

APPROVED

MINUTES OF TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019 GLENCOE BEACH AND
LAKEFRONT ADVISORY GROUP MEETING - GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT
TAKIFF CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM #1

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Chair Lutton and roll was called.

Members in Attendance: Josh Lutton (Chair), Andre Lerman, Dudley Onderdonk, Eileen Sirkin, Larry Smith, Jon Ruderman, John Satter, Linda Semel, Eileen Sirkin, Larry Smith, Steve Varick

Absent: Lisa Brooks

Staff in Attendance: Executive Director Lisa Sheppard, Director of Recreation and Facilities Bobby Collins, Beach Manager Matt Walker

Public in Attendance: Matthew Waxler

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Chairman Lutton to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2018 Lakefront Advisory Group Meeting. Member Lerman seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote. No further discussion ensued.

Review of 2019 Beach Schedule, Fees and Events: Director Collins conducted a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the 2019 beach schedule, new daily admission fee structure and special events being held at the beach.

Operational Update: Beach Manager Walker updated the committee on the continued popularity of our sailing and aquatics camps as well as new programming being offered. The New Beach SAFE program was introduced to the committee, summer staffing levels were addressed. The committee was also informed of a third check in station for season pass holders to assist in speeding up the check-in process on busy days. It was also noted the pier is being repaired after sustaining heavy damage over the winter. The committee was also informed about the Perlman Boating Beach being named an Illinois Clean Marina.

Water Testing Update: Beach Manager Walker discussed the barriers encountered by the Wilmette Park District while they were using the rapid response water test. The drawbacks included: high costs of equipment (\$250k) expensive individual tests(\$88/each) lack of support from IDPH to help administer proper testing and education in the laboratory, need of a Water Scientist to complete testing and

inaccurate test results resulting in the need to conduct a secondary 24 hour test to insure accurate ecoli levels were recorded. Director Collins noted we will be conducting two tests per day on days we think conditions are conducive to high bacteria counts. Member Sirkin questioned if we collect data of wind, waves, weather, rainfall to give us an idea of when we may see high bacteria days.

Sand Management Federal Grant Proposal: Executive Director Sheppard updated the committee on the status of the Sand Grant and gave a through overview of the program. Executive Director Sheppard mentioned we will probably not see any sand moved to our beach until 2021. Member Smith commented on how it was interesting there are grants for sand replenishment due to erosion but not for erosion barriers. Member Lerman recommended writing thank you letters to officials and Executive Director Sheppard remarked it had been done. Director Collins showed the committee the link where information on the project can be located on the Park District webpage. Chairman Lutton addressed the committee, stating he had carefully reviewed the plan and has no concerns the sand being brought to our beach will be or has been contaminated with asbestos.

Advisory Group Feedback: Member Lerman inquired about the bluff restoration and if there was any news the committee needed to know about. Executive Director Sheppard informed the committee about the roof restoration project to the Halfway house as well as the stabilization of the Park Ave overlook. Member Sirkin also inquired about the bluff stabilization. Member Ruderman asked about the Lakefront Park and member Varick also inquired about the water storage tanks underneath the tennis courts. Member Lerman inquired about the marketing of seasonal passes in town and Director Collins informed him of the numerous channels we have been utilizing. Member Semel asked if there are still senior pass sales available and was informed they are still available.

Off Season Planning: Director Collins and Beach Manager Walker talked about staffing levels for the 2019 beach season and the popularity of the Aquatics and Sailing Camps.

Matters from the Public: Matthew Waxler, newly elected Commodore of the Glencoe Boat Club was present to introduce himself and let the committee know he would like to openly work with the committee on behalf of the Boat Club in any way needed. Mr. Waxler also brought up a concern about seeing private boaters off our beach using SUPS/Kayaks without lifejackets. He was informed by Director Collins that we cannot force them to wear lifejackets but we highly encourage they do.

Other: None

Adjourn: Chair Lutton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. Member Smith seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by,

Bobby Collins
Director of Recreation and Facilities