

**APPROVED**

MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 2017 PUBLIC MEETING ON LAKEFRONT PARK  
GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT  
999 GREEN BAY ROAD, GLENCOE, ILLINOIS 60022

The meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members present to observe:

Steve Gaines, President  
Dudley Onderdonk, Vice President  
Lisa Brooks, Treasurer  
Andre Lerman, Commissioner

Staff present:

Lisa Sheppard, Executive Director/Secretary  
Chris Leiner, Director of Parks/Maintenance  
Mike Lushniak, Director of Recreation/Facilities  
Paul Goedjen, Takiff Manager

Landscape Architects present:

John McManus, AltaManu  
Josephine Bellalta, AltaManu

Attendees who signed in or spoke: Stefanie Boron, Debbie Dresner, Lori Goldberg, Ed Goodale, Rita Grassel-Shefa, M. Gourlay, JoAnn Kimzey, Phil Kiraly, Scott Kogen, Josh Lutton, Anne Pearlstein, John Ruderman, Bart Schneider, Cathy Secionle, Eileen Sirkin, Jack Smyth, Tracy Sprayregen, Sharon Zulkie

The meeting opened with a welcome and introduction from President Gaines. President Gaines indicated that the purpose of this Public Meeting was to discuss Lakefront Park only and that the Beach, Bluff, Water Plant, and Boating Beach were not part of tonight's discussion in order to keep us on track.

Executive Director Sheppard then welcomed everyone and expressed that the Board and staff came with an open mind to gather information on the revitalization of this park as we honor the past and update the park for the future. Sheppard also indicated that the Board has had preliminary discussion on this park and wanted to let the residents present to know up front some amenities they have indicated they are not interested in including in this update of the park. Those items included no shelters, amphitheater, washroom structure, spray pad, or lighted tennis courts. Sheppard also indicated that they are aware that there are water tanks under the tennis courts and there limitations on what we can do with that area. Staff has already begun talks with the Village about what can and cannot be done in this area.

John McManus and Josephine Bellalta from AltaManu provided a presentation on their firm, work they have done, and a history and information on Lakefront Park. They also asked residents to put a dot on a Glencoe map when they arrived to indicate where they reside. The presentation is attached to the minutes.

Mr. McManus and Ms. Bellalta then facilitated discussion and ideas from the audience. The ideas included:

- Redo the tennis courts: one resident wanted clay courts but recognized the maintenance issue, suggested they be made regulation size
- Some questioned if we need tennis courts and if the playground could be there
- One resident did an informal survey from neighbors and indicated that the playground gets used a lot and could be enlarged.
- More swings
- Pathways around the park need to be updated
- Against putting a pathway through the park
- Make one of the tennis courts a pickle ball court
- Add Bocce Ball
- Don't put in anything that obscures the view
- Not too much hard scape
- Dull in the winter, add plants with winter interest
- Use native plantings
- Consider more items that residents could make a donation to (dedicated items)
- Signage: more natural looking
- No big bushes over 5 feet tall
- Consider a dedicated barbeque area in the park, so that people don't bring their own grills and then dump coals by tree roots.
- Fix the drainage
- Add a 2 - 12 playground (current playground is a 2 - 5)
- Artwork in the park (like when ceramics did the fairy houses)
- Keep the dedicated benches

Executive Director Sheppard asked about how they felt about a small meandering pathway that did a small loop that would allow for individuals with mobility issues the ability to picnic under the tree canopy. She indicated pathways do not have to intersect the entire park. There was support for that type of pathway.

Executive Director Sheppard than thanked the residents for their input and explained that the Special Projects and Facilities Committee will be meeting next week on Tuesday at 6:30pm to have further discussion. These meetings are open to the public. We will also post our meeting information and future designs on our website. Sheppard indicated that if they would like to be kept informed of meetings to leave their email address on the sign in sheet and they will be updated when plans are presented to the committee.

The meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa M. Sheppard  
Secretary