

**APPROVED**

**GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT  
999 Green Bay Road  
Glencoe, Illinois 60022**

**SPECIAL PROJECTS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
7 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 12, 2010**

**Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p. m. Present were Committee members Tim Stratton (Chair), Bob Kimble, and Hilary Lee. Staff present included Executive Director/ Secretary Don Van Arsdale, Director of Facilities Rob Ward, Director of Parks Rick Bold, Athletics Program Manager Kraig Owens, and Executive Secretary Nancy Symonds.

Members of the public in attendance included Glencoe residents Monica Letsoff, 249 Dennis Lane; Mark Rice, 546 Westley; William Russell, 243 Dennis Lane; Roman Schlaeger, 256 Lincoln; Nina Schroeder, 225 Lincoln Drive; Barbara Sideman, 26 Crescent Drive; and Susan Temple, 222 Lincoln.

**Matters from the Public** There was no one present wishing to address the Committee at this time.

**Discussion of Report from Engineer: 3N Park** Committee Chair Stratton asked Director of Parks Bold to introduce Mr. Tom Rychlik from Gewalt Hamilton. Mr. Bold proceeded to introduce Mr. Rychik and indicated Mr. Rychik will make a presentation regarding a proposal regarding 3N Park.

Mr. Rychik proceeded with a PowerPoint® presentation which showed drainage remediation and ball field configurations on the site located on Old Green Bay Road between Dennis Lane and Lincoln Drive. Major highlights of the proposal included replacing the current back stop, adding fencing, planting sod and installing a rain garden which could help residents in the area with their flooding issues. Mr. Rychik included if the project as proposed is developed, the work could be done in about two weeks, depending on weather. He also shared information on projected costs.

Discussion ensued. Mr. Stratton informed those present that this proposal was discussed at an earlier Board meeting as a request from Glencoe Baseball Association (GBA). GBA asked about the feasibility of having a baseball field for its youngest players at this park and agreed to reimburse the Park District for engineering expenses. Discussion continued.

Mr. Schlaeger expressed his opposition to this proposal. His home is adjacent to the park and he does not want any changes to the park.

Ms. Schroeder indicated she was supportive of the proposal plan because playing fields for all sports are limited in Glencoe as in most other suburban areas.

Commissioner Stratton indicated to those in attendance this is a Committee meeting for discussion only and no final discussion will be made by the Board without further study and review.

Commissioner Kimble indicated he was a former member of the GBA board and he understands the lack of fields for the younger players. He feels the current backstop should be removed.

Ms. Temple stated this field could be used as a back up field and wondered if this park was being considered for football. Mr. Owens said this park is too small for football.

Ms. Sideman questioned why the younger children don't play at Central Park. Director of Parks Bold indicated the Central Park ballfields are under the jurisdiction of the Glencoe School District. The Central Park field was upgraded for soccer use by the American Youth Soccer Organization.

Discussion continued. Mr. Stratton indicated that there is currently no money in the budget for this project. GBA currently uses various parks for games and practices.

Athletic Program Manager Owens indicated the Park District has already in place a field use policy which outlines which organization has priority field use for District's parks.

Mr. Schlaeger indicated he liked the quiet neighborhood and there was enough noise already with lawnmowers and trains. Ms. Schroeder indicated it would be great to see activity in the park. Ms. Letsoff indicated her desire to keep the park the way it is.

Commissioner Lee indicated the Park Board has been very transparent in its discussion of this proposal. GBA came to the Park Board and the Committee is now seeking more information. She continued by stating this is not a large park and previously baseball has been played there.

Mr. Kimble stated GBA would be interested in using this park only for the younger players.

Mr. Schlaeger indicated putting up a fence would make the park look awful. Ms. Temple stated she would like the back stop removed.

Chair Stratton indicated he was open to looking a portable fencing which is used at Watts Park and reminded those in attendance that the Park Commissioners are stewards of all parks for the residents.

Mr. Bold indicated the proposed plan would help to remediate drainage issues in the area and the park. Native plants would be added to the park.

Chair Stratton thanked those in attendance at this meeting and indicated that over 100 residents were invited to this meeting. He stated that when this item is being discussed by the Committee residents will be invited to share their thoughts. He reiterated that this is a Committee meeting only and final discussion and a possible decision could be at an upcoming Board meeting.

This concluded discussion of 3N Park.

Discussion of Storage Shed: Trevian Youth Football Chair Stratton asked Director of Parks Bold to present the request from Glencoe Football Association. Mr. Bold indicated he received a request from Glencoe Baseball Association to have a storage shed placed near the Parks Department garage for storage of its supplies. Mr. Bold continued by indicating the storage shed would be paid for by Glencoe Football Association and its placement would be at a location selected by the Park District. Also it was indicated if a permit for the storage shed was required by the Village of Glencoe, the football association would be responsible for obtaining said permit.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to recommend this item for Board approve.

Takiff Center Emergency Lighting System Chair Stratton asked Director of Facilities Ward to present information on the emergency exterior lighting system in the public way. Mr. Ward indicated the Village of Glencoe requires emergency exterior lighting. He continued by stating he received information from a company which will provide the required exterior lighting as a solar powered system. The system will have solar panels, use LED lights and smart technology. The panels will be located near ground level and will be designed to sense when the panel is covered. The panels will last 11 – 12 years and will exceed the minimum requirements of the Village.

Other Mr. Ward informed the Committee of a proposal to offer kayak and paddleboard rental at the Glencoe Beach this summer. The Committee reached consensus on the proposal which will be presented to the Board for approval at its May meeting.

Adjourn With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Kimble and a second by Commissioner Lee.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald P. Van Arsdale  
Secretary