

APPROVED

MINUTES OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025 GLENCOE BEACH AND
LAKEFRONT ADVISORY GROUP MEETING - GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT
THE TAKIFF CENTER, ROOM 1

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Reifman, and the roll was called.

Members in Attendance: Nicole Reifman (Chair), Rada Cheremoshnyuk (6:55 pm), Eileen Sirkin, Samantha Dobrusin, Delta Rae Schonhoft (6:12 pm), Larry Smith, Andre Lerman, Steve Varick, Ashlee Thompson (6:17 pm)

Absent: Lowell Cantor, Daiva Calkite, Anna Guelzim, Jennifer Rapoport, Rob Green, Julia Lissner

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 Lerman moved to approve the July 10, 2025, Lakefront Advisory Group Meetings minutes. Member Varick seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote. No further discussion ensued.

Review of the Lakefront Report for the 2025 Season: Manager Stevens provided an in-depth analysis of the past beach season. Key highlights included: pass sales, attendance, staffing, training, water safety and closures, beach programming, survey results and events.

Discussion and Advisory Feedback on Beach Operations and Future Planning: Executive Director Sheppard and Deputy Director Collins facilitated a two-part conversation with the Advisory.

Off-Season Beach Use and Community Feedback:

Collins shared that staff have received comments from neighbors and community members regarding increased activity at the beach during the off-season, when the lakefront remains open as a public park. Concerns raised by the community include:

- Parking challenges
- Garbage and litter accumulation
- Vehicles driving down the ramp for non-ADA purposes
- Smoking and drinking on the beach

The Advisory was asked whether they believe these issues represent a significant concern and what recommendations or operational adjustments should be considered.

Additional discussion focused on garbage management at the beach during the off-season. Advisory members and staff noted ongoing concerns about litter accumulation and explored the possibility of installing larger or alternative-style refuse containers, similar to those used in state parks, to better accommodate increased use during extended warm periods.

The group also discussed shifting weather patterns and the unusually high number of warm days experienced in September, which have contributed to heavier post-season beach activity. Staff highlighted the operational challenges this creates, particularly the difficulty in securing adequate staffing once the traditional beach season concludes and seasonal employees return to school or other commitments.

Review of the Lakefront Report:

Sheppard and Collins then invited members to share any questions or topics within the Lakefront Report that they wished to discuss further. Advisory members were encouraged to identify sections needing clarification, additional detail, or future discussion. No Additional concerns were raised.

Long-Term Capital Planning for the Beach and Lakefront: Director Kuhs presented two design options for the new playground, sun shelters, and trellis planned as part of the upcoming lakefront improvements. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed concepts, materials, and layout considerations. Advisory members were encouraged to complete the digital survey to provide additional feedback and help guide the next phase of design development.

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

Other: The group discussed the new boater lockers, and there was a general consensus expressing support and overall liking of the new lockers.

Adjourn: Member Lerman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm. Member Rae Schonhoft 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 horizontal line.

Bobby Collins
Deputy Director/Director of Recreation and Facilities