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Glenview Voters Approve \$17 Million Referendum By Near Two-Thirds Vote

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Referendum supporters check in on the park district referendum results at Middy Mags Pizzeria in Glenview, Tuesday, March 20, 2018. (Tom Robb/Journal photo)

Voters approved the \$17 million Glenview Park District referendum to build a new ice center, improve The Grove National Historic Landmark and purchase \$1 million in open space as it becomes available.

With 41 of 46 precincts reporting Tuesday night, the result was 64.2%, or 6,728 votes, in favor and 35.7%, or 3,740, opposed.

“We are grateful to our taxpayers for their support of this important funding measure. The end result will be recreation facilities that are safer and more secure, energy efficient, more accessible for persons with disabilities, and positioned to better meet the needs of our district residents for generations to come,” Glenview Park District Executive Director Mike McCarty said in a written statement as the vote in favor became apparent.

Thanking those gathered at Middy Mags Pizzeria, McCarty said he was “amazed and humbled” about the community coming out in such strong support.

“When the polls closed tonight, a robust community effort to protect and improve important treasured elements of the Glenview Park District ended phase one,” former Glenview Park Board Commissioner Judy Beck, an active advocate for the referendum,

said. “Phase two begins with a Glenview community more aware of our many special assets and the opportunity for continual public involvement as volunteers in the many ice committees and Grove Heritage Association.”

Before the vote was in, “yes” vote campaign co-chairman Ted Przybylo, also a former park board commissioner, said, “The benefit of a campaign like this, with so many people involved is, it gets people engaged and gets them thinking about getting on the foundation board or running for park board.”