

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2024 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:

Carol Spain, President
Stefanie Boron, Vice President
Michael Covey, Treasurer
Bart Schneider, Commissioner
Jordan Spector, Commissioner

Staff present:

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

Members of the public in attendance who signed in or spoke: Debra Dresner, Tom Fraerman, Jones, Karen Reyha, Betsy Ruchman

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Commissioner Spector to approve the consent agenda items as presented including Minutes of January 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, Minutes of February 6, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting, and Approval of the Bills. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion. No further discussion ensued. The motion passed via voice vote.

Discussion on Renovation of Racquet Courts: Staff gave the presentation attached to these minutes. President Spain then moved to Matters from the Public to receive any input on pickleball or any other matters from attendees and indicated that commissioners would resume discussion after that.

Matters from the Public: Comments for the Board's consideration, and Board responses, are listed as follows. The District has received comments via email addressed to the Board, which are available to the public upon request. Comments continued including being against pickleball at Shelton Park due to proximity to his property, noise, and the amount of programming at that site, not a proponent of pickleball at Watts and Central Parks due to its proximity to homes, proponent of pickleball stating that it is here to stay, pickleball is intergenerational, please keep its popularity in mind when planning courts and parking, and leave both pickleball and tennis nets up year-round.

Board Resumed Discussion on Renovation of Racquet Courts: Board discussion ensued and staff answered Commissioners questions as needed. The Board discussed potential replacement or resurfacing of court projects in the next two years in regards to Central, Shelton, West, and Watts Parks, and soundproofing. The OSLAD grant was discussed at West, which includes the addition of two pickleball courts. The West Park design had two rounds of community input on the park design and was approved by the Board in the past to be submitted for an OSLAD Grant. Weinberg Family Recreation Center's seasonal outdoor pickleball courts will continue this coming year from May 1 to approximately September 29, and hopefully annually in perpetuity. Based on the OSLAD grant timeline,

staff recommended tennis court renovations this coming year and if approved, pickleball court renovations for the following year. Discussion ensued.

After further discussion regarding parks, grant funding, noise, the Board reached consensus for staff to move forward with tennis court renovations only at Watts and Central Parks this coming year, and two pickleball courts at West Park in the following year. The Board will have further discussion regarding adding pickleball courts to Shelton Park again in the future.

Discussion on Beach Pass Model: Staff received results from the survey including the beach pass model previously discussed with the Board. Beach pass holder survey results showed that 92% are in favor of keeping the existing beach pass model and the community survey agreed at 76% in favor. Staff recommend increasing the daily beach pass fee to \$12 resident and \$24 nonresident (\$2 increase). Staff also recommended that we become part of the Explore Illinois Museum Pass, in which we can allow our daily beach passes to be checked out at libraries. We will pilot the program in 20 libraries in the surrounding area that do not have access to a beach. The District can customize the libraries, household use max, total number of passes and receive data reporting; however, we cannot see names and addresses. Executive Director Sheppard also noted that this meets social equity pillars. Safety considerations were discussed in length.

The Board, following discussion, directed staff to move forward with keeping the current beach pass model, increasing the daily pass fee, and utilizing the Museum Pass for daily beach passes in favor of meeting social equity standards.

Financial Report: The District is eleven months into the fiscal year. Director Cutrera gave a synopsis of the January reports included in the packet. The Beach Dept. looks to be a bit short of budget, the Recreation Department is at 50% compared to last year in regards to overall margin, property tax revenue continues to come in reflected in the Corporate/Admin and Recreation Departments.

Executive Director Report: Executive Director Sheppard shared that the brochure came out today and she lauded staff on the team effort. March 7 kicks off resident beach pass sales. Executive Director Sheppard thanked Commissioner Schneider and Commissioner Spector for attending the conference on Saturday. Staff found the IPRA/IAPD conference be very beneficial. AI was a big topic of conversation. The District won 1st place in the "Agency Showcase" our website. The Board will be doing a 5-year review on policies and manuals in the next few months as part of Distinguished Accreditation audit of the District's processes. Camp projections are superb. Age/grade changes, fees, and program details were reviewed.

