

MINUTES OF TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019 GLENCOE BEACH AND  
LAKEFRONT ADVISORY GROUP MEETING - GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT  
TAKIFF CENTER, ROOM #1

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Chair Lutton and roll was called.

Members in Attendance: Josh Lutton (Chair), Andre Lerman, Dudley Onderdonk, Eileen Sirkin, Larry Smith, Jon Ruderman (arrived 7:06pm)

Absent: Lisa Brooks, Steve Varick, John Satter, Linda Semel, Stephanie Boron

Staff in Attendance: Executive Director Lisa Shepard, Director of Recreation and Facilities Bobby Collins, Director of Parks and Maintenance Chris Leiner, Beach Manager Matt Walker

Public in Attendance: Janet Lerman

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Member Lerman to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2019 Lakefront Advisory Group Meeting. Member Smith seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote. No further discussion ensued.

2019 Beach Report Review: Beach Manager Walker updated the committee on the overall performance and operation of the Glencoe Swimming and Boating Beach. Beach Manager reviewed staffing levels, beach training, the annual PDRMA Audit results, revenue collection, water testing procedures, and beach programming.

Member Ruderman asked for clarification on the recommendation of locking gates on the Sun Shelters per member Varick's email expressing concern about locking the sun shelters. Beach Manager Walker clarified how the sun shelters need to be managed in a more efficient way to prevent non-paying guests from entering the sun shelters. Any barrier would only be utilized during operational hours and all other times, the use of the sun shelters would be on a first-come, first-served basis. Revised reservation times for the sun shelters were also discussed and there was a general consensus it would be appropriate to move to two reservation times per day.

Operational Planning Discussion: Director Collins presented to the committee the effects of minimum wage increases to the beach operation over the next five years. The possibility of increased fees combined with cuts in service were discussed as well as possible changes to our facility hours. Committee members were thankful for the

forward-thinking and groundwork that has already begun to face the forthcoming increase in the minimum wage. A positive conversation ensued about the topic. The overall consensus was to make gradual changes to operating hours as the level of service was more important than price. It was mentioned we are currently seeking a new two year deal with a new concessionaire.

Director Leiner presented on the various capital projects underway at the beach facility as well as addressed the ongoing issue of the high lake levels damaging the bathing beach pier decking.

Advisory Group Feedback: Member Smith expressed concern about the slippery condition of the walkway and stairs used to access the north boating beach. Member Sirkin inquired about the northernmost concrete pier and its current state of disrepair. Member Lerman stated how nice the staff has been and how excited they are to be at work each day. Member Lutton expressed how he would like to see a progressive sailing program start to form down at the sailing beach, offering different age groups as well as skill levels the ability to sail during off sailing camp hours. Staff will look into options for this recommendation. Member Lerman expressed his thanks to the beach staff as a whole and the parks department for a great summer especially on how quickly we addressed the erosion events caused by the high water levels. Member Smith was also complimentary to beach and parks staff for the same reasons.

Matters from the Public: Janet Lerman complimented the beach staff across the board for their continued assistance over the summer.

Other: None

Adjourn: Member Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47pm. Member Sirkin seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Bobby Collins  
Director of Recreation and Facilities