

APPROVED

MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2018 SPECIAL PROJECTS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE
MEETING
GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT
999 GREEN BAY ROAD, GLENCOE, ILLINOIS 60022

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

Committee Members present:

Lisa Brooks, Chair/Vice President

Steve Gaines, Commissioner

Commissioners present:

Dudley Onderdonk, President

Josh Lutton, Treasurer

Staff present:

Lisa Sheppard, Executive Director/Secretary

Carol Mensinger, Director of Finance/HR

Chris Leiner, Director of Parks/Maintenance

Bobby Collins, Director of Recreation/Facilities

Erin Maassen, Manager of Marketing/Comm.

Members of the Public in attendance who signed in or spoke: Dan Dorfman, Ed Goodale, Anne McPhee, Rick Rosin

Second Review of Playground Designs for Vernon-Jefferson, Old Elm, and Woodlawn Parks: Executive Director Sheppard opened the meeting giving some background on Glencoe playgrounds; items that are included when renovating playgrounds and project budgets. The presentation is attached. Sheppard then introduced John and Josephine from Altamanu to present the updated playground plans.

John presented the designs for Old Elm Park, which are attached to the minutes. Chair Brooks then asked for public input for the audience. Discussion ensued with many neighbors of Old Elm Park. The summary of the comments included the desire for open space, yet they still want swings, add a fence along the railroad track, keep tree line and memorial trees, they all liked the playground equipment, drinking fountain with a dog bowl and the park is very much a gathering place for the neighbors. They thanked Altamanu, staff, and Board for listening to their concerns at the last meeting and making the changes to the design.

The Board then discussed the designs and public input. Staff explained in detail the need for ADA accessible sidewalks, increased fall zones due to new regulations, removal of a lot of trees in this area due to disease and the advantages of the recommended playground equipment over the current wood playground. The Board recognized that there were many deferring opinions amongst the neighbors on the location of the sand box. Board and staff discussion ensued. The Board approved advancing design to include playground equipment, path, sand box and other details for approval at the January Board meeting. They asked staff to go back and see if the swings could be relocated where the "bowl" area is, only if it did not impact the large tree in that area and meets the safety standards. If the swings cannot be relocated, the Board would make a decision at the Board meeting whether to include swings or more open space in the area.

Altamanu then presented the plans for Vernon and Jefferson, which are included in the minutes. John indicated that there were many changes from the original design based on Board and community input including the removal of the rocket shaped playground. They acknowledged that the Board and community liked the rock piece of equipment, but it ended up being very expensive. They then presented the new piece of playground equipment. Discussion ensued. The Board and community liked the new playground equipment chosen, the pathways, and other amenities. Chair Brooks advanced the designs for approval at the January Board meeting.

Altamanu then presented plans for Woodlawn Park, which are included in the minutes. They indicated that the plan changed from the original concept that they created due to cost and liability. Instead, they worked with Landscape Structures to develop an engaging playground with the same kind of feel. Discussion ensued with the community and Board. In summary, the Board liked the playground and would like to see more information at the January Board meeting on the play panel features of the playground. They liked the zip lines, swing sets, Witches Cap, teeter-totter, and picnic area. They liked how they protected the tree with a boardwalk. Commissioner Lutton questioned the need for a sidewalk to Green Bay Road, feeling it was a waste of money. The architects indicated that stretch of sidewalk cost approximately \$2,500. Chair Brooks advanced the designs for Woodlawn Park for approval at the January meeting. They requested that Altamanu bring back drawings showing a 5-foot sidewalk, no sidewalk, and the sidewalk shown tonight along with pricing. They will vote on whether or not it should be included in January.

Other Business: There was no other business.

Adjourn: Commissioner Gaines moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. Commissioner Onderdonk seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Sheppard
Secretary