



GLENVIEW PARK DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
@ Park Center
2400 Chestnut Avenue
Glenview, IL 60025
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2009

1. Roll Call

President Mary Jean Coulson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and the roll was called.

Commissioners present: Judy Beck, William M. Casey, Angie Katsamakakis, Bob Patton, Michael Scholl, and Mary Jean Coulson.

Commissioners absent: Ted Przybylo was absent for roll call but arrived at the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Official Staff present: Attorney Samuel W. Witwer, Jr., Treasurer William D. Moore, Executive Director/Secretary Charles Balling, Superintendent of Administrative Operations Barbara Cremin, Superintendent of Special Facilities Cheryl Deom, Superintendent of Park Services Fred Gullen, Superintendent of Leisure Services Robert Quill and Recording Secretary Joanne Capaccio. Please refer to the attendance record for other visitors.

2. A Moment of Silence was observed

3. @Approval of the January 22, 2009 Regular Park Board meeting minutes

Commissioner Beck moved seconded by Commissioner Casey to approve the January 22, 2009 Regular Park Board meeting minutes. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Beck, Casey, Katsamakakis, Patton. Nays: None. Abstain: Scholl, Coulson. Motion Carried. (Copy of minutes filed herewith.)

4. Presentations

- a. **IAPD/IPRA/Glenview Park District Community Service Awards to: Grove Volunteer, David Bills; Wagner Farm 4H Volunteers, Julie Tracy, Lynne Richardson & Anita Richter; and the Glenview Youth Baseball Organization**

Each year the Park District presents the Illinois Park and Recreation Association Community Service Awards to honor volunteers/organizations that go above and beyond in assisting the Glenview Park District and their community. President Coulson made the following presentations:

Awarded the 2008 Illinois Park and Recreation Association and Illinois Association of Park Districts Community Service Award to David Bills for his many years of advocacy and volunteerism at The Grove. Dave has been President of The Grove Heritage Association, Chair of the historic Buildings and Grounds Commission, a member of The Grove staff and a volunteer since the 1980's. Mr. Bills thanked the Board and felt humbled because of the countless other

volunteers and staff who have also contributed to the Grove's success. He also recognized his wife Beryl for her work as Treasurer of the Grove Heritage Association. He commented that he felt his life has been enriched by what he has done at The Grove and will continue to do more.

Commissioner Beck recognized the Grove Heritage Association for all their financial and personal contributions to the Grove. She also thanked Dave for all he has done.

Awarded the 2008 Illinois Park and Recreation Association and Illinois Association of Park Districts Community Service Award to Lynne Richardson, Anita Richter and Julie Tracy for their leadership of the Glenview Clovers 4-H club. All three volunteers were praised for their above and beyond dedication and investment in the youth of our community and for being role models and teachers for our children. The ladies thanked the Board for the honor, Todd Price, Director at Wagner Farm for his leadership, their family members and the 4-H families for all their support and help.

Awarded the 2008 Illinois Park and Recreation Association and Illinois Association of Park Districts Community Service Award to Glenview Youth Baseball. GYB was first incorporated in 1953 as Glenview Little League and has served the children of our community providing an opportunity to engage in America's pastime for 56 years. Countless hours have been freely given by hundreds of volunteers over the years. GYB has also made a financial commitment to the community in the funding of new ball fields at Community Park West in the amount of \$700,000. This unprecedented commitment is testament to the passion and dedication of the Glenview Youth Baseball Association. Dave Dillon, GYB Board President, accepted the award on behalf of all the volunteers of Glenview Youth Baseball. He also thanked the Park District for their commitment and close partnership throughout the years.

b. Cunliff Park Public Bathroom Report Update

Commissioner Bob Patton gave a brief update of the report explaining it was initiated by a neighbor's request to have open restrooms at Cunliff Park. He noted a team was assembled to thoroughly research this matter and to get neighbors input and thanked staff for all their efforts. Commissioner Patton stated the Committee recommendation would be not to move forward at this time with the pilot program to open restrooms at Cunliff Park. He explained the recommendation was based on the following three points: Cunliff Park is a neighborhood park and it has been a long-standing policy in Glenview and other communities not to open restrooms in neighborhood parks, feedback showed the neighbors were evenly split on whether or not to open the restrooms and the costs that would be incurred to open these restrooms and those at other parks. However, Commissioner Patton noted that this topic was included in the recent Interest & Attitude survey, which was randomly sent to residents. Results of the survey will be in within the next two months and they will be evaluated along with a further study being done on this issue. Director Balling noted the survey results will act as the foundation for the next Park District Strategic Plan which will also address the fieldhouses in general including the restrooms. This strategic planning process

will begin in January 2010.

