

MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING
GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT
999 GREEN BAY ROAD, GLENCOE, ILLINOIS 60022

Commissioner Boron attended via Zoom following the extended Governor's public meeting regulations. Boron confirmed she could see and hear.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm and roll was called. All commissioners gave permission to be recorded.

Commissioners present:

Lisa Brooks, President
Stefanie Boron, Vice President
Bart Schneider, Commissioner

Staff present:

Lisa Sheppard, Executive Director/Secretary
Chris Leiner, Director of Parks/Maintenance
John Cutrera, Director of Finance/HR
Bobby Collins, Director of Recreation/Facilities
Erin Classen, Supt. of Marketing/Comm.
Jenny Runkel, Administrative Assistant

Commissioner absent:

Michael Covey, Treasurer

Members of the public in attendance who signed in or spoke: Susan Goldstein, Michael La Porte

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Commissioner Schneider to approve the consent agenda items as presented including Minutes of June 15, 2021 Finance Committee of the Whole Minutes, Minutes of June 15, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, Minutes of July 6, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting, and Approval of the Bills. Commissioner Boron seconded the motion. No further discussion ensued. Roll call vote taken:

AYES: Boron, Schneider, Brooks
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Covey

The motion passed.

Matters from the Public: Executive Director Sheppard read an email from Adam Weinberg which indicated his opposition to the West Park Project citing he felt the project was rushed, questioned the need for pickleball, not transparent, squanders tax payers' funds, and felt the Lakefront Park tennis courts should be prioritized over West Park.

West Park Renovations presentation and Community Input: A presentation was made by Executive Director Sheppard and Director of Parks Leiner. This project was included in the 3-5 Year Master Plan and suits the requirements of the OSLAD grant. Also reviewed were project goals, existing conditions, potential project funding, concepts not being considered, concepts being considered, and the next steps. Staff answered Board questions.

West Park Community Input: Susan Goldstein and Michael La Porte gave feedback on the project presentation. Comments included add a senior gathering space with a shade structure, move the T-ball field to another area in the park, the email from Adam Weinberg is absurd, support of turf, would be nice to have the K-field dedicated to girls who are currently playing on an adult field with bases moved in, landscape with native species and a micro-prairie next to the discovery area, add a walkway to link the lagoons, permeable walkway preferred, no fitness stations, remove buckthorn screen and replace with native species, and low lights preferred.

Financial Report: Four months of the fiscal year are complete. Director Cutrera clarified detail included in the reports and shared extra information. The additional year in the comparison report is due to COVID. Day care includes the grant funds. The beach numbers look fantastic. The summary change for Rec/Admin/Takiff is due to transfers in previous years, although the transfer for this year was delayed and is under action items tonight. In response to President Brooks question, the District is currently invested in CD's, although staff are looking into government bonds which will instigate Board discussion in the future.

Executive Director Report: It's nice to get back to normal, the proof of which is seen in full registration of 250 attendees for the Overnight Beach Campout and the uptick in attendance at our special events. One early childhood camp needed to quarantine due to one child with COVID. The Parks Team did an amazing job handling a sewer line break at the beach. Fourth of July was a great event and we are looking forward to Labor Day fireworks. A Lakefront Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for August 10. Hiring is our biggest obstacle in day care; a nation-wide challenge. Staff are looking for creative solutions and will bring them to the Board for discussion at the next committee meeting. We are close to hiring our first dedicated HR Manager.

Commissioner Boron noted high enrollment for next year and that COVID hit every private camp in the area this week.

Sheppard thanked the Duke Park neighbor for their patience while staff solved the squeaky train issue. For the West Park Community Input meetings, Superintendent Classen sent out a letter to neighbors, posted signs around town, and all social media. We are also considering sending out a survey to our database to receive input from community members who live across town from West Park. Sheppard responded to President Brooks question regarding the school district's role. Staff are currently working on the OSLAD portion of the project. The school district will need to give the park district an easement followed by discussion of elements the school would like included in the project. The school board is aware of the project. Only the elements discussed tonight will be part of the OSLAD grant. The fitness stations, shelter, council ring, and turf were school ideas to push outdoor classroom space currently trending.

Action Items:

Approval of Annual Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Commissioner Schneider to approve the Annual Treasurer's Report as presented. Commissioner Boron seconded the motion. No discussion ensued. Roll call vote taken:

AYES: Boron, Schneider, Brooks
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Covey

The motion passed.

Approval of Resolution No. 928 to Commit \$300,000 of Corporate Fund Balances for Future Capital Projects: A motion was made by Commissioner Schneider to approve Resolution No. 928 to commit \$300,000 of Corporate Fund balances for future capital projects as presented. Commissioner Boron seconded the motion. No discussion ensued. Roll call vote taken:

AYES: Boron, Schneider, Brooks
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Covey

The motion passed.

Approval of Idle Free Resolution No. 929: A motion was made by Commissioner Schneider to approve the Idle Free Resolution No. 929 as presented. Commissioner Boron seconded the motion. The Park District had Idle Free Zone signs posted prior to the Village/District 35, but didn't have an official resolution. Roll call vote taken:

AYES: Boron, Schneider, Brooks
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Covey

The motion passed.

Approval to move the August 17 Regular Board Meeting to August 3 at 7:00pm, cancel the Regular Committee Meeting on August 3, and change the September 21 Regular Board Meeting to September 20 at 7:00pm: A motion was made by Commissioner Schneider to approve moving the August 17 Regular Board Meeting to August 3 at 7:00pm, canceling the Regular Committee Meeting on August 3, and changing the September 21 Regular Board Meeting to September 20 at 7:00pm as presented. Commissioner Boron seconded the motion. Sheppard thanked the Board for changing the November Board meeting date, which is during NRPA conference. Roll call vote taken:

AYES: Boron, Schneider, Brooks
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Covey

The motion passed.

Other Business: There was no other business.

Adjourn: Commissioner Schneider moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm. Commissioner Boron seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Sheppard
Secretary