

APPROVED

MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2015 GLENCOE BEACH AND LAKEFRONT ADVISORY
GROUP MEETING GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT
TAKIFF CENTER ACTIVITY ROOM, GLENCOE, IL 60022

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Andre Lerman, Chair and Commissioner.

Roll Call: Group members in attendance included Chair Andre Lerman, Stacy Baygood-Streur, Lisa Brooks, Jeremy Mathews, Dudley Onderdonk, Jon Ruderman, Linda Semel, Kathy Sussman, John Travis, and Steve Varick; Staff in attendance included Director of Recreation and Facilities Dave Figgins and Watts/Beach Facility Manager David Johnson

Members of the public in attendance: John Scuderi, Milton Lerman, Jessica Lerman, Janet Lerman, Brian Homans, Eli Lechter, Laurie Morse, Chris Zadina

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the December 10, 2014 Glencoe Beach and Lakefront Advisory Group meeting was unanimously approved.

Matters from the Public: There were no matters from the public.

Fourth of July Review: An overview of the 2015 Fourth of July activities was presented. The swimming beach will be closed the entire day on July 4. The boating beach will be open from 10:00am-6:00pm. Park District staff will begin moving boats on July 3 and back on July 5. Boats can be moved earlier if staff is notified.

Storm Damage Fall 2014 Remediation and Short Term Plans for 2015: The damage from the October 31, 2014 storm has been remediated with the addition of and grading of multiple loads of sand. Park District staff will move boats to higher ground at the conclusion of the 2015 boating season as well as be available to assist during the boating season if similar storm related conditions exist. The pier is currently being repaired with replacement sections and anticipated to be completed after the swimming beach opens for the season.

Long Range Planning for Glencoe Beach: Chairman Lerman explained that Glencoe Park District just completed the Master Plan and described that the beach is on the schedule for after 2020. A discussion followed on factors to be considered impacting future planning for the Lakefront. As part of the discussion, Advisory Group member and resident, Jon Ruderman brought forth a proposed draft resolution to be considered by Board of Commissioners (Resolution No. XXX, attached), read the draft out loud to all in attendance and distributed copies to all Advisory Group members. District Recreation and Facilities Director Dave Figgins commented that the Park District has not received any formal requests from Village officials on this topic since the March 2015 presentation at the Village Trustees meeting and that the draft resolution now

being presented has not been otherwise reviewed by Park District staff or by Commissioners. After further discussion, the Advisory Group approved the following action based on a motion by the Chair for unanimous consent with no objections:

The Glencoe Beach and Lakefront Advisory Group recommends:

That the proposed draft resolution (Resolution No. XXX, attached) be included by the Chair in his Advisory Group report to the Park Board at its May Regular Board Meeting.

That the Board of Commissioners include a stated Agenda item in its June 2015 Regular Board meeting for discussion on the draft resolution as a "discussion item" only, and to proactively invite community members and representatives of the Village of Glencoe to address the Board regarding considerations on this topic.

That the Advisory Board include a stated agenda item in its July 7, 2015 meeting at the Glencoe Beach on the topic of the draft resolution and to proactively invite community members including those interested in Beach issues along with representatives of the Village of Glencoe to address the Advisory Group on considerations related to this topic.

That the Board of Commissioners include a stated Agenda item in its July 2015 Regular Board meeting for action including a motion to approve the stated Resolution in its current, or in a revised form with similar intent to the original draft resolution.

Lake Michigan Trails Group Presentation: Representatives from the Lake Michigan Trails Network gave a presentation on their goal of a multi-modal trail around Lake Michigan. It was recommended that the Trails Network follow-up with Park District staff to continue the discussion.

Next Meeting Dates: It was decided that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at Glencoe Beach.

Other: No other items.

Adjourn: It was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Dave Figgins
Director of Recreation and Facilities

**GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT
RESOLUTION No. xxx**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT TO CLEARLY STATE
THAT GLENCOE BEACH OR PERLMAN PARK LANDS SHALL NOT BE FOR
SALE, LEASE, OR IN ANY MANNER AVAILABLE FOR THE PURPOSES OF
BUILDING A WATER TREATMENT PLANT OR FOR ANY OTHER NON PARK
PURPOSE.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners accepted the “Mission and Vision Statement” for the Glencoe Beach and Lakefront Park as presented by the Glencoe Beach and Lakefront Advisory group at the December 18, 2012 Park Board meeting;

