

MINUTES OF THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2024 GLENCOE BEACH AND
LAKEFRONT ADVISORY GROUP MEETING - GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT
GLENCOE BEACH, TRELLIS

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Chair Reifman, and the roll was called.

Members in Attendance: Nicole Reifman (Chair), Lowell Cantor, Rada Cheremoshnyuk, Eileen Sirkin (6:35 pm), Samantha Dobrusin, Rob Green, Julia Lissner, Delta Rae Schonhoft (6:55 pm), Larry Smith, Andre Lerman, Steve Varick

Absent: Ashlee Thompson, Daiva Calkite, Anna Guelzim, Jennifer Rapoport

Staff in Attendance: Executive Director Lisa Sheppard, Deputy Director/Director of Recreation and Facilities Bobby Collins, Kyle Kuhs, Director of Parks and Planning, Assistant Director of Recreation and Facilities Adam Wohl, Beach and Ice Rink Facility Manager Shannon Stevens

Public in Attendance: Janet Lerman

Approval of Minutes: Member Varick moved to approve the January 29, 2025, Lakefront Advisory Group Meetings minutes. Member Smith seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote. No further discussion ensued.

Seasonal Operational and Usage Update: Manager Stevens gave an update on the Glencoe Swimming and Boating Beaches operation during the 2025 season. She reviewed pass and daily visit statistics for the beach year-to-date compared to previous summers. She also reviewed staffing levels and boat storage waitlists.

Bond Referendum Proposal and Long-Term Capital Planning for the Beach and Lakefront: Director Kuhs updated the advisory on the Park District's long-term capital projects for the beach. Following the update, a discussion ensued among the members.

Advisory Group Feedback: Members discussed a variety of operational and safety considerations related to lakefront use. Member Smith raised concerns about the interaction between paddleboarders, kayakers, and boaters in the launch area, particularly as vessels enter and exit the water. Staff committed to reviewing and enhancing signage to improve user awareness and safety in shared areas.

Member Lerman expressed appreciation for the District's transparency, professionalism, and overall care of the facility, specifically commending Manager Stevens for her efforts in training seasonal staff. Member Varick inquired about the availability of open rack

spaces and noted concerns about permit holders who had not yet brought their boats to the facility. Staff will continue to monitor occupancy and usage of assigned storage.

Additional questions centered on facility operations and policy matters. Member Lerman asked whether the beach facility would remain open during the shoulder seasons, prompting a brief discussion on staffing and usage trends. Member Lissner raised questions about water closures and the District's procedures for testing and monitoring bacteria levels. She also inquired about legal protections concerning children attending birthday parties at the beach, which led to a broader conversation about liability and participant supervision for private events.

Matters from the Public: Janet Lerman thanked staff for their work and a greta beach season.

Other: None

Adjourn: Member Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm. Member Varick seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Bobby Collins', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Bobby Collins
Deputy Director/Director of Recreation and Facilities