GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT  
999 Green Bay Road  
Glencoe, Illinois 60022

SPECIAL PROJECTS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, February 3, 2011

Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. Present were Committee members Bob Kimble (Chair), Hilary Lee, and Jack Weinberg. Also present were Commissioners Mike Brohman and Max Retsky. Staff present included Executive Director/Secretary Don Van Arsdale, Director of Operations Steve Nagle, Director of Parks Rick Bold, Facilities Supervisor Shannon Lamaster, and Executive Secretary Nancy Symonds.

Members of the public in attendance included Tod Stanton and Dave Emanuelson from Public Research.

Approval of Meeting Minutes. Mr. Kimble moved to approve the minutes from the August 24, 2010 meeting as presented. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

At this point in the meeting Chair Kimble requested a change in the order of the agenda and have discussion of the Strategic Plan later in the meeting.

Discussion of 2010 Beach and Boating Report. Director of Operations Nagle reviewed the 2010 Beach and Boating Report. The beach season was very successful in large part because of the warm weather last summer; the season is very weather dependent. The beach staff was trained very well by experienced aquatic staff. He stated that security/safety personnel were added at the Half Way House to monitor foot traffic. The carts to transport patrons from Park Avenue down to the beach is a unique service, but can be expensive due to necessary repairs to the carts. He continued by stating the sailing program was expanded and was well received by participants.

Mr. Nagle thanked Facilities Supervisor Shannon Lamaster for the excellent training of the beach staff.

To a question from Commissioner Kimble, Executive Director Van Arsdale indicated staff is reviewing the paddleboard use options for next summer.

Discussion of 2011 Beach and Boating Recommendations. Director Nagle reviewed with the Committee the proposed 2011 Beach and Boating Recommendations. He indicated that staff is recommending no beach token increase in price for this summer. Staff is
recommending a $20 increase for boat rental space. He also mentioned that sun shelters be available for larger group use.

Commissioner Weinberg indicated that residents should be given priority for rental sun shelters.

After further discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to recommend the 2011 Beach and Boating Recommendations to the Board for approval.

Sprayground – Update Mr. Nagle presented an update on the sprayground proposal for Glencoe Beach. He indicated the District applied for a grant from the State of Illinois for these improvements; however, the District does have funds for these improvement through the Safran donations. The improvements will begin in September after the beach is closed for the season.

Roofing – Update Mr. Nagle reported that a Request for Qualifications will be sent to roofing consultants with regard to the roof replacement for the Takiff Center. He indicated that with the recent heavy snow, there were no issues with the roof.

Other Mr. Nagle indicated the District received information from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources because the neighbor residing at 81 Lakewood Drive would like to replace her boat pier. The Committee felt the replacement pier would have little impact on the Glencoe Beach.

Discussion of Strategic Plan Executive Director Van Arsdale indicated the Strategic Plan was reviewed by the Board at the January regular meeting. He indicated Mr. Emanuelson and Mr. Stanton would guide the Committee through its review.

Mr. Emanuelson began his review by highlighting several aspects of the plan including how the resident survey was conducted. He indicated the survey was mailed to residents and also residents could complete the survey on the District’s website, and also there were telephone surveys. He indicated that the Strategic Plan is part of the process for the District to complete a Comprehensive Plan. The Strategic Plan is highlights the goals and objectives of the District.

Extensive discussion ensued about the demographics of those who responded to the survey. Mr. Emanuelson indicated the report is a summary of the goals and the report data has over 200 variables including age demographics, the responses from men or women, if the respondent was an empty-nester, long-time resident of Glencoe, a new resident, number of people living in a home, etc. Mr. Emanuelson indicated that more women than men respond to surveys. Mr. Emanuelson continued by stating Glencoe is a very unique community when compared to neighboring communities.

With the current difficult economy, Commissioner Lee indicated families with young children are not moving into Glencoe which has caused a reduction in School District #35 enrollment and empty-nesters are not moving from Glencoe.
The use of the Takiff Center and other District facilities was discussed extensively. Foot traffic to the Takiff Center is important as residents and non-resident become familiar with the building and what is available. Some sort of fitness facility was desired by many people who responded to the survey. On a recent snow day, the District offered free open gym, which was a popular event. Discussion ensued about the fitness amenities which residents would like, where would the fitness center be located, and if residents would be willing to use the facility if they belonged to another fitness center.

The beach continues to be a popular facility for residents. Many residents were interested in having a dog park in the District’s park system.

The next topic for discussion was programming needs and recommendations. The survey results showed there are few program opportunities for older residents of Glencoe. Discussion continued.

Mr. Van Arsdale indicated it was important to accept the Strategic Plan so the District can moved forward for the next five years based on the recommendations in the Plan.

This concluded the discussion of the Strategic Plan.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Weinberg and a second from Commissioner Lee.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald P. Van Arsdale
Secretary