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HOW:

- **NO** expensive showroom costs
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WHY:

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RESULT:

- **Less costs, less time, less confusion**



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GLENVIEW PARK BOARD

Bond referendum pushes next budget to nearly \$41 million

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The Glenview Park District will have approximately \$41 million to work with in the upcoming fiscal year.

During its Thursday, April 26 meeting, the board unanimously approved a \$40,573,543 budget for the fiscal year beginning May 1.

This amount represents an overall increase of 21.5 percent from the prior year's budget, attributable to the March 20 passage of a \$17 million bond referendum to fund the renovation of the 45-year-old Glenview Ice Center and improvements at The Grove.

Deputy Executive Director Katie Skibbe, who made the presentation to the board, said the budget designates approximately \$26 million for operations, \$9.6 million for capital projects and \$4.7 million for debt repayment.

The approved budget earmarks \$2.6 million for the ice center during the fiscal year, \$650,000 for improvements to the entrance to The Grove that address safety and security issues, and \$500,000 to The Grove's Interpretive Center. According to Skibbe, at the conclusion of the fiscal year on April 30, 2019, the Park District will have reserves of \$49,976,541, about \$28 million of which is related to funds from the referendum.

Three staff recommendations related to the ice center renovation were also approved at the meeting:

- an agreement with Williams Architects for basis

architectural, engineering and design

- an agreement with W.B. Olson to serve as construction manager at the rink

- an agreement with The AT Group to act as the Park District's representative and provide negotiation and management services

"The construction manager drives the project and steers it to a successful conclusion," said Lori Lovell, superintendent of Special Facilities. "We won't finalize a guaranteed maximum price until we are further along in the process, but regardless of what happens to steel prices, we are locked in."

Board adopts new strategic plan and mission statement

The board adopted the draft of the fiscal year 2018-2021 Park District strategic plan, as well as the updated mission statement, vision and guiding principles, submitted by Jim Warnstedt, superintendent of Park and Facility Services.

Although they are closely connected, there are differences between the comprehensive master plan and the strategic plan.

Warnstedt explained that "the comprehensive master plan focuses on the physical assets and services of the organization while the strategic plan focuses more on the leadership structure of the organization, including mission and vision, guiding principles and strategic direction of the agency."

Warnstedt said the goal of the new strategic plan is to revise the vision,

mission and values of the District; connect to the District's comprehensive master plan; align the organization with a common vision; reinforce the culture, demonstrated through values; create action toward accomplishment, including measurement of progress; and strengthen organizational competencies related to strategic thinking.

Board, staff members report on state-wide conference

Earlier in the week the of April 22, the Park District sent a delegation of board members and staff members to the Illinois Association of Park Districts Legislative Reception/Conference in Springfield.

Board Member Bill Casey, who was part the delegation, lauded the association's Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development grant program, which provides matching funds to park districts and other local agencies to acquire open space and to develop and improve recreational facilities.

The program is funded by non-general revenue fund dollars through a portion of the real-estate transfer tax. Of every dollar collected through this tax, 35 cents goes to the grant, 15 cents goes to the natural areas acquisition fund and 50 cents goes into a fund for affordable housing. Because the program has its own funding source, the State's operating budget is not impacted by the grants.

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