WHEREAS, the referenced Mission and Vision statement included the statement “It is imperative our long term plans recognize, retain and protect Glencoe’s lakefront beaches, (and) bluffs”;

WHEREAS, the Glencoe Park District Beach (which includes Perlman Park) is a recreation asset that is heavily used for the enjoyment of the community per the community survey referenced in the Park District’s Master Plan 2015 document and is considered a “Crown Jewel” for the Glencoe community; and

WHEREAS, preservation of open space was identified as a top priority by Glencoe Park District residents in the referenced community survey, and;

WHEREAS, portions of the Glencoe Beach and Perlman Park sit on formerly “submerged lands”, where title was granted and ceded to the District by the State of Illinois as defined in the Public Trust doctrine of the State of Illinois, and are now considered a “protected waterway” and thus should be preserved as open space, and;

WHEREAS the Illinois Park District Code states “...Any such submerged lands shall be maintained forever for park purposes and no portion thereof shall ever be granted or ceded away by any District for any purpose, and in the case of the same should ever ceased to be used for park purposes, than the title of the same shall revert to the State of Illinois...”, and;

WHEREAS Perlman Park was received as a gift to the Glencoe Park District with the following binding restrictions and deed covenants (as approved by the Board of Commissioners at the May 28, 1967): 1.) No building or structure shall be built on the land conveyed hereby which would impair the view from the house or tableland now located on the balance (of the remaining lot); 2.) The land conveyed shall be used for recreation – boating, and;

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners approved a motion by Commissioner Stan Schuman at the May 28, 1967 meeting that stated “It is the intent of this Board by public statement herein contained that future boards would in good faith continue these rules without change, and;

WHEREAS, Strand Associates, a Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Consulting firm hired by the Village of Glencoe to study options for replacement of the Village of Glencoe

WTP, made a presentation at the March 17, 2015 Glencoe Village Board meeting with their final recommendations to consider for future Village water supply, and;

WHEREAS, Two of the three final WTP location recommendations in the minutes of the March 17, 2015 Village Board meeting included locations owned wholly or in part by the Glencoe Park District -- including one location south of the existing WTP at the Glencoe Beach, and another location north of the existing WTP at the Perlman Park beach, and;

WHEREAS, Village of Glencoe officials stated in their March 17, 2015 board minutes their intent to engage the community in a series of open houses and town meetings to discuss WTP final recommendations including those requiring sale of beach lands by the Glencoe Park District to the Village of Glencoe, and:

WHEREAS the Glencoe Park District values its working relationship with the Village of Glencoe and supports efforts to educate the community on the viability or lack of viability of the two beachfront options as a solution to the Village's aging WTP, and

WHEREAS the Glencoe Park District wants to be transparent to its residents about its intent not to make available beach lands for a WTP in order to allow residents to be fully informed about the scope and nature of all WTP options put forth by the Village of Glencoe in its outreach process to its residents, and;

WHEREAS the sale or lease of District lands for construction of a new WTP on the current site of any Glencoe Park District beach will be detrimental to the beach, will have a negative impact on recreational opportunities for Glencoe Park District residents, will have a negative social and environmental impact, will negatively impact patron beach operations during any construction project, and would be in violation of the Public Trust doctrine of the State of Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Glencoe Park District, Cook County, Illinois that

Section 1. the Glencoe Park District Board will not sell, lease or make available in any manner beach lands owned by the District to the Village of Glencoe or any other parties for the purpose of construction of a new Water Treatment Plant, and will not consider offers of any kind on District owned beach property for this or any other non park related purpose, and

Section 2. it is the intent of this Board by public statement herein contained that future boards would in good faith continue this resolution without change, and;

Section 3. this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this proceeding, and that an executed copy of this Resolution, inscribed with the signature of the President of the Glencoe Park District Board and Secretary of the Board of Commissioners, and;

Section 4. a copy of this resolution be presented to Village of Glencoe President and all its Trustees by the Park Board Secretary, with a formal request to include the language of this resolution be spread in the approved minutes of the next Village of Glencoe Board Meeting.

Section 5. The Resolution shall be in full force and effect from after its adoption as provided by law.

Adopted this XXth day of XXX 2015 by the affirmative roll call vote of three-fifths of the members of the Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Ayes:
Nays:
Absent:

Signed -- President
Board of Park Commissioners
Glencoe Park District

Signed – Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners
Glencoe Park District