

MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING
GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT
999 GREEN BAY ROAD, GLENCOE, ILLINOIS 60022

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

Commissioners present:

Nicole Reifman, Vice President
Jackie Avitia-Guzman, Treasurer
Meg Cummins, Commissioner
Gary Hazan, Commissioner
Michael Covey, President

Staff present:

Lisa Sheppard, Executive Director/Secretary
Kyle Kuhs, Director of Parks and Planning
John Cutrera, Director of Finance and HR
Bobby Collins, Deputy Dir./Dir. of Rec & Facilities
Erin Classen, Superintendent of Marketing/Comm.

Commissioner Guzman arrived at 7:11 pm.

Members of the public in attendance who signed in or spoke: Maggie Shapack and Jeff Shapack

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Commissioner Reifman to approve the consent agenda items as presented, including Minutes of the July 21, 2026, Regular Board Meeting, Minutes of the August 4, 2026, Regular Committee Meeting, and Approval of the Bills. Commissioner Hazan seconded the motion. No discussion ensued. Roll call vote taken:

AYES: Reifman, Cummins, Hazan, Covey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Guzman

Motion passed.

Matters from the Public: Jeff Shapack, Glencoe resident, acknowledged the District's strong financial standing but commented that financial solvency does not necessarily demonstrate effective stewardship of taxpayer dollars. He raised concerns about declining beach pass revenue and resident pass sales with significant lakefront investments starting soon. Shapack requested that the District publish a fully allocated cost analysis of lakefront operations to understand whether the lakefront is financially self-sustaining before additional investments are made.

Executive Report: Executive Director Shepard provided an overview of current operations, highlighting that the summer season is coming to a close after a safe and successful season and recognized staff for their hard work. Camp enrollment remained strong, particularly for FSA and Game On contractual programs, as well as the District's traditional full-day camp. Before- and after-care participation also increased following investments in transportation and expanded access for specialty camp participants. Recent family surveys have produced very positive feedback and compliments

regarding staff. A comprehensive report on camps and aquatics, including additional participation data and survey results, will be presented at a later Board meeting.

Staff also highlighted several operational updates, including a community safety training exercise held on August 5 in partnership with the Village, School District, Library, and Family Services. Annual facility cleaning and maintenance shutdowns were completed or underway at Takiff and Weinberg, with some projects continuing beyond the scheduled closure period. Fall program registration is strong, and the after-school program is experiencing its highest enrollment to date. Staff also welcomed a new recreation supervisor who will oversee athletics, youth sports, fitness, and other programming.

The Glencoe Beach construction project will begin after Labor Day. The beach will close for construction beginning September 8, with work initially focused on the south side. Boats and vessels that will continue to be used during the fall will be relocated to North Beach, which will remain operational through October 11 during designated Friday and weekend hours. The beach ramp will be closed to the public during construction hours from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays but is expected to remain available for pedestrian use after construction hours and on weekends, subject to safety and site conditions. Access to South Beach will be restricted, and boaters needing to retrieve vessels from that area will be required to make an appointment. A comprehensive communication plan to keep residents and boaters informed throughout construction is in place. Staff will continue to monitor conditions, respond to questions, and adjust communications and access procedures as necessary.

Staff also reported continued progress on the West Park project. Work on school property is expected to be substantially completed as school begins, allowing access to the green space and racket courts. The remaining portions of the project are anticipated to be completed by mid-September, weather permitting, at which time staff will evaluate restoration work and determine which areas can safely reopen to the public.

The Park Maintenance Center ribbon-cutting is scheduled for September 3 at 10:30 a.m., with invitations sent and additional public outreach planned.

Board members thanked staff for successfully managing multiple major capital projects, facility improvements, and seasonal operations at the same time.

Action Items:

Approval of the Friends Park Concept Design: A motion was made by Commissioner Cummins to approve the revised Friends Park Concept Design as presented. Commissioner Hazan seconded the motion.

AYES: Guzman, Reifman, Cummins, Hazan, Covey
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The motion passed.

Approval of the Employee Health Insurance Plan: A motion was made by Commissioner Guzman to approve participation in the Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative (IPBC) effective January 1, 2027, for a period of one year, as the 2027 employee health insurance plan as presented. Commissioner Cummins seconded the motion.

AYES: Guzman, Reifman, Cummins, Hazan, Covey
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The motion passed.

Approval of the Early Childhood Advisory Membership Appointments: A motion was made by Commissioner Guzman to approve appointments for membership of the Early Childhood Advisory Group as presented. Commissioner Cummins seconded the motion.

AYES: Guzman, Reifman, Cummins, Hazan, Covey
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The motion passed.

Approval of the Lakefront Park Parking Task Force Membership: A motion was made by Commissioner Reifman to approve the appointments for membership of the Lakefront Park Parking Task Force as presented. Commissioner Cummins seconded the motion.

AYES: Guzman, Reifman, Cummins, Hazan, Covey
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The motion passed.

Approval of a Sign at Ravine Bluffs Park Adjacent to Ravine Bluffs Cottage has been tabled to a future meeting.

Other Business: None

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

Adjourn: Commissioner Reifman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm.
Commissioner Hazan 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 flourish at the end.

Lisa M. Sheppard
Secretary