

APPROVED

MINUTES OF APRIL 3, 2018 SPECIAL PROJECTS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE
MEETING
GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT
999 GREEN BAY ROAD, GLENCOE, ILLINOIS 60022

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm and roll was called.

Committee Members present:

Lisa Brooks, Chair/Vice President
Stefanie Boron, Commissioner
Steve Gaines, Commissioner

Staff present:

Lisa Sheppard, Executive Director/Secretary

Commissioners present:

Dudley Onderdonk, President
Josh Lutton, Treasurer

Members of the Public in attendance who signed in or spoke: There was no one from the public in attendance.

Matters from the Public: There were no matters from the public.

Discussion on Old Green Bay Trail Linear Park System: Executive Director Sheppard led Commissioners in a brainstorming discussion resulting in feedback as follows.

- To meet a need not presently met in Glencoe
- Connectivity to the Green Bay Trail
- Wayfinding signage
- Meandering trail throughout the park
- Expand connection to Glencoe business district
- Path as a wave, interspersed with pods of activity or interest, described as a "spine of experiences"
- Users can see out and passerby can see in
- Not including a lot of permanent stuff; uses might be temporary
- To be multi-generational
- Safety issues at the four street crossings
- Potential for ADA accessibility at *some* points along the path, but not entirely adapted
- Easily maintained
- Neighboring buffers
- Multiple use; may require addition of bioswales or rain gardens for low-lying areas
- Space for 'orphan sports' (croquet, cricket, lawn bowling)
- Allowing field area to be adaptable to multiple uses
- Veterans Park in need of 'freshening'
- Do not over-develop; maintain open feel
- Create donation opportunities in the plan
- There is ample parking available and there isn't a need to create more

- Potential to involve Sesquicentennial; create possible donor opportunity(s)
- Include area for 'healing' or 'serenity'
- Consider phasing-in some of the projects
- Landscaping should reflect place and time and be reflective of Glencoe
- Determine what role this plays in the GPD inventory
- Retain that sense of open space
- Consider outdoor musical apparatus
- Contemplative, relaxed space
- See it more path-like and linear
- Appreciate a natural, green, 'nature' focus
- Water feature ('dancing fountain' for play and visual appeal)
- Consider a couple of play areas (bench, climbing wall)
- Some interactive areas
- Pods for adult fitness equipment
- Must continue to maintain integrity of staging area for camps
- Include seating areas
- Separate the path for walkers from the road
- Challenged by heavy 'raindrop tree' issue; path might require removing trees; no real consensus on what would be acceptable; would remain to be seen what would have to be done to create a continuous path
- Encourage Village to install real bike barriers on road to ensure it is clearly a walkers' path
- Consider 8-10 feet wide paths as an industry standard for people to pass on the path
- Create signage that makes pathway clear; consider signage for descriptive aspects of the pathway
- Take advantage of ravine for 'wheel sports'
- Balance GPD's investments in playgrounds with something different;
- Agreement that a premium should be placed on 'sustainable', 'green' design; no consensus on what that would mean in terms of additional percentage cost
- No cement; probably crushed gravel
- Have swings/benches for people to sit
- Have trail connect to the playground

Executive Director Sheppard then asked the Board a series of questions:

- Are you willing to pay more for sustainability initiatives on this project? The Board answered: Yes, the amount would be dependent upon the initiatives.
- Do you want to have the trail always free of standing water? Executive Director Sheppard indicated that there are water retainage areas throughout the linear parks. The Board answered: Occasional water on the pathways would be acceptable.
- Given the fact that any improvement will cost more in park maintenance, are you willing to spend more money on maintenance costs yearly? The Board consensus was yes. Executive Director Sheppard indicated that park staff will provide estimates of additional maintenance costs as the project develops.
- Does the Board want any donor aspects of this design? All Board members responded yes.

Update on Park Projects: Executive Director Sheppard than updated the Committee on

the ongoing capital projects:

Takiff Parking Phase 1: Clauss Brothers is currently submitting soil samples for approval to Altamanu for the eventual installation in the new bioswales. Work is still suspended due to cold weather. Staff has been working as weather allows repairing and replacing sections of the backstop fencing.

Takiff Parking Phase 2: Staff will be executing a 60% design review with staff from Altamanu on Friday, April 2. We will flush out any questions and prepare the Board approved concept for legal bidding.

Woodlawn, Vernon, and Old Elm Playground Replacement: We will be opening the sealed legal bid this Friday, April 2. Based on bid numbers, we may be making a recommendation at the April Board meeting to enter into a contract to start construction. Fifteen firms have shown an interest in the project.

Boating Beach: Staff has completed the construction of the kayak racks and is currently working on the lockers and ramp. The locker foundations have been installed and the walls are going up this week, weather depending. The beaches have been graded this season and are so far holding up well.

Green Bay Trail: Working with the staff from the VoG, Glencoe Park District staff has finished the initial clear of the invasive plant material within the area between South Avenue and the Phil Thomas Playground along the Green Bay Trail. The initial removal and herbicide application was completed between Wednesday, March 18 and Monday, March 23.

Matters from the Public: There were no matters from the public.

Other Business: There was no other business.

Adjourn: Commissioner Brooks moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm. Commissioner Gaines seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Sheppard
Secretary