

RECREATION, MUSEUM & SWIMMING POOLS  
COMMITTEE MEETING

Administrative Office  
1930 Prairie Street  
Glenview, Illinois 60025  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 16, 2015 at 6:45 p.m.

**1. Roll Call**

Chairman Dave Tosh called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and the roll was called.

**Commissioners/Official Staff present:** Commissioners: Dave Tosh, Bill Casey, Bob Patton, Charlie Kuhn, M.J. Coulson, Executive Director Chuck Balling, Superintendent of Leisure Services Robert Quill, Director of Interpretive Services Steve Swanson, Wagner Farm Director Todd Price, Director of Recreation Services Jason Hickman, Assistant Director of Recreation and Aquatic Operations Amy Watson, Manager of Program Services Joe Pollina, Manager of Fitness Operation Kathleen McInnis. Guests: Angie Katsamakidis, Jen Roberts, Bob Vorisek.

Commissioners/Official Staff absent: None

**2. Agenda Topics**

- a. **Wagner Farm Popcorn Wagon Update** – Todd Price reviewed the progress made on the 1915 Dunbar popcorn wagon, donated to the farm by Ron Bernardi. The wagon has been completely restored through the efforts of many volunteers and hundreds of hours of work. The project was funded by donations and a grant from the Illinois Museum Grant Program. The wagon will continue to have finishing touched made and will need to be run through operations tests and staff training before its planned unveiling at the annual Dairy Breakfast.
- b. **The Grove Animal Care** – Steve Swanson reviewed the status of concerns expressed by members of PETA regarding the size of our Alligator snapping turtle tank. Much of the information being assumed in the e-mails is inaccurate. To date, only one of the e-mails received seems to have come from a Glenview resident. Staff attempted to contact this person to no avail. The policy and care practices have been completely reviewed and training of staff and volunteers is ongoing as is our normal practice.
- c. **Grove Land Acquisition Update** – Swanson updated the Board on the pending 8 acre transfer of land from Weekly Homes to the Park District. The transfer should take place in May. A formal agreement will be signed at the February meeting. Steve noted that staff is keeping an eye on the 4111 Kennicott property. This property is not currently for sale. Steve also updated the committee on 1500 Portage Run and a parcel owned by Life Storage. Staff will continue to keep an eye on these properties in the event current status changes

- d. **Grove Archives Addition Project** – Steve reported that the Archives project was moving forward with plans for construction this spring. The shell of the building will be constructed by contractors and much of the finish work will be tackled by staff, saving the project many thousands of dollars. This project is funded through the Grove operations budget, a grant from the Illinois Museum Grant Program and with donations from the Grove Heritage Association.
- e. **Fitness Center Staff Reorganization** – Jason Hickman reviewed a plan to reorganize staff in the Fitness Center. The reorganization will allow staff to continue to provide quality services to our membership. The changes are organizational in nature and do not result in an increase in staff costs.
- f. **Air Station Museum Proposal** – Quill reported on a group in the community who are advocating for a permanent museum to tell the story of naval aviation in Glenview. The group would like to partner with the Park District. Quill suggested that the Committee invite this group to the March meeting to present their project proposal.
- g. **Sports Fields Requests** – Bob Quill noted that field requests for various sports groups are being processed by staff according to the practices and policies affirmed by the Board in November, 2014. Bob Vorisek addressed the committee regarding the issues he believes exist with GYB and the need for the Park District to open fields up to all residents regardless of how the team is organized. Quill reiterated the district's long-standing policy of not leasing district properties to for-profit groups (in this case Strike Zone). Quill suggested that any review of the current policy be conducted in a time frame that would allow the Board to review information at its November annual recommendations meeting for sports field uses. MJ Coulson suggested that the research should begin as soon as possible. Quill also reviewed a request by a soccer group to rent fields this fall. Quill reported that there were no fields available due to uses by AYSO and GSC.
- h. **Basketball Team Formation** – Joe Pollina reviewed the historical and current practices followed by the District in the formation of basketball teams in the district's leagues. There were some questions on how Niles Park District runs their program (leagues take pre-formed teams instead of doing a draft). Joe made the point that the GPD now offers a regular league and then a spring league where participants can register as teams.
- i. **Splash Landings Repairs** – Jason Hickman reviewed two major projects planned for this summer at Splash Landings. The HVAC unit will be replaced and an evaluation is ongoing regarding the roof to determine if it requires repair or replacement. Both projects are in the 2015-16 budget and will be paid for from reserves in the Recreation fund.

### 3. Matters from the Public:

None

### 4. @ Adjourn to Executive Session—Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 et seq.

No Executive Session

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

None

**6. Adjourn**

Commissioner Kuhn moved seconded by Commissioner Tosh to adjourn the Open Session at 8:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Mary Jean Coulson  
Board President

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Charles T. Balling  
Board Secretary

Approved this 26th day of February, 2015