President Coulson then asked if anyone from the public would like to share their thoughts and the following persons addressed the Board:

1. Arpi Yazijian, 500 Hunter Road, Glenview. Ms. Yazijian noted her disappointment in the Committee recommendation and strongly disagreed with the reasons given for it. She believes Cunliff is more like a community park than a neighborhood park and therefore it should have open restrooms, believes her petition of over 100 signatures shows more are for than against opening the restrooms and doesn't feel because the restrooms have never been opened in the past should be a reason to continue to keep them closed.
2. Lew Hankin, 510 Echo Lane, Glenview. Mr. Hankin agrees with the Committee recommendation. He believes Cunliff Park is unique in that it is bordered within 3 feet by commercial property and parking lots and is within 130 feet of the forest preserves and close to a public bus stop. He feels the surrounding environment and other safety concerns are reasons to keep the restrooms closed. He also felt the above mentioned petition did not address these and other safety issues. He feels it is the Park District's responsibility to protect its residents and doesn't feel an unattended restroom is safe for the residents.
3. Julie Fergus, 627 Hunter Road, Glenview. Ms. Fergus said she frequents the park daily and doesn't see a concern with predators in the park. She is more concerned with people using the park grounds as their public restroom and the sanitary issues that can come from that. Ms. Fergus feels the pilot program should be considered and disagrees with the Committee recommendation.
4. Larry Birkenmeyer, 500 Hunter Road, Glenview. Mr. Birkenmeyer asked about the Interest & Attitude survey and who would be targeted to receive it. Director Balling explained the survey was going to a random sample of residents. He noted a couple of questions in the survey address the availability of public restrooms in parks. He also noted these same issues will be addressed in the upcoming strategic planning process which will be discussed in public meetings. President Coulson noted the Interest & Attitude survey is a comprehensive survey that addresses many areas of the Park District and its results will be reviewed in an upcoming Board meeting. Commissioner Patton noted that the survey results along with public opinion are important but are not the only factors that the Board will consider to determine whether the restrooms should be opened.

With no other public comments or Board discussion, Commissioner Patton moved to approve the Buildings, Grounds, and Park Services Committee recommendation that the trial period to open one unisex public bathroom at Cunliff Park be put on hold and stay on hold until the Interest & Attitude Survey results come in and further evaluation is made on the future use of neighborhood fieldhouses through strategic planning. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Casey, Katsamakias, Patton, Scholl, Beck, Coulson. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

President Coulson thanked the residents for coming to the Board meeting and for their comments.

5. Officers' Reports

a. President

President Coulson covered the procedures for the public to address the Board.

b. Treasurer

Treasurer Bill Moore gave a brief summary of expenses and revenues for the month of February. Bill commented that there were three large invoices for the month: Northern Suburban Special Recreation Association, Westside Mechanical, Inc., and Blue Cross Blue Shield.

c. Attorney

No Report

d. Executive Director/Secretary

i) Glenview Values Project Website

The Director briefed the Board on the Glenview Values Committee's proposed community website. There seems to be a real need for a community website. This proposed site would include a calendar for posting community events and an Emergency Volunteer Corps. The Director noted it is proposed that the Park District would host the website on its server and manage it for two years and then turn it over to one of the other community organizations to run. High school students would also help with the site design. President Coulson would like a report on estimated costs for both manpower and technology and feels it is a wonderful match between the Park District and the other community organizations.

6. Matters from the Public

None

7. @Consideration to approve Accounts Payable: \$1,938,225.60

Commissioner Patton moved seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve accounts payable and payroll for the month of February, 2009 in the amount of \$1,938,225.60. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Katsamakakis, Patton, Przybylo, Scholl, Beck, Casey, Coulson. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

8. @Consideration to approve Consent Agenda items

President Coulson asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Scholl moved seconded by Commissioner Katsamakakis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Patton, Przybylo, Scholl, Beck, Casey, Katsamakakis, Coulson. Nays: None. Motion Carried. (Copy of supporting information filed herewith and explained below).

- a. Approved Ordinance 2009-01: Amends Ordinance 345 to include the rules and regulations for the Dog Park. This ordinance is required to allow for police enforcement of the new dog park rules, if necessary.

- b. Approved Policy 3.42: Refund, Transfer and Waiting List Policy. This revision is to update the name of the Park District's preschool and to clarify that refunds are prorated based on the number of classes held rather than attended. There is no change to the current practice but just updating the documentation.
- c. Approved Policy 4.18: Dog Parks. This policy is patterned after Ordinance 2009-01 and put into the format for the Glenview Park District policy manual.
- d. Approved Section 7.07 of the Personnel Guidelines for Full-Time Employees.
- e. Approved Section 7.04 and 7.05 of the Personnel Guidelines for Part-Time Employees.

