

**APPROVED**

GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT  
999 Green Bay Road  
Glencoe, Illinois 60022

SPECIAL PROJECTS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
7:30 p.m.  
Monday, December 3, 2012

Minutes

Roll Call The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. and the roll was called. Present were Committee members Trent Cornell (Chair) and Andre Lerman. Also in attendance were Max Retsky (President), Bob Kimble (Treasurer), and Hilary Lee. Staff present included Interim Executive Director/Secretary Steve Nagle, Director of Recreation Cheryl DeClerck, Director of Parks Rick Bold, Beach/ Watts Facilities Manager David Johnson, and Greenhouse Manager Karen Keefe.

Members of the public in attendance include Glencoe residents Roberta Bregston, 375 Adams; Linn Carey, 637 Drexel; Bob Footlik, 940 Sheridan; Debby Hahamy, 1124 Oak Ridge Drive; Larry Levin, Village of Glencoe Trustee, 803 Sheridan; Nancy Meyer, 77 Maple Hill; Laurie Morse, 271 Hawthorn; Seth Palatnik, 1191 Fairfield; Carole Rosen, 1091 Skokie Ridge Road; Tom Sparks, 680 Vernon; Caren Thomas, Village of Glencoe Plan Commission member, 423 Northwood, Tom Welch, 321 Hawthorn, and Nitza Zisook, 766 Greenleaf. Also in attendance was Ben Kutscheid, Senior Landscape Architect from RGC Design.

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes . October 4, 2012 Committee Chair Lerman moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion of Friends Park Renovation Committee Chair Cornell asked Interim Executive Director Nagle to begin the discussion of this item. Mr. Nagle stated staff has been reviewing the comments and suggestions received from residents concerning Friends Park. He continued by stating the District has hired to firm of RGC design regarding the renovated park. Mr. Nagle stated Director of Parks Bold, Director of Recreation DeClerck and he met with Mr. Kutscheid, for playground design concepts. He continued by stating there are design elements for younger children and also older children. He said there were good responses from residents with ideas they wanted in a renovated park. Mr. Nagle then asked Mr. Kutscheid to review the concepts being considered.

Mr. Kutscheid began a presentation outlining two concept plans for the renovated park. He stated it was important to include ADA accessible equipment in the park along with

an ADA accessible surface. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Lee stated the concepts being presented at this meeting are very preliminary and the first time the Committee has reviewed them. Discussion continued.

Commissioner Lee then inquired of the audience members if they wanted another park location to be completely ADA accessible and have limited ADA accessible features at Friends Park. Commissioner Cornell stated a larger park site, Shelton Park, for example, might be more appropriate for a fully ADA accessible park. Discussion continued.

Ms. Lee continued by stating play equipment has evolved since Friends Park was designed. Mr. Cornell stated with the location of Friends Park, there could be some input for WritersqTheatre as a neighbor of Friends Park. He continued by stating WritersqTheatre renovation plans are several years away and Friends Park needs to be renovated soon. He continued by stating the play equipment adults like is not necessarily what the children like and use. He stated staff was asked to visit neighboring parks to see what play equipment the children are using.

Mr. Nagle stated he has had discussions with representatives of WritersqTheatre regarding its planned renovation. Ms. Thomas then stated discussions are being held with the Plan Commission of the Village of Glencoe regarding WritersqTheatre planned expansion. Commissioner Lerman stated he felt Friends Park could be a centerpiece piece for the District and use assistance from WritersqTheatres architect to possibly develop a theater-themed park. Discussion ensued.

Lengthy discussion continued with regard to additional shade in the park along with the necessary removal of sick or dying trees, and other design amenities in the park.

It was the consensus of the Committee to have the District's landscape architect review the concepts as discussed and present other concepts at an upcoming Committee meeting.

#### Discussion of Information from Glencoe Beach and Lakefront Advisory Group

Committee Chair Cornell asked Commissioner Lerman as a member of the Glencoe Beach and Lakefront Advisory Group to present the group's report. Mr. Lerman began by stating the advisory group focused on operational items at the beach. Mr. Lerman stated the advisory group also wanted to expand its ideas to include the Glencoe Beach as well as Lakefront Park. He continued by stating he felt it was important for the District to maintain the beach. Discussion ensued. Mr. Lerman stated the advisory group would like some of these ideas accomplished over the coming years. Mr. Lerman stated it was important to keep the character of Glencoe Beach and focus on smaller items which can improve the larger items.

Discussion continued Mr. Cornell one issue of concern is parking near Glencoe Beach. The Village of Glencoe is the entity responsible for on-street parking. He stated the Village was able to establish street parking permits for neighbors of Dell Place.

Committee Chair Cornell stated in recent resident surveys there has been interest in swimming pools and a fitness center. As such, the District entered into an agreement with the Northbrook Park District to offer Northbrook residents resident rates for the Glencoe Beach and Glencoe residents can purchase pool passes in Northbrook at Northbrook resident rates.

Mr. Cornell stated the swimming area at the beach was expanded last summer which required the addition of lifeguards.

Committee Chair Cornell thanked members of the advisory group for their participation and attendance at this meeting and for their commitment to the Glencoe Beach. He stated the advisory group's report will be presented to the Board for acceptance.

Commissioner Lerman thanked District staff for their great work during the summer season.

Preliminary Discussion of 2013 Beach Season Mr. Nagle stated Facility Manager Johnson and he were beginning to plan for the 2013 summer. Discussion has begun on extending the Northbrook Park District aquatics agreement. He stated the 2012 report and 2013 recommendations are being developed.

Mr. Nagle stated the warm weather increased participants at the beach. More non-residents purchased season passes than in previous years.

To a question from Ms. Morse, Mr. Nagle stated he did not see a significant impact on the Glencoe Beach with Dell Place being made available. Mr. Nagle stated the two beaches are very different with respect to amenities, services, and users..

Mr. Cornell stated he has heard comments for beach patrons who would like to have more beach storage lockers. He continued by stating the District is working with other North Shore communities regarding quick and accurate water testing of Lake Michigan, especially after storms, to try to limit the days the lake is closed to swimming due to high bacteria or sewer discharge from the locks at Wilmette Harbor. Ms. Morse stated there is untreated water which drains into Lake Michigan.

Committee Chair Cornell thanked staff and the audience for their comments regarding the Glencoe Beach.

Discussion of 2013 Greenhouse Operation Director of Parks Bold stated the greenhouse operation was created through a donation from a Glencoe resident as a growing and learning center. Mr. Bold stated the District sells plants to the community. He felt it was time to consider a change in its use to a growing center for the community. He stated that plant sale takes staff time away from the growing portion of the greenhouse operation.

Discussion ensued with regard to growing plants for Village and school property along with District parks. Mr. Bold stated the original use of the greenhouse was to grow

plants to the District and Village. Mr. Bold stated the staff helps community organizations grow their plants.

Mr. Nagle stated the greenhouse operation losses money each summer. He stated the greenhouse operation can still be used for classes for summer camps and other programs, but limit the plant sale operation at this time.

Mr. Cornell thanked the staff for their input.

Other Business There was no further business.

Adjourn With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m. on a motion from and a second from President Retsky.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven T. Nagle  
Secretary