

MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2021 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT
999 GREEN BAY ROAD, GLENCOE, ILLINOIS 60022

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm and roll was called. All commissioners gave permission to be recorded.

Committee Members present:

Lisa Brooks, President
Stefanie Boron, Vice President
Michael Covey, Treasurer
Bart Schneider, Commissioner

Staff present:

Lisa Sheppard, Executive Director/Secretary
Chris Leiner, Director of Parks/Maintenance
Bobby Collins, Director of Recreation/Facilities
John Cutrera, Director of Finance/HR
Jenny Runkel, Administrative Assistant

Members of the Public in attendance who signed in or spoke: There were no members of the public in attendance.

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

Discussion on Kalk Park Gazebo and Pathway Lighting Hours of Operation: Executive Director Sheppard gave the history of Board discussion on lighting during Kalk Renovation Phases I and II. The Committee also discussed lighting and its influence on crime, youth curfew hours, and the time of the last train to Glencoe for the evening. Discussion ensued and the consensus was that turning the lights off anywhere between 10:30p and 11:00p would be fine but to leave the decision of the exact time to staff and they can adjust as needed.

Discussion on Potential OSLAD Grant Submission for West Park: Executive Director Sheppard explained that we received notice of an upcoming OSLAD grant last month from IDNR and staff examined the list of upcoming projects to determine which would be the best fit and have the best chance of securing a grant. Staff felt the West School Park project is ideal for an OSLAD grant. Infield synthetic turf would make it a multiuse field for T-ball through adults, beyond the current setup for 7th-8th grade baseball, improve drainage, a walking loop that would also benefit the school for P.E., replace the back stop, improve the tennis courts, investigate converting 1-2 of the courts to pickleball, and adding a drinking fountain. After speaking with School District 35 staff, they believe this project benefits them as well and would bring additional \$400,000 in funds to the table for the project and pay for half of design costs. The timeline does not allow to go out to RFP for a new architect and Altamanu is not the best choice for this project because they are in transition. Staff recommends utilizing Hitchcock, who is familiar and has done work for the Glencoe Park District, completed our Master Plan, has had success with receiving grants and does excellent work. Community input meetings would take place in July and August. Marketing for the meetings would include letters to surrounding neighbors, signs in the park, and social media. Discussion ensued regarding construction feedback, project feedback, and number of public meetings. Staff

does not recommend athletic field lights, permanent outfield fence and no change to parking on Cherry Tree Lane. The committee asked that the park sign include two columns: included and not included; to be displayed in the Takiff lobby as well.

The committee, following discussion, came to a consensus and directed park district staff to move forward with applying for the OSLAD Grand and hiring Hitchcock.

Discussion on Healing Hearts Sculpture: The Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) approached Executive Director Sheppard regarding a campaign to shed light on child abuse and CAC by installing a donated heart sculpture with a small plaque thanking the donor and listing CAC. This heart will be the only one on the North Shore for six months and the required concrete that is provided. We would not be part of the fundraising. Concern was mentioned regarding political platforms and negative feedback seen in another community recently. Staff feels this historically parallels with what the District has done to support other area organizations (Glencoe is in the service area for CAC), Glencoe Family Services knows of and would refer individuals to this organization and no park funds would be used. Discussion ensued.

Executive Director Sheppard recommended in the future to form a sculpture committee for future requests and briefly described an idea for an event that would involve sculptures in the park, that she would bring back at a later date. Discussion ensued.

The Commissioners, Brooks (Y), Covey (Y), Schneider (Y), Boron (N) following discussion, reached a 3-1 consensus to direct park district staff to move forward with the heart sculpture with its location at Takiff near the ELC wing.

Other Business: Staff notified the Committee that Duke Park is so popular, the water feature is running during all operation hours which will result in a water bill of approximately \$30,000 for the season. Water pressure was turned down a bit (not noticeable to users) to reduce the cost and will be shut off completely for the season on Labor Day. In addition, the train cars are so popular that repairs are needed. There is one neighbor upset about the squeaking noise. The Parks Team is looking for a solution and is consulting with Metra. Committee members commented that we do not have a pool, the feature is new, and the weather is very hot, so they are fine with the current usage.

The Board discussed a small parcel of land (PIN #05-07-402-018-0000) directly south of 11s that is not part of the park proper, but is owned by the park district. A request has been made to purchase that sliver of property that currently has a large berm on it. Discussion ensued and directed staff to go back to the property owner for more discussion and advance it for further discussion, if needed, at a future Board meeting.

Executive Session: There was no reason to go into closed session.

Adjourn: Commissioner Boron moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Sheppard
Secretary