

GLENVIEW PARK BOARD

Cremin praised by district

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The Glenview Park District Board approved a resolution of recognition for Deputy Executive Director Barb Cremin, who is retiring on April 14 after 19 years as a division head, at its Thursday, March 23 meeting.

The resolution read in part:

“Barb took a leadership role in the development, authorship and implementation of four strategic plans, which have provided direction to the district’s board and staff in every significant effort over the past 12 years;

“Barb guided the financial policies and philosophies of the district so successfully as to be awarded the Government Finance Officers Association’s Certificate of Achievement for 10 consecutive years and her efforts and leadership have helped the district to maintain a Aaa bond rating since 2010;

“Barb developed funding strategies which allowed the district to successfully acquire land, renovate existing buildings and build new facilities, all resulting in unprecedented growth of programs and services available to residents;

“Barb has been primarily responsible for leading the annual budget process in such a manner as to ensure that all areas of district operations have sufficient resources while maintaining healthy reserves and positioning the district so that it is prepared for any number of unforeseen circumstances;

“In addition to all that she has accomplished, Barb has served as a mentor, confidant, counselor and trusted friend to everyone in the organization.”

Each of the six board members who attended the meeting, as well as Executive Director Mike McCarty, praised Cremin for her service.

“We’re losing someone very important, treasured and special,” President Dan Peterson said. “You’re going to be dearly missed by so many.”

During the meeting, Cremin updated the Board on the district’s sale of Series 2017B General Obligation Park Refunding Bonds with a value of \$3,325,000 for interest savings of \$323,617.82.

Bernardi Securities conducted the public negotiated sale on March 9,

enabling the District to exceed its refunding savings target despite volatile financial markets.

Snyder recognized with community service award

The Board awarded the 2016 Illinois Association of Park Districts and the Illinois Park and Recreation Community Service Award to Michele Snyder and the Jennifer Lynn Snyder Teen Heart Foundation.

Founded in 2009, the foundation is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to create heart-safe communities by placing automated external defibrillators in parks and implementing public access defibrillation programs to reduce sudden cardiac arrest. It was founded in memory of Michele’s daughter, Jenny, who died at age 17 of sudden cardiac arrest while playing soccer at Community Park West.

Last fall, the foundation made a monetary contribution to fund the installation and operation of three AED units adjacent to the athletic fields at Community Park West. These outdoor units are linked to a monitoring system that will dispatch police and paramedics when the AED cabinet door is opened.

“This means so much to me,” Michele Snyder said. “This is what Jenny’s legacy is all about. Thank you for helping me make it happen.”

Peterson predicted the installation of the AEDs in Glenview will have a state-wide ripple effect.

“Park districts all over the state will see this and say, ‘we don’t have this; we need this at our parks,’” Peterson told Michele Snyder.