Approved the following five Abatement Ordinances which are administrative filings so that taxes are not levied to pay for these bonds. These are all alternate revenue source bonds which mean that the District is using other sources of funds instead of taxes to make the annual bond payments.

- f. Approved Ordinance 2009-02 abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2008 to pay the Principal of and the interest on \$8,220,000 General Obligation Park Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2006, of the Glenview Park District, Cook County, Illinois.
- g. Approved Ordinance 2009-03 abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2008 to pay the Principal of and the interest on \$4,830,000 General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2002, of the Glenview Park District, Cook County, Illinois.
- h. Approved Ordinance 2009-04 abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2008 to pay the Principal of and the interest on \$6,715,000 General Obligation Park Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2005, of the Glenview Park District, Cook County, Illinois.
- i. Approved Ordinance 2009-05 abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2008 to pay the Principal of and the interest on \$8,000,000 General Obligation Park Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2007B, of the Glenview Park District, Cook County, Illinois.
- j. Approved Ordinance 2009-06 abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2008 to pay the Principal of and the interest on \$4,960,000 General Obligation Park Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2009A, of the Glenview Park District, Cook County, Illinois.
- k. Approved Ordinance number 2009-07 providing for the issue of \$92,000 General Obligation Park Refunding Bonds, Series 2009B, and for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds. This bond issue is the annual negotiated sale with Glenview State Bank currently at an interest rate of 1.5%.

- l. Approved the contract with Architects Gregersen & Gregersen for the Grove Carriage House Project. This firm specializes in historical restoration. The Carriage House is a replacement facility for the existing garage that serves the Redfield Estate as a staging and storage facility. Funding for this project includes \$500,000 from the Illinois Tollway and as much as \$100,000 in donations from The Grove Heritage Association.
- m. Approved the new Glenview July 4th Commission Nominee Sallie Nyhan Denker. Sallie has lived in Glenview for 2 years and considers the July 4th celebration her favorite community event. Sallie runs her own business and also works on fundraising for Junior League events.

9. Committees Reports and Recommendations

a. Administrative Committee

i) Committee Update

Commissioner Scholl noted the Committee is reviewing the appearance and location of park district outdoor sign boards. A resident had brought this to our attention and he will be invited to the next Administrative Committee meeting. Both Commissioner Beck and Scholl, along with staff, reviewed and finalized the Interest & Attitude Survey which goes out to a random sample of residents.

b. Buildings, Grounds and Park Services (*Chair Bob Patton, Commissioner Ted Przybylo*)

i) Request for Proposals: Playground Equipment

Commissioner Patton said playground equipment to renovate five parks is going out to bid to nine vendors. Requests for proposals (RFPs) went out to major manufacturers of playground equipment and these nine vendors met the public requirements of the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials). There will be two public meetings held for residents of neighborhoods surrounding the parks to get their input on the equipment. The proposed meetings are tentatively set for April 6 and 7. Once the dates are confirmed, letters will be going out to the residents inviting them to the meetings.

Commissioner Patton moved to approve the Buildings, Grounds and Park Services Committee recommendation to approve pre-qualifying each of the following nine vendors for the purchase of play equipment for the 2009 calendar year: NuToys Leisure Products, Recreation Concepts, Parkreation, Howard White & Associates, Let's Go Play, Team Reil, Recreational Site Specialists, Reese Recreation, and Illinois at Play. On Voice Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

ii) Committee Update

Commissioner Patton noted the landscaping at Community Park West II will be phased in over time according to budget.

c. Finance (*Chair Ted Przybylo, Commissioner Bob Patton*)

i) Committee Update

Barb Cremin said the Finance Committee met on February 23 and discussed the Bond issue (Consent agenda) and the Farm and Fields budget policy draft. This draft hopes to clarify unwritten budget policies and explain how the referendum dollars and tax levy are split and used for maintenance of the sports fields and Wagner Farm. Also, a list of potential projects to be considered for funding from the Economic Stimulus Package was discussed and sent to our local legislators.

d. Youth Sports Task Force (Chair Mary Jean Coulson, Commissioner Ted Przybylo)

i) Affiliate group meetings reports and recommendations

Bob Quill referred to the report which highlights the six meetings President Coulson, Commissioner Przybylo and staff had with the Park District's affiliate sports groups. It recommends steps going forward to keep us current with our affiliates, being clear on our policies, and to address our relationships with each organization. President Coulson suggested getting the groups together for a follow up meeting. She also asked about a standard message to explain field usage fees. Bob noted the fee policy is being updated and will be brought to the Board for it to review.

ii) Committee Update-None

10. Staff Reports

Fred Gullen summarized the recent Environmental Committee highlights: Earth Hour 2009 will be held on March 28 between 8:30-9:30 p.m. The Community is asked to turn off all non-essential lights and is hoping to get worldwide participation. There will be an Earth Day Program April 18 at The Tyner Center which will include an Emerald Ash Borer workshop. In June, there will be a treasure hunt event which is aligned to the "Leave No Child Inside" campaign, more details to come. Employee training on the environmental polices is being planned so each staff member will know what their role is. Judy Ksiazek, Lorin Ottlinger and Steve Swanson have been great resources in providing green tips to staff. Fred also commented on the upcoming Community Park West maintenance building bids. He noted a pre-bid meeting is scheduled for March 10 with the opening of bids scheduled for March 19. The Park Services Committee will bring its recommendation to the Board at the April 23 meeting.

