

APPROVED

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT
ZOOM and 999 GREEN BAY ROAD, GLENCOE, ILLINOIS 60022

Commissioners and members of the public confirmed they could see and hear.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm 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
Erin Classen, Supt. of Marketing/Communications
Jenny Runkel, Administrative Assistant

Commissioners absent:

None

Members of the Public in attendance who signed in or spoke: Stephani Briskman, Mike Cohen, Patty Cohen, Chuck Duffield, Sarah Israel, Marny Kravenas, Anne Marion, Jake Marion, Jenna Quinn, Carol Spain, Adam Wohl, and attendees without specified last names including Emily and Missy

Matters from the Public: Chuck Duffield commented that he is one of 50 of the most avid tennis players in Glencoe who play on the Suburban Shoreline Tennis League and offered sincere thanks to staff for various areas of support. He vocalized concern about turning one of the three courts at West Park into two pickleball courts. The league needs all three tennis courts for competitive play in the league and no other park offers that in Glencoe. He suggested six 6 pickleball courts at Lakefront Park, which could support league play and asked the Board to reconsider the West Park design concept.

Mike Cohen agreed with Chuck's previous comments. The Park District has 14 courts, but three are unplayable for play or teaching. If another court is removed, there will not be enough for the community to use. He asked the Board to reconsider the pickleball courts for Lakefront Park.

Sarah Israel asked the Board and staff to pay extra attention to keeping kids safe and staff should all be vaccinated, especially with the Delta variant.

Discussion on COVID-19 Policies and Procedures: Executive Director Sheppard indicated there was a lot of information given to the Board on this topic including the Children's Circle family survey results. Staff indicated they were looking for direction on Park District policies regarding COVID-19. Staff recommended a staff vaccine mandate. Commissioners indicated they reviewed the extensive information and already asked questions of staff individually. No further discussion ensued.

Chair Brooks, based on committee discussion, directed park district staff to advance the staff vaccine mandate to the Special Board meeting for approval.

Staff then asked the Board if children of a close contact should be able to attend Children's Circle? IDPH does not recommend children be isolated from school based on a family member being in close contact with a confirmed case. Other day cares have backed off isolating children due to the impact on their program. Staff recommends following IDPH's recommendation. Discussion ensued. Sheppard noted that the Children's Circle parent survey results also agreed with following IDPH rules. The Board reached consensus, there will be no policy change and the District will continue to follow the IDPH recommendation.

Should teachers and children wear masks outdoors? Staff does not recommend outdoor masks and the CDC considers outdoor transmission low risk. Manager Stockl indicated the department is seeing an increase in speech delays with 11 currently in speech therapy, which is more than seen in the past. Sheppard responded to commissioner comments. The District follows IDPH with the exception of early childhood, which also follows DCFS, and confirmed that if a parent wants their child to wear a mask outside, the teachers will make sure it will get done. The Board reached consensus on continuing with the current policy; teachers and children do not need to wear masks when outdoors.

Chair Brooks noted to the public that it may seem like the committee rushed through these decisions, but have actually reviewed a lot of documentation and held extensive discussion individually.

Glencoe Beach Pier Materials Discussion: The pier project is scheduled for spring and was already brought to the Lakefront Advisory Group for discussion and review. Director Leiner indicated that Baird showed concrete finishes with the same level of performance that will hold up to Lake Michigan weather and storms. Lakefront Advisory Group votes were reviewed; concrete option two received the most votes and they loved the compass rose; handrails options five and eight tied. Stainless steel was noted to be the most resilient, least maintenance, and most expensive; likely more than budgeted. This project is partially funded by PDRMA from an insurance claim. Discussion ensued. Leiner will ask Baird if there are railing types that deter seagulls. Leiner indicated that option eight will be double the price, estimating it would be \$80-90,000. The lifespan of the railing could be 20 years making the estimate worthwhile. Initial cost and maintenance were reviewed.

Chair Brooks, based on committee discussion, directed park district staff to go with option eight and figure 2 option B.

Mistakenly skipped over Capital Projects Discussion...see below Final Tax Extension

Update on Final Tax Extension: Director Cutrera indicated that the final levy shook out to be exactly the same as the preliminary levy. Overall, our EAV increased by \$5 million, a

direct result of the new property increases. The tax rate increased from .621 to .648, a result of the new bonds seen on the levy for the first time. If we receive 100% of the extended taxes on the 2020 levy, we would receive \$150,000 more than what we have budgeted for property tax revenue. Director Cutrera will report back on the actual increase compared to the estimate the Board approved for an increase in dollars per household based on a certain property value amount.

Capital Projects Update: Sheppard indicated a list of all current capital projects included in the memo. Duke Park's water feature will turn off on Monday, September 20 and the trains will close October 29.

Commissioner Boron indicated to those who spoke tonight about tennis courts, that they were heard. The project is dependent on getting the grant.

Other Business: A reminder that the September Board meeting is on Monday instead of Tuesday and will include an Oath of Office. NRPA is next week, but the trip was cancelled to attend virtually.

Adjourn: Commissioner Boron moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken:

AYES: Boron, Covey, Schneider, Brooks

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Sheppard
Secretary