

MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2022 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT
999 GREEN BAY ROAD, GLENCOE, ILLINOIS 60022

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm and roll was called.

Committee Members present:

Lisa Brooks, President
Stefanie Boron, Vice President
Michael Covey, Treasurer
Carol Spain, Commissioner
Bart Schneider, Commissioner

Staff present:

Lisa Sheppard, Executive Director/Secretary
Kyle Kuhs, Director of Parks and Planning

Members of the Public in attendance who signed in or spoke: Rich Bianco, Jim Fiffer, David Gelfand, Mitch Melamed, Robin Melamed, Jon Ruderman

Matters from the Public: Jon Ruderman from the Glencoe Caucus spoke in regards to the need for qualified individuals to serve on the Caucus Nominating Committees. He urged interested parties to go to glencoecaucus.org to fill out an application and learn more information on the Caucus process.

Presentation and discussion on Lakefront Park playground and racquet court design concepts and feedback from community meeting: Lacey Lawrence and Steve Konters from Hitchcock Design Group presented conceptual designs that were included in the Committee packet for Lakefront Park courts and playground, including a summary of the feedback received at the community open house regarding this issue.

Discussion ensued from the Commissioners regarding options for the playground footprint, playground pieces, swings, and other park amenities. Discussion ensued.

The Committee discussed the Lakefront Park courts and whether they should include tennis only or pickleball and, if so, two or four pickleball courts. The Board discussed the need for pickleball courts in Glencoe, but were torn as to whether this was the right location due the serene nature of the park that is used for picnics, lake viewing, a quiet spot to read, busy, etc. Discussion ensued.

Chair Brooks, based on committee discussion, directed park district staff to investigate options for a smaller play set so that the original footprint is only expanded slightly, they liked a four bay swing set, so that an ADA bucket swing can be added, they liked the mound concept, they do not like the addition of a big concrete area entering the playground, and they want the pathway and playground to be separated as much as possible, so possibly a simple sidewalk that leads to the play area. Due to the shade in the park, roof features are not necessary, they liked the idea of a lower play structure and playground that addresses wider age ranges than is there now. The Board does not want musical instrument elements in this park. From the other amenities listed, they like the chess and checker tables, replacing the existing interpretative signage, porta-potty enclosure moved to where the bike racks are indicated, and move the bike racks closer

to beach ramp. There was a consensus not to add other amenities and they discussed the fact that this project would then not be eligible for an OSLAD grant.

Also, based on Committee discussion, Chair Brooks directed staff to do a sound study at Lakefront Park courts, using pickleball racquets and 8 players to determine how the sound travels during play. Once that is completed, the Board will discuss the courts again.

Matters from the Public: Residents commented on the presentation as follows.

- A resident commented that he would like us to use another park for pickleball, like Shelton Park. The community is asking for it, but does not believe Lakefront Park is the right location.
- A resident commented he loves the idea of pickleball courts at Lakefront Park. He encouraged the board to go to Flick Park and see and hear what it is all about. He also encouraged the Board to decide what experience they want these courts to have, either experimental (2 courts) and see how pickleball is received or social (4 courts) and residents can experience the social aspect of the game.
- Another resident likes the beach serenity and that the last place the Board should consider pickleball is at Lakefront Park.
- Another resident likes the smaller footprint of the playground, no additional pathways, keep the open space, no concrete or structure, and less is more.
- A neighbor of the park indicated that the park is a place of serenity. He plays pickleball, but doesn't think Lakefront Park is the best place to have it because of the noise and encouraged the Board to look at other places.

Other Business: There was no other business.

Adjourn to Closed Session: At 8:59 pm, Commissioner Spain moved to adjourn into closed session to discuss land acquisition as mandated by Section 2.06. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5). Commissioner Boron seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Return to Open Session: Commissioner Spain moved to return to open session at 9:12pm, Commissioner Boron seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

Adjourn: Commissioner Spain moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:13pm. Commissioner Boron seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Sheppard
Secretary