Cheryl Deom commented on the following: A recent meeting with Kemper Sports Management was held to talk about cross-marketing opportunities. Planning for the new gazebo grill at the Glenview Park Golf Club is moving along with hopes to have it open shortly after Memorial Day. An outside consultant's designs will be reviewed with the next Special Facilities Committee. The gazebo was partially funded by Mr. and Mrs. Scott Serota who presented the Board in September 2008 with a \$25,000 donation in honor of their family members. The first Fish Fry for the season at the Café will be on Friday, February 27 from 4:30-8:00 p.m. International flags have been placed around the ice rink at the Glenview Ice Center making for a colorful presentation.

Barb Cremin reported on the following: New computer-based registers will be used as a pilot program for the first time at the Friday Fish Fry. Our technology staff will be on hand to make sure everything goes smoothly. Also, an online renewal process for the tennis club is now up and running. During the first two weeks of March, the HR department will be visiting the following local high schools to recruit for Park District summer job opportunities: Niles North, Niles West, Glenbrook South, Loyola, and New Trier. Bob Quill noted that the return rate for summer jobs this year is very good with staffing for the pools and camps doing very well.

Robert Quill reported camp registration is strong this year already at 1,790 compared to last year at this time which was 1,545. The “Your Camp Your Way” has the largest enrollment with 188/weekly. Pool pass sales are also off to a strong start at 2,134 compared to same time last year at 637 with 27% being new pass holders.

11. Matters from Commissioners

Commissioner Scholl noted the Village of Golf has removed some trees due to the Emerald Ash Borer and cautioned that most communities will see high amounts of tree destruction due to the cold and snowy winter. He then announced that the Glenview Stars U10 girl’s hockey team had just won the State Championship and congratulated them. Commissioner Scholl went on to comment on the annual Krolak Cup which will be hosted by the Northbrook Hockey League and the Glenview Stars Hockey Association. This event begins April 12 with approximately 140 players and parents from Sweden coming in for the tournament. Players will be staying with local families.

Commissioner Patton commented on the Princess Ball held at Park Center and how well done it was.

Commissioner Beck mentioned the ongoing concern of phosphorus in fertilizers. She noted the state of Minnesota has outlawed it and Wisconsin had just passed a ban on it. She suggested the Environmental Committee might want to start looking into some of the new non-phosphorus products that are available. She also suggested writing to our local legislators encouraging them to look into the stimulus funding available through the State Revolving Fund for clean water programs which allocates 20% to green infrastructure projects.

Commissioner Przybylo announced that the head coach of the North Shore Rhythmic Gymnastics program at Park Center, Natasha Klimouk, had been certified as a Brevet Judge which is the world’s highest level for judges. He also noted that there are three girls in this program training for the National Team with girls from all over the country coming to train at Park Center.

12. Correspondence

None

13. @ Adjourn to Executive Session—Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 et seq. to discuss Minutes (c21), possible Litigation (c11), Land Acquisition/Lease (c5 & c6), Personnel (c1)

Commissioner Casey moved, seconded by Commissioner Katsamakis to move to executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 et seq. at 8:46 p.m. to review minutes (c21), possible litigation (c11), land acquisition/lease (c5 & c6), Personnel (c1). Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Przybylo, Scholl, Beck, Casey, Katsamakis, Patton, Coulson. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

President Coulson called for a 5 minute break before beginning the executive session.

Commissioner Katsamakis moved seconded by Commissioner Patton to adjourn the executive session at 10:29 p.m. On Voice Vote: All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Casey moved seconded by Commissioner Scholl to move back into open session at 10:30 p.m. On Voice Vote: All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.


14. Action on items that were discussed in Executive Session, if any

None

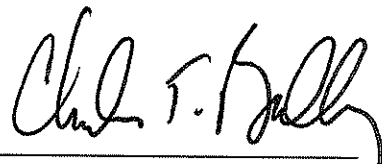
15. Adjourn

President Coulson adjourned the open session at 10:30 p.m.

ATTEST:



Judy Beck
Board Vice President



Charles T. Balling
Secretary

Approved this 26th day of March, 2009

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