

## ***RODNEY A. AIKEN COMMEMORATIVE RESOLUTION No. 723***

*WHEREAS, Rodney A. Aiken was hired by the Board of Park Commissioners and started March 18, 1991 and will retire June 30, 2009; and*

*WHEREAS, Rod has contributed significantly to the development and implementation of recreational and educational services for the constituents of the Glencoe Park District; and*

*WHEREAS, Rod has distinguished himself as a leader among professionals in the parks and recreation field where he has been an active member of the Illinois Park and Recreation Association, the Great Lakes Regional Council of the National Recreation and Park Association; the Board of the Northern Suburban Special Recreation Association; and*

*WHEREAS, Rod has been active in the community as a member of the Rotary Club of Glencoe; and*

*WHEREAS, Rod has served the Park District during a period of significant challenges and rapid change, and*

*WHEREAS, the Glencoe Park District and the residents of Glencoe have benefited from his dedication and professionalism as Executive Director as evidenced by:*

- The receipt of two Open Space Land Acquisition and Development Grants from the State of Illinois for Lakefront Park and Shelton Park Renovations*
- Assistance to the Board with the negotiations to transfer title to the Community Center after the Park Board and School District #35 Board arranged a land exchange at no cost to Glencoe residents*
- His knowledge and interaction with residents secured sizable donations which have been used for amenities, improvements to various parks, facilities and Takiff Center additions and renovations*
- Facilitation of the receipt of donations to name the Adda and Paul Safran Beach House*
- Friends Park expansion in cooperation with a land exchange with Woman's Library Club*
- Successfully passing two referendums approving Watts Center and Glencoe Community Center renovations and additions*

- *Recreation programs and services offered by the Park District greatly improved and expanded*
- *The Open Space Master Plan for the Park District system developed in 1996 and updated in 2001*
- *Astor Park built through developer donations to the Park District*
- *License Agreements for long-term users of the Takiff Center negotiated and approved*
- *A very cooperative relationship with the Village of Glencoe, School District #35, Glencoe Library, other governmental agencies, and community-based volunteer organizations*
- *Stability of the fiscal concerns of the Glencoe Park District*
- *And, other contributions too numerous to note*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glencoe Park District Board of Commissioners, representing all the residents of the Park District, recognize the meritorious service of **Rodney A. Aiken** and record it in the permanent records of the Glencoe Park District for all to see. This resolution shall be in full force and in effect immediately upon its passage.*

*Adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.*

*AYE: Kimble, Lee, Retsky, Brohman*

*NAY: None*

*ABSENT: Stratton*

*By: s/s Michael B. Brohman  
President  
Board of Park Commissioners*

*Attest: s/s Timothy A. Stratton  
Timothy A. Stratton  
Vice President  
Board of Park Commissioners*