewing the District's policy on complimentary tokens. After discussion, the Board consensus was to have the Interim Executive Director review these requests on a case-by-case basis.

Adjourn With no further business, at 9:10 p.m. the meeting adjourned on a motion from Commissioner Cornell and a second from Commissioner Kimble.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven T. Nagle
Secretary