MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2022 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT 999 GREEN BAY ROAD, GLENCOE, ILLINOIS 60022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and roll was called.

<u>Committee Members present</u>: <u>Staff present</u>:

Lisa Brooks, President Lisa Sheppard, Executive Director/Secretary
Stefanie Boron, Vice President Bobby Collins, Director of Recreation and Facilities

Michael Covey, Treasurer John Cutrera, Director of Finance and HR Bart Schneider, Commissioner Kyle Kuhs, Director of Parks and Planning

Carol Spain, Commissioner Erin Classen, Supt. of Marketing and Communications

Jenny Runkel, Administrative Assistant

Members of the Public in attendance who signed in or spoke: Lacey Lawrence (Hitchcock Design Group)

Matters from the Public: There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

Discussion on potential for pickleball courts on Watts Ice Rink: Executive Director Lisa Sheppard recapped an idea that staff have been exploring in regards to installing six pickleball courts utilizing a new product called Pickle Grip on the large Watts ice rink from April until October then stored in winter during the Watts ice rink season. The Pickle Grip sample court was tested for three weeks utilizing players from park district classes who were then surveyed. Participants liked the surface, lines, and dedicated court space. The lack of shade and breeze was a negative. Discussion ensued including removing a few of the panels for air flow, a second surface is going to be installed and tested, other districts have had a positive response to the older version of the Pickle Grip, initial and incidental costs were reviewed, add a picnic table and umbrella for shade, everyone wants six courts, and Watts could be rented along with the pickleball courts for parties.

Following committee discussion, Chair Brooks directed staff to continue down this course, trying out other surfaces and adding this project to the budget with installation to follow Watts construction.

Discussion on Lakefront Park playground and racquet courts:

Playground:

Lacey Lawrence from Hitchcock Design Group presented two playground design options to the committee, both designs followed Board directive to provide low profile equipment that blends into the park and an original design different from our other parks that provides creative play for children aged two to ten years. Discussion ensued regarding the two designs. The Committee and staff noted that the goal is different types of play at each district park. Option 1 is a standard feature and can be found in

our current playgrounds, Option 2 with mounds covers a greater range of ages and is innovative, encourages creative play, and the lower profile allows parents to not have to follow their child around as much. Commissioners requested that a slide be added to one of the mounds. Discussion ensued.

Following committee discussion, Chair Brooks directed staff to forward Option 2 with an added slide to the large mound and one additional swing bench facing the lake for approval at the July Board meeting.

Racquet Courts & Other:

Lacey Lawrence from Hitchcock Design Group reviewed the options for Lakefront Park racquet courts, porta-potty locations, and other amenities. Discussion ensued with comments including impact of one game on the other, consistent response from all commissioners that sound was not overwhelming during the pickleball test games, pickleball would be year-round on permanent courts at Lakefront Park versus Watts, would want pickleball at Lakefront Park if Watts wasn't an option, option 1 is more of a compromise and good faith effort but really wouldn't meet the desire to have four to six courts, noise from two pickleball courts is fine but six would be too loud for Lakefront Park, there was sentiment in the survey that pickleball changes the ambiance and people go there to relax, would not add pickleball at Lakefront Park as the new six courts at Watts will meet that need, wind on the pickleball courts will be discouraging to players, now that all other tennis courts have been lined for pickleball the capacity of tennis courts has reduced due to tennis lessons and pickleball players on those courts, it might be best to leave it as dedicated tennis courts now that there is an option for dedicated pickleball courts at Watts. The committee liked the location of the portapotties and asked for as many bike racks as possible. Discussion ensued.

Following committee discussion, Chair Brooks directed staff to move forward with several items. Staff are to continue to research six dedicated and removeable pickleball courts on the Watts ice rink for installation following Watts construction. Staff should move forward with the Lakefront Park court option to include two singles and one doubles tennis courts for approval at the July Board meeting.

Presentation on easement for park property in front of 538 Green Bay Road: Staff overviewed the changes to the existing easement agreement and the proposed plan for addressing the storm water management needs for the park district property in front of 538 Green Bay Road. The easement agreement was review by our attorneys and the Village's engineering staff and Park District staff reviewed and approved the drainage plan.

Following discussion, Chair Brooks directed staff to move the easement agreement forward for approval at the July Board meeting.

<u>Discussion on policy updates</u>: Following recent changes to law and environment, staff presented changes to the 3.21 Nepotism and Hiring of Former Commissioners and the Financial Policies and Procedures Manual including the Purchasing Policy, Fixed Asset

Policy, and Refund and Prorating Procedures. These policies would need approval at the July Board meeting. Discussion ensued.

