

**APPROVED**

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2013 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT  
999 GREEN BAY ROAD, GLENCOE, ILLINOIS 60022

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. and roll was called. Present: Commissioners Bob Kimble (President), Hilary Lee (Vice President), Seth Palatnik (Treasurer), and Andre Lerman. Staff present: Executive Director/Secretary Lisa Sheppard, Director of Finance/Human Resources Carol Mensinger, Director of Parks Rick Bold, Director of Recreation Cheryl DeClerck, Director of Operations Steve Nagle, Manager of Marketing and Communications Erin Maassen, Horticulturist Tom McDonald, Karen Keefe, and Executive Assistant Nancy Symonds.

Members of the public in attendance: Melanie Bandari, Alison Bushell, Betsy Campbell, Cheryl Fulop, Jane Girard, Liz Goanach, Brad Holtzman, 350 Madison, Glencoe; Laurie Morse, 271 Hawthorn, Glencoe; Dudley Onderdunk, 228 Randolph, Glencoe; Glencoe; Missy Parks, and Laurie and Nate Sahn, 286 Randolph Street.

Also in attendance were Irv Leavitt, Pioneer Press reporter, and Will Jones, Assistant Village Manager, Village of Glencoe.

Matters from the Public President Kimble asked those in attendance if there was anyone wishing to address the Board. Betsy Campbell indicated she has two children in the Children's Circle program and has issues about the program she would like to address. She and other parents of Children's Circle were concerned about the quality of the food that served to the children, financial concerns about the program, and staffing. Discussion ensued.

President Kimble thanked those in attendance for their comments. He explained that the District is a separate taxing body from the Village of Glencoe, library, and school districts. Executive Director Sheppard stated staff and she would like to have a meeting with the parents to review the parents' concerns. Director of Finance/Human Resources Mensinger stated the District's fiscal year begins March 1 and the budget process for Fiscal Year 2014/2015 has already begun. Executive Director Sheppard stated The Park District Code governs the District with regard to funding and financial matters. She indicated The Park District Code would be available if anyone in the audience would like it. She continued by stating District staff and she would like to meet with the concerned parents to provide them with a better understanding of the budgeting process and discuss the Children's Circle program in general.

Commissioner Gaines arrived at 5:45 p.m.

Tour of Facilities President Kimble stated the next item on the agenda is a bike tour of District parks and anyone in the audience is welcome to join the Board and staff.

The bike tour began at the Takiff Center, then continued to Astor Park, West Park, Milton Park, Central Park, the tot lot at South and Vernon, the playground at Vernon and Jefferson, Watts Park, South School/Watts, through the Everly Sanctuary, the park at Woodlawn and Linden, Shelton Park, Kalk Park and returned to the Takiff Center. At each stop on the tour, Director of Parks Bold informed those in the attendance about the history and development of the park, recent renovations and upgrades, and the popularity and use of the park. There was discussion among the Board, staff, and audience at each park stop.

After the tour, the Board and staff reviewed and discussed what they had seen on the tour, learned more about the cooperation between School District #35 and the District already in place with regard to field use and maintenance, and brainstormed about future renovation, sponsorship, partnership, and/or donation possibilities with Glencoe-based organizations to expand and enhance the District's parks.

Director of Parks Bold stated there are also Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, which will need to be incorporated into the park system. He stated the renovated Friends Parks has exceeded ADA requirements.

Commissioner Lee stated the bike tour was an important step as the Board starts to develop its Master Plan.

After further discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to schedule a facility tour.

President Kimble thanked Director of Parks Bold and Manager of Marketing and Communications Maassen for developing the bike route that was used this evening.

Adjournment With no further business, at 8:10 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Lerman to adjourn. Vice President Lee seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa M. Sheppard*

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Secretary