

APPROVED

MINUTES OF AUGUST 3, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING
GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT
ZOOM and 999 GREEN BAY ROAD, GLENCOE, ILLINOIS 60022

Commissioners and members of the public confirmed they 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
Michael Covey, Treasurer
Bart Schneider, Commissioner

Staff present:

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

Commissioners absent:

None

Members of the public in attendance who signed in or spoke: Brad Holtzman, Steve Konters, Michael La Porte, Carol Spain, Adam Weinberg

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Commissioner Boron to approve the consent agenda items as presented including Minutes of July 20, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion. No further discussion ensued. Roll call vote taken:

AYES: Boron, Covey, Schneider, Brooks

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion passed.

Matters from the Public: President Brooks noted that matters from the public is a time for comments, not questions and answers, and each person will be given three minutes to speak.

Adam Weinberg attended the meeting on West Park, but was unable to leave comments on YouTube Livestream. He commented on the inconsistency of holding the community meeting in person followed by the board meeting via Zoom and requested the district share comments with the community to a broader level.

President Brooks reset the clock for Mr. Weinberg for another three minutes and explained to Mr. Weinberg that we do not allow for shared visuals from the public per his request.

Weinberg continued with quotes about government not being open and the roll of the citizen to make sure it happens, believes his comments from the last meeting were misrepresented, his comments should be corrected, and he should be able to share

words and visuals. He has advocated for all areas of Glencoe, not prioritizing one area. President Brooks indicated to Mr. Weinberg that he surpassed the reset three minutes and asked him to email comments and visuals to Board. Mr. Weinberg asked for more time and accused the Board of rushing a \$2 million-dollar project and insisted on being able to speak. President Brooks asked for Mr. Weinberg to email his comments and visuals for Board review and asked to move onto the next agenda item. With continued comments from Mr. Weinberg; President Brooks asked staff to mute him.

Presentation of the IPRA/IAPD Community Service Award to Betsy Liebson: Tabled until Betsy can attend in person.

Discussion on West Park Design: Superintendent Classen reviewed the community survey results on West Park sent out to 1700 addresses in our database, of which, there were 282 responses; all Glencoe residents. The community had from July 27 until today at noon to complete the survey. Questions included quantity use, travel, accompanied by, use of park, and upgrade requests.

There were no comments from the Board regarding the survey results.

Steve Konters gave a presentation on the West Park design concept for the grant application. This same presentation was given previously at a Community Meeting with input from community members. Mr. Konters reviewed the project background of existing elements and lack of ADA amenities. The OSLAD grant application is due on September 1, requires a 50% match grant with a max grant of \$400,000, five recreational components required along with environmental enhancements, a public meeting, and submittal schedule. The proposed master plan encompasses renovation of existing ball fields, change of one tennis court into two pickleball courts, add a picnic area, and the ability to install a single stall bathroom in the future. The plan graphic for the large field indicates light green and brown turf for the infield's grass and dirt areas and the darker green is grass outfield, soccer field, or open space. A turf infield is suggested because that area has the most drainage issues and turf would increase play. The smaller field will remain grass for budgeting purposes. The back area will have ADA access for players, fans, and connection to the trail. Rain gardens, picnic shelter, benches, concrete walkways, single stall restroom, shade structure over the dugout, and granite or concrete pathway options were reviewed.

The preliminary cost estimate will continue to be fine-tuned as details and information becomes available. The current estimated cost is \$1,499,946.

Executive Director Sheppard reviewed community comments and staff recommendations. A community member emailed a comment prior the meeting to consider pickleball. All community meeting attendees liked the design overall. The first attendee asked to turf the whole field, if not, then the infield, and the backstop to be moved closer for safety. Executive Director Sheppard heard from community members on the need for a dedicated softball field. She advocated to allow for the pitching mound and bases to be able to move to accommodate for softball and baseball for all ages on the larger field as well as have dedicated nights for softball. A community member

asked for dedicated softball and cautioned about making this field for baseball only. This person also asked for a path through the two fields, staff considered that but ultimately had to remove it to allow for open space play, soccer, football, etc. Other comments were to move shelter to a quieter place, whereas another thought it was perfect to view the playground courts and fields, and the walking path should be sustainable. Sheppard reminded the Board that granite cannot be plowed and we did receive feedback about that from the Connect Glencoe project last winter.

Sheppard indicated that District 35 uses this area for gym and recess. Section I in the graphic is on school property, under their purview, and outside the scope of the grant. We have not met with the school yet. The dedication bench along the path on Willow Tree Lane will remain.

The ADA walkway was well received, especially the ability to access roads.

