

APPROVED

MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2014 GLENCOE BEACH AND LAKEFRONT ADVISORY GROUP MEETING GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT GLENCOE BEACH, 38 HAZEL AVENUE, GLENCOE, IL 60022

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Andre Lerman, Chair and Commissioner.

Roll Call: In attendance were Andre Lerman, Seth Palatnik, John Travis, Dudley Onderdonk, Stacy Baygood-Streur, Jeremy Mathews, Steve Varick, Kathy Sussman, Larry Smith, Linda Semel, Jon Ruderman, and Lisa Brooks. Also in attendance Park Board President Hilary Lee, Executive Director Lisa Sheppard, Director of Recreation and Facilities Dave Figgins and Watts, Beach Facility Manager David Johnson, and Boating Manager Clay Riggan. Absent: Eileen Sirkin

A motion was made by Larry Smith to approve the Minutes of the February 4, 2014 Glencoe Beach and Lakefront Advisory Group meeting. Steve Varick seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

2014 Lakefront Revenue Update:

Dave Figgins reviewed the Lakefront financial statements as of July 2, 2014. Total revenue is up over \$20,000 as compared to last year. A few individual revenue items are down. Staff will continue to monitor expenses for efficiency.

Lakefront Staff and Training Update:

David Johnson reviewed 2014 staff retention levels and training received for boating and swimming operations. Andre Lerman stated that for boating the level of staff support is good. Staff is well-trained and has a good presence.

2014 Capital Improvement Initiatives:

Dave Figgins discussed the improvements made to the Lakefront prior to opening. This included two new kayaks, six new paddle boards, enhanced signage, new buoys, and relocation of porta-potties. The group can recommend improvements for the 2014-2015 budget. There is a priority system for District-wide improvements. There was a question as to who owns stonewall leading to the Halfway House.

Review of July 4th:

Group members and then the general public were given an opportunity to comment on the July 4, 2014 activities.

Jon Ruderman was skeptical at first, but the Park District managed the event well. He recommended that we do not use the golf course, to hold fireworks on July 3, and the music is good, but put them on Hazel Avenue. He vocalized concern about the loss of revenue from closing the beach and that the event had fewer people than in years past.

Larry Smith commented that the fireworks were excellent although the band was playing to people's backs. The event was well-done under the conditions. The boat staff did a good job, however he would like to see six more beach wheels added to move the boats and a master plan. Mr. Smith also showed concern for the missed revenue at the beach and the ash on north beach.

Steve Varick added that he was pleasantly surprised, however would like to explore another option regarding the beach.

Bart Snyder (public) stated that the Village should help with clearing the streets afterwards.

Kathy Doyle (public) said she was skeptical at first, but the event turned out well.

Other comments included to consider the fireworks only, keep the band on the day of the fireworks, and July 4th culminates the day's events.

Seth Palatnik commented that there was no sense of community at Lakefront Park, the band was amazing, and he feels that separating Glencoe's Got Talent and the Art Fair hurt both events.

Upcoming Events:

David Johnson described special events that had taken place and that are being planned for the remainder of the summer all listed on our website and in our summer brochure.

Other:

John Travis requested removal of the weeds in the north end of the south boating beach. Staff will follow up.

Adjourn:

With no further business, Steve Varick made a motion to adjourn. John Travis seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dave Figgins
Director of Recreation and Facilities