

MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING
GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT
999 GREEN BAY ROAD, GLENCOE, ILLINOIS 60022

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm and roll was called.

Commissioners present:

Michael Covey, President
Jacki Avitia-Guzman, Treasurer
Meg Cummins, Commissioner
Gary Hazan, Commissioner

Staff present:

Lisa Sheppard, Executive Director/Secretary
Kyle Kuhs, Director of Parks and Planning
John Cutrera, Director of Finance and HR

Members of the public in attendance who signed in or spoke: Jim Carper, Larry Deb, and Jeff Shapack.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Commissioner Hazan to approve the consent agenda items as presented including Minutes of the April 21, 2026 Regular Board Meeting, Minutes of May 5, 2026 Regular Committee Meeting, Approval of the Bills, Approval of Friends Park Design Services with Upland Design Ltd., Approval to Waive Competitive Bidding Process for the Purchase of 1 Ford F-250 and 1 Ford Transit in a not to exceed amount, Approval of the Purchase of a Bobcat L65 Loader for Atlas Bobcat under Sourcwell Contract, and Approval for Staff and Commissioners to Attend NRPA Conference. Commissioner Guzman seconded the motion. No discussion ensued. Roll call vote taken:

AYES: Covey, Guzman, Hazan, Cummins

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Reifman

Motion passed.

Matters from the Public: Jim Carper, Larry Deb, and Jeff Shepeck signed and spoke.

Jim Carper, a Glencoe resident, expressed concern about the Park District's management of invasive plants, specifically the spread of dandelions throughout park properties. He requested the District address the issue through earlier mowing schedules or the addition of alternative pollinator-friendly plantings to improve park aesthetics and reduce the spread of weeds into neighboring properties.

Larry Deb, a resident living near West School, commented on the ongoing parking modifications near the school and park area. He questioned whether the proposed parking changes would meaningfully improve safety or capacity and suggested an alternative design that he believes would provide additional parking, safer child drop-off access, and improved traffic circulation without relying on neighboring driveways for vehicle turnarounds. Mr. Deb also acknowledged the Park District's past improvements

to facilities and thanked the Board for its service and consideration of community concerns.

Jeff Shapack, a Glencoe resident, spoke about public safety, traffic congestion, parking, and operational issues at Glencoe Beach and Lakefront Park. He said beach operations are placing increasing pressure on nearby residents and Village resources due to traffic, pedestrian safety concerns, and enforcement needs. He urged the Park District to consider additional staffing, security, traffic controls, and other operational measures, potentially funded by higher beach access fees, and stressed the need for accountability given recent taxpayer-funded improvements to the beach and park.

Election of President and Vice-President: Executive Director Sheppard, as Board Secretary, opened nominations for President of the Board. Commissioner Hazan nominated Michael Covey and Commissioner Avitia-Guzman seconded the nomination. Executive Director Sheppard opened nominations for Vice President of the Board. Commissioner Cummins nominated Nicole Reifman and Commissioner Hazan seconded the nomination. Roll call vote taken:

AYES: Covey, Hazan, Avitia-Guzman, Cummins

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Reifman

Motion passed.

Appointment of Officers and Representatives: President Covey listed those appointed for approval as Officers and Representatives. Jackie Avitia-Guzman as Treasurer; Derke Price of Ancel Glink, as Attorney and Ethics Officer; Lisa M. Sheppard, Executive Director as Secretary to the Board; Gary Hazan as representative to the Glencoe Plan Commission; and Lisa Sheppard and Erika Doroghazi as Freedom of Information Act Officers and Lisa Sheppard as NSSRA Liaison/Glencoe Park District Representative. Commissioner Avitia-Guzman motioned for approval and Commissioner Hazan seconded the motion. No discussion ensued. Roll call vote taken:

AYES: Covey, Hazan, Avitia-Guzman, Cummins

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Reifman

Motion passed.

Board Advisory Group Chair Appointments: President Covey moved to appoint Commissioner Nicole Reifman as chair of the Glencoe Beach and Lakefront Advisory Committee and Commissioner Michael Covey as chair of the Early Childhood Advisory Group. Commissioner Hazan motioned to approve and Commissioner Cummins seconded the motion. No discussion ensued. Roll call vote taken:

AYES: Covey, Hazan, Avitia-Guzman, Cummins

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Reifman

Motion passed.

Financial Report: The District is two months into the year. There was no report in addition to the information provided in the meeting packet, and there were no questions.

Executive Report: There was no verbal report in addition to the information provided in the meeting packet, and there were no questions.

Other Business: Greenhouse Ribbon Cutting at Shelton Park.

Executive Session: There was no reason to enter into Closed Session.

Adjourn: Commissioner Cummins moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:31pm. Commissioner Guzman seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa M. Sheppard", with a large, stylized circular flourish at the end.

Lisa M. Sheppard
Secretary