Executive Director Sheppard explained that due to the amount of marketing done for the Community Meeting on West Park, we did not feel we could successfully get the message out to community members to change the location from in-person to Zoom for the public's opportunity to comment. Anyone watching via YouTube Livestream could leave comments or email them.

Mr. Konters and staff answered Board questions. Sheppard mentioned that it is unlikely for a child to hit someone past the homerun line and hit someone in the picnic shelter. If appropriately scheduled, 175 feet is an extreme hit for that field. Director Leiner indicated that the mounds are portable and can be adjusted for baseball or softball for all ages. The mounds are stored in a shed and pulled out for scheduled activity. Mr. Konters will look for a less active area for the picnic shelter, the benefits of its current location in the design is existing mature tree shade and its convenience to many elements. District 35 may want to include other elements, but those are not determined yet. Executive Director Sheppard indicated that recreation amenities need to be determined for the OSLAD grant; amenities can be added, but not removed. Other benches will be added to the project, we included the only one bench in the design, because it was dedicated to someone very active in baseball and to be clear it wouldn't be moved.

Sheppard reviewed the material options for the path required to be included in the grant application. Discussion ensued including creating a snow path on top of the granite path, plowing concrete or asphalt, sustainability, activities happen when there is no snow. Mr. Konters indicated that crushed stone is an allowable surface for ADA, although requires more maintenance. Leiner added that there is a binder or glue used with the crushed granite and the cost is similar to concrete. The amount of ice melt on the Takiff path is extensive, crushed granite is the way to go from that perspective.

Chair Brooks, based on committee discussion, asked staff to add all grant amenities as presented minus the bathroom and include crushed granite as the path material in the OSLAD grant application.

Mr. Konters indicated that the estimated bathroom cost for water, sanitary, and electrical services, concrete foundation, kits for structure and services, and contingencies is \$250,000-\$300,000. The pros and cons of waiting on the bathroom or attaching it to the school were reviewed. Some of the options would result in missing the grant deadline.

Approval of Resolution of Authorization for OSLAD Grant for West Park: A motion was made by Commissioner Boron to adopt the Resolution of Authorization for the State of Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Open Space Land and Development (OSLAD) Grant Application for the West Park renovation project and authorize Executive Director Sheppard to sign the agreement as presented. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion. No further discussion ensued. Roll call vote taken:

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

The motion passed.

Approval of a Lease Agreement for a portion of West Park from District 35: A motion was made by Commissioner Boron to approve the lease agreement with District 35 for the area adjacent to West School as presented. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion. Part of the land we are proposing to update is on school property, this lease will cover this. The agreement was reviewed by District 35 and both organization's attorneys. Neither organization pays taxes, it's a moot point, but is listed in the agreement. No further discussion ensued. Roll call vote taken:

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

The motion passed.

Approval of up to \$65,000 to make repairs to the cooling floor at Watts: Director Leiner reviewed the history and purpose of the need for this action item. Our contractor indicated the leak in the floor is repairable. In their professional opinion, we do not need to plan for a full floor cooling system replacement in the next three to five years. We do need to have leak checking and repairs completed immediately. They recommended engaging a firm that does watermain break locations to locate the leak and recommended a couple contractors to make repairs. Staff are asking for approval to complete repairs before the season without going back to the Board with any changes during the repair for up to \$65,000. The full extent of repairs is unknown, but is estimated to be less than \$65,000. This project will start tomorrow at 8:30am if approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boron to authorize Executive Director Lisa Sheppard to expense up to \$65,000 to make repairs to the cooling floor at Watts as presented. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion. Staff answered a commissioner's question. Director Leiner indicated that, once reviewed, the system will be pressure tested with air. The project will be complete knowing the system is repaired, however; no one can promise there will not be another break in future. No further discussion ensued. Roll call vote taken:

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

The motion passed.

Update on Website Redesign: Superintendent Classen indicated we received five proposals and selected Pure-i. The proposal is for less than \$20,000, so Board approval is not required.

Other Business: There was no other business.

Executive Director Sheppard indicated that anyone listening to the meeting will now be put into the waiting room and will be removed once the meeting is back in open session.

Adjourn to Closed Session: At 8:17pm, Commissioner Boron moved to adjourn into closed session to discuss selection of a person to fill a vacancy on the Park Board as mandated by Section 2.06. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(3). Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken:

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

The motion passed.

Adam Weinberg was the only person in the waiting room. Staff noticed he left at 9:42pm. There were no other members of the public or staff in the waiting room upon return to open session.

Return to Open Session: Commissioner Boron moved to return to open session at 9:58pm, Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken:

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

The motion passed.

Action taken, if any, from Executive Session: There was no action taken during or after closed session.

Adjourn: Commissioner Boron moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:58pm. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion. No further discussion ensued. Roll call vote taken:

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

The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Sheppard
Secretary