

APPROVED

GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT
999 Green Bay Road
Glencoe, Illinois 60022

RECREATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, May 12, 2010

MINUTES

Roll Call The meeting was called to order at 8:33 p.m. and the roll was called. Present were Recreation Committee members Max Retsky (Chair) and Mike Brohman, Commissioners Hilary Lee, Bob Kimble, and Tim Stratton. Staff present included Executive Director/ Secretary Don Van Arsdale, Director of Recreation Cheryl DeClerck, Director of Finance/Human Resources Carol Mensinger, Director of Parks Rick Bold, Manager of Recreation Services Emily Vanderkamp, Early Childhood Program Manager Heather Burns, Athletics Program Manager Kraig Owens, Office Manager Lorise Weil, and Executive Secretary Nancy Symonds.

Approval of March 10, 2010 and March 16, 2010 Recreation Committee Minutes

Commissioner Brohman moved and Commissioner Retsky seconded to approve the meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Matters from the Public There was no one present from the public.

Glencoe Junior Kindergarten Ms. DeClerck introduced Ms. Kelly Glauberman from Glencoe Junior Kindergarten and Nursery School (GJK). Ms. Glauberman stated she was GJK's liaison with the Park District Board and staff for the upcoming year. She looks forward to continuing the good relationship between the Park District and GJK.

Affiliate/Community Group Agreement and Field Use Ms. DeClerck indicated this item was continuing to be addressed because the District's current Affiliate Agreement does not contain provisions recommended by the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) or the District's attorney. The revised agreement along with the District's Conduct Ordinance will define the terms of the District's relationship with its affiliates and their use of Park District property.

Ms. DeClerck continued by stating she received feedback from two of the current affiliate organizations. One of the provisions of the affiliate agreement under discussion includes the percentage of Glencoe residents in the affiliate organization. The 51% resident requirement for new affiliate groups will be effective only for new affiliates. Other changes include background investigation process, the number of times the affiliate group must meet with District representatives to twice a year, and a \$40 per hour with a two hour minimum light usage fee.

Ms. DeClerck then shared with the Committee the response to the Affiliate Agreement from Mark Rice and Glencoe Football Association (GFA). Mr. Rice then spoke to the Committee regarding his desire to work with the District, but he didn't see the need for the Affiliate Agreement since he uses only the District's fields. He said GFA does its own registration and does not rely on the District.

Mr. Brohman indicated the Affiliate Agreement enables affiliate organizations to have priority in use of the fields, which fields to use and when. He also stated that organizations pay for the use of the field and help pay capital improvements to the fields. He indicated Glencoe Baseball Association (GBA) helped pay for renovations to Watts Field.

Mr. Rice indicated his organization is welcomed at other area fields. He indicated that organized sports help improve children's skills so they can play on high school teams and sports help keep children out of trouble. In reviewing the proposed Affiliate Agreement, the girls could not cheer because of music and the load noise. He does not understand the benefit to GFA to be an affiliate organization of the District.

Mr. Brohman indicated an organization's affiliate status with the District does not take away any autonomy and the District does not want to tell organizations what to do. He continued by stating the District is planning for the "what ifs."

Background checks and financial statement of affiliate organizations is proposed to be included in the new Affiliate Agreement.

Discussion continued. Ms. DeClerck indicated the Affiliate Agreement currently in use is out-of-date and PDRMA requested the proposed new agreement.

Mr. Rice indicated his current agreement expired in 2008. Mr. Rice indicated he would like a customized agreement.

Mr. Brohman indicated staff worked hard to develop an Affiliate Agreement and the list of benefits for the agreement is included in the agreement. Mr. Stratton indicated that different groups might see different benefits so different categories of groups might be needed. He suggested a meeting with PDRMA representatives and current affiliate organizations (American Youth Soccer Organization, Glencoe Baseball Association and Glencoe Football Association) be held so the affiliate organizations understanding the need for a new agreement.

The Committee recommended staff revisit the Affiliate Agreement and present it for further Committee discussion and review.

Scholarship Policy Ms. DeClerck indicated that the scholarship policy was discussed at a Special Meeting of the Board and the Board recommended that staff resolve the gap in the policy where Early Learning Center scholarship participants exceeded their \$1,500 cap this year, precipitating a withdrawal from the program before the end of the school year. Staff was presenting an increase in the family cap to \$3,000.

Discussion ensued. Commissioner Retsky indicated one child had to withdraw for a program. She then inquired about per participate cost for a program.

Mr. Stratton indicated the scholarship policy is a difficult issue, a delicate balance, between educational programs and fun programs. He continued by indicated he wants Glencoe residents to be eligible for programs and hopes families are not abusing the policy.

Ms. DeClerck indicated Family Service of Glencoe pre-screens families and it determines the scholarship percentage for a family. The range is 50% - 90%.

Ideas which were mentioned include how to fairly treat families with more than one child eligible for a program, discount if more than one family member is enrolled in a program (Before and/or After School Adventures, for example).

Mr. Kimble indicated there are many families in Glencoe who are struggling financially and the scholarship policy has helped them enroll in programs.

Mr. Brohman indicated Glencoe Baseball Association has offered scholarships for some of its players.

Ms. Lee thanked the staff for its diligent work on this difficult topic and supported staff's recommendation.

Further discussion ensued.

After discussion, the Committee reached agreement to have staff revisit the policy prior to the start of fall programs.

Fall 2010 Programs Ms. DeClerck presented information about new fall programs. After discussion, the Committee reached agreement to have the Fall 2010 Programs presented at the next regular Board meeting for approval.

Ms. Glauberman complimented Ms. DeClerck on the T-ball for little kids program.

Other Business Ms. DeClerck indicated the first garage sale was held at the Takiff Center with 28 vendors. Many of these vendors indicated their appreciation for the location and would like to do it again.

Adjourn With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 pm. on a motion from Commissioner Brohman and a second from Commissioner Kimble.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl DeClerck
Director of Recreation