Action Items:

Approval of Resolution No. 960 for the commitment of \$800,000 of the Corporate Fund Balance and \$1,200,000 of the Recreation Fund Balance for future Capital Projects of the Glencoe Park District: A motion was made by Commissioner Spector to approve Resolution No. 960 for the commitment of \$800,000 of the Corporate Fund Balance and

\$1,200,000 of the Recreation Fund Balance for future Capital Projects of the Glencoe Park District as presented. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion. No further discussion ensued. Roll call vote taken:

AYES: Boron, Covey, Schneider, Spector, Spain
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The motion passed.

Approval of Midwest Field Solutions proposal for ballfield restoration work at Watts Park in the amount of \$30,875: A motion was made by Commissioner Spector to approve the acceptance of Midwest Field Solutions' proposal for ballfield restoration work at Watts Park in the amount of \$30,875 as presented. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion. No further discussion ensued. Roll call vote taken:

AYES: Boron, Covey, Schneider, Spector, Spain
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The motion passed.

Approval of the purchase of one Ford Super Duty F-250 through National Auto Fleet Group under Sourcewell Contract 091521-NAF in an amount not to exceed \$57,000: A motion was made by Commissioner Boron to approve the purchase of one (1) Ford Super Duty F-250 through National Auto Fleet Group under Sourcewell Contract 091521-NAF in an amount not to exceed \$57,000 as presented. Commissioner Spector seconded the motion. No further discussion ensued. Roll call vote taken:

AYES: Boron, Covey, Schneider, Spector, Spain
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The motion passed.

Approval and authorization for the Executive Director to sign an electricity contract through NIMEC for electricity services in a contract length not to exceed 36 months: A motion was made by Commissioner Spector to approve and authorize the Executive Director to sign an electricity contract through NIMEC for electricity services in a contract length not to exceed 36 months as presented. Commissioner Boron seconded the motion. No further discussion ensued. Roll call vote taken:

AYES: Boron, Covey, Schneider, Spector, Spain
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The motion passed.

Approval of the purchase of three 16' x 16' cantilever single post pyramid shade structures in the amount of \$38,285 under Sourcewell Contract Pricing: A motion was made by Commissioner Boron to approve the purchase of three 16' x 16' cantilever single post pyramid shade structures in the amount of \$38,285 as presented. Commissioner Spector seconded the motion. These are for the Takiff early childhood playground. No further discussion ensued. Roll call vote taken:

AYES: Boron, Covey, Schneider, Spector, Spain

NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The motion passed.

Approval of the purchase of one Exmark Zero Turn Tri-deck mower through Arlington Power Equipment Inc. under OMNIA contract 20469 in an amount not to exceed \$75,000: A motion was made by Commissioner Spector to approve the purchase of one Exmark Zero Turn Tri-deck mower through Arlington Power Equipment Inc. under OMNIA contract 20469 in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 as presented. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion. No further discussion ensued. Roll call vote taken:

AYES: Boron, Covey, Schneider, Spector, Spain
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The motion passed.

Other Business: The Glencoe Historical Society requested signage for the Frank Lloyd Wright Booth Cottage and after review of the request and extensive discussion, the Board requested that President Spain and Executive Director Sheppard meet with the Historical Society on the sign wording, size and location and bring back to the Board for approval.

Adjourn to Closed Session: At 9:15pm, Commissioner Boron moved to adjourn into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity as mandated by Section 2.06. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1). Commissioner Spector seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Return to Open Session: Commissioner Covey moved to return to open session at 9:45pm and Commissioner Spector seconded the motion. No further discussion ensued. Roll call vote taken:

AYES: Boron, Covey, Schneider, Spector, Spain
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The motion passed.

Action taken, if any, from Executive Session: There was no action taken during or after closed session.

Adjourn: Commissioner Spector moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:46pm. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion. The motion passed via voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Sheppard
Secretary