

**APPROVED**

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 26, 2019 WATTS ADVISORY GROUP MEETING  
GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT  
TAKIFF CENTER  
999 GREEN BAY ROAD, GLENCOE, ILLINOIS 60022

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. and roll was called.

Members present: Commissioner Lisa Brooks, John Cadden, Joshua Cooper, Francois Delcourt, Anita Diaz, Michael Glass, Alexandra Gordan, Natalie Holtzman, Steve Kohn, Paul Krieger, Hilary Lee, Leah Lyle, Jim Montembeault, Kevin Osimitz, Seth Palatnik, Steve Nolan, Steve Norhad, Joe Rosenthal (arrived 7:06), Britt Wright, Tom Zachar

Members absent: Gary Hazan, Patty Talbot, Jack Weinberg, Jeanne Shin-Cooper

Staff present: Adam Wohl, Watts and Takiff Facility Manager; Bobby Collins, Director of Recreation and Facilities; Chris Leiner, Director of Parks and Maintenance; Lisa Sheppard, Executive Director

Members of the public present: George Kelly and Brian Farrell

Introduction: Lisa Sheppard lead introductions of staff

Approval of the Minutes: A motion was made by Member Palatnik to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2019 Watts Advisory Group Meeting. Member Norhad seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote. No further discussion ensued.

Advisory Group Introduction: Advisory group members introduced themselves

Review of Watts Community Meeting: Staff reviewed feedback from the November 5, 2019 Watts community meeting. The advisory group had no additional comments related to the feedback received at the community meeting.

Whiffleball and paddle tennis were mentioned as year-round amenities to explore. Staff reviewed highlights from the engineering survey of the ice rink conditions assessment.

Advisory group members questioned alternative spaces for kids club, including South School and Takiff. A discuss ensued around the longer-term trend towards two-income households and the need for strong before and after school programs.

Lisa Sheppard walked the group through the draft concept plan for Watts. The advisory group questioned what the cost of the plan would be. Staff stated that it was still too early and that a scope needs to be developed before an accurate cost estimated can be presented. The advisory group was overwhelmingly in favor of

eliminating the parking element of the concept plan. The group discussed that a player's box on the studio rink and adding a second door was important.

Advisory Group Feedback: Staff reviewed the upcoming 2019-20 Watts Season and that they are on track to open the day after thanksgiving. Staff received feedback from member Norehad to review the party reervation process to improve the customer experience. Member Holtzman asked if staff could look for a way to improve communication of open skate times. Manager Wohl will look into options.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bobby Collins, Director of Recreation and Facilities