Following discussion, Chair Brooks directed staff to move the proposed policy changes forward for approval at the July Board meeting.

Other Business: The 310 South Avenue property sale is finally complete. The real estate contract developed by our attorney will be put before the Board for approval at the next board meeting.

Executive Director Sheppard asked the Board if they would like to purchase a property that is up for sale for \$500,000 that borders one of our park properties. Discussion ensued. Commissioners felt for the price, the property did not add great value to the residents and would better be served to allow for development of low-income housing.

Executive Director Sheppard reminded Board members that there is a Board meeting next Tuesday and the agenda is packed.

<u>Adjourn</u>: Commissioner Schneider moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm. Commissioner Boron seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa M. Sheppard
Secretary



agenda

- master plan
- playground options
- tennis/pickleball options
- questions



master plan





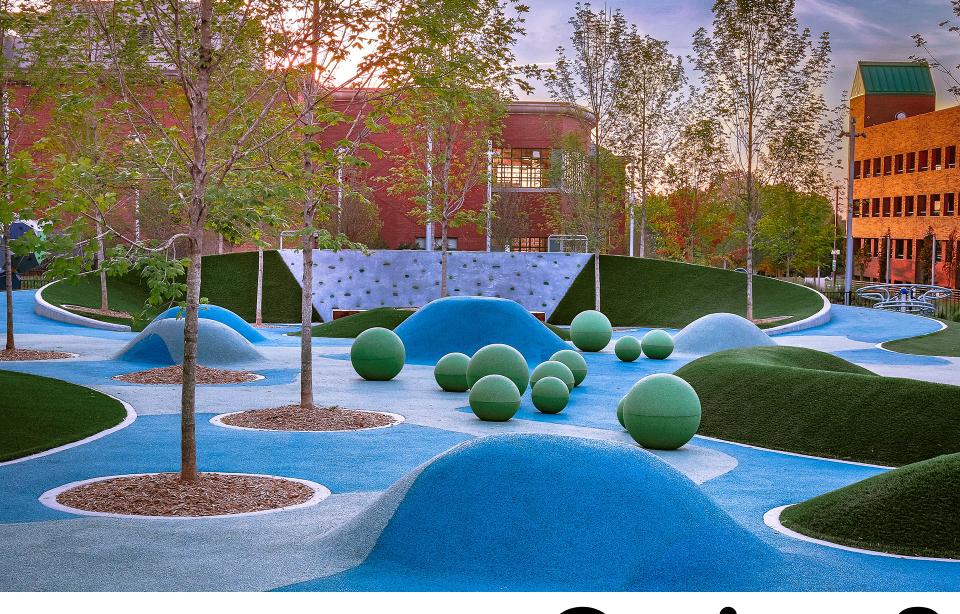
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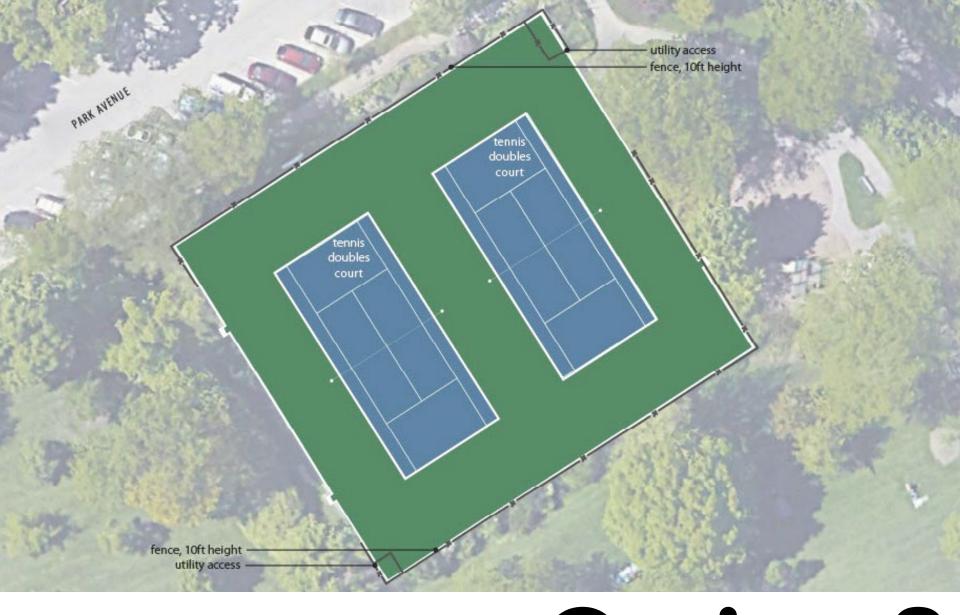






court options











questions