



GLENVIEW PARK DISTRICT
PARK BOARD MEETING

Regular Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2020

Virtual Meeting Through Zoom Video Conferencing

Call-In Number: +1 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 271 957 879

1. Roll Call

President Jennifer G. Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the roll was called.

All Commissioners attended remotely: William M. Casey, David M. Dillon, Angie G. Katsamakidis, Daniel B. Peterson, Joseph A. Sullivan, David S. Tosh, Jennifer G. Roberts

Commissioners absent: None

Official Staff who attended remotely: Treasurer William D. Moore, Executive Director/Secretary Michael D. McCarty, Superintendent of Park & Facility Services James Warnstedt, Superintendent of Special Facilities Lori Lovell, Deputy Executive Director Katie Skibbe, Superintendent of Leisure Services Todd Price, Director of Brand Strategies and Community Engagement Jena Johnson, IT Director Sean King, Risk Manager Kara Moss and Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary Joanne Capaccio.

Guest who attended remotely: Joe Szweic, Bill Attea, Craig Solomon. There were multiple members of the public who called into the meeting.

- 2. Commissioner Peterson moved seconded by Commissioner Casey to allow Commissioners William Casey, Dave Dillon, Angie Katsamakidis, Daniel Peterson, Joe Sullivan, Dave Tosh and Jen Roberts to participate in the May 28, 2020 Regular Park Board Meeting by electronic means. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Casey, Dillon, Katsamakidis, Peterson, Sullivan, Tosh, Roberts. Nays: None. Motion Carried.**

3. A Moment of Silence was observed

4. Accepted and Approved Meeting Minutes

- a. **Approved the April 13, 2020 Special Board meeting minutes**
- b. **Approved the April 23, 2020 Special Board meeting minutes**
- c. **Approved the April 23, 2020 Regular Board meeting minutes**
- d. **Accepted the May 17, 2020 Special Revenue Facilities Committee meeting minutes**

Commissioner Casey moved seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the April 13, 2020 Special Board meeting minutes; approve the April 23, 2020 Special Board meeting minutes; approve the April 23, 2020 Regular Board meeting minutes, and accept the May 17, 2020 Special Revenue Facilities Committee meeting minutes. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Dillon, Katsamakidis, Peterson, Sullivan, Tosh, Casey, Roberts. Nays: None. Motion Carried. (Copy of minutes filed herewith.)

5. Presentation/Recognition

a. Presented the 2019 IAPD/IPRA/Glenview Park District Community Service Award to Joe Szwec

President Roberts noted this award is being given to Joe Szwec in recognition of his long list of accomplishments and dedicated service to the East Wing, which culminated in his Presidency. Joe has been president of the East Wing since May of 2018. She noted Joe was named the East Wing's President's Award winner in 2015. In 2016, he was awarded Super Senior; this award recipient is chosen by the vote of the senior membership. Before becoming the president, Joe had other roles. These included the Vice President, the Men's Representative and Chair of the Men's Book Club. Joe has been a calm president, gently keeping the Senior Executive Board working smoothly together during the last two years. He led the way for the big decision to sell the East Wing bus and has made excellent financial decisions for the East Wing. Joe thanked the Board and noted that receiving the award was quite an honor. He hopes we can all get together soon so he can thank everyone in person.

b. Presented the 2019 IAPD/IPRA/Glenview Park District Community Service Award to Bill Attea

President Roberts noted that this award is being given to Bill Attea in recognition of Bill's extensive efforts to protect our community from a detrimental holding track, support of The Grove and Grove Heritage Association and his volunteer work recently facilitating a Board workshop. She explained that Bill's latest volunteer involvement and commitment to our community was as a key member of ACTION (Alliance to Control Train Impacts on our Neighborhoods). Bill worked tirelessly to inform the public and gain support to block an additional rail line that would park a two-mile freight train in our town. This holding track would have had detrimental impacts on access to key services and environmental impacts on our residents, wildlife and sanctuaries like The Grove. His efforts and the efforts of ACTION brought together community members, leaders, legislators and successfully stopped this proposal. President Roberts also noted that over his 50 years in Glenview, Bill has assisted the Park District in a variety of ways; serving on Strategic Planning Committees, facilitating these committees, supporting our master planning efforts and being a valued member of The Grove Heritage Association. Most recently, Bill volunteered to assist the Glenview Park Foundation in the development of a strategic plan and updating the organization's by-laws. Bill also generously conducted the Board Self Evaluation exercise for the Board of Commissioners. Bill is known for giving back to our community as an advocate whether it be for the Park District, Sunrise Rotary, The Grove, or the children and families that make Glenview a special place.

Bill Attea noted it is always nice to get an award and be recognized and appreciates the opportunity to help. But he also recognized and thanked Director McCarty, the Park Board, the staff and everyone involved with the Glenview Park District for what they have done to keep this District afloat for the past hundred days... "they are the real heroes."

Commissioner Bill Casey noted that with Bill receiving this award, he and his wife are only the second husband and wife to both have received it; the other couple is Dave and Beryl Bills for their contributions to The Grove. Commissioner Casey noted how this illustrates and shows the importance of volunteerism and giving back to the community.

c. **Presented the 2019 IAPD/IPRA/Glenview Park District Community Service Award to Craig Solomon**

Presidents Roberts noted that this award is being given to Craig Solomon in recognition of his leadership and civil involvement through his efforts as chairman of the Glenview 4th of July committee. She remarked that in addition to serving hundreds of families making sure their children are well cared for every day, Craig also serves the Glenview community through involvement on a multitude of committees. Craig is directly involved with Character Counts in Glenview, Past-President of the Kiwanis Club of Glenview/Northbrook, former Co-Chair of the Glenview Values Project, Social Service Committee, Glenbrook Hospital Community Advisory member, Board Vice-President of Glenview Chamber of Commerce and a Glenview School District 34 Citizen Task Force member. President Roberts noted that the Glenview Park District has also been fortunate to benefit from Craig's leadership and civil involvement through his efforts as chairman of the Glenview 4th of July committee. Over his 5 years of service to the group, the donor base has grown along with membership in the committee. This has given the committee a solid foundation and ability to greatly expand its efforts and impact on this long time, beloved community tradition. We thank Craig for his outstanding leadership and dedication to our community.

Craig Solomon thanked the Board and noted this award really is on behalf of the many people who have served on the Fourth of July Committee for many years and have put so much effort into its success. He also thanked the Glenview Park District staff for all the hours they put into converting the volunteer efforts into dollars to support the Fourth of July events.

President Roberts thanked all three award recipients for all they do for the community.

6. **Officers' Reports**

a. **President**

President Roberts went over the procedures for the public to address the Board which were to either call into the meeting using the call-in information included on the Board Agenda or to submit a Public Comment prior to the meeting by emailing: boardcomments@glenviewparks.org.

b. **Treasurer**

The District's financial reports were included in the board packet; therefore, a verbal report was not given and the Board had no questions related to the monthly finances.

c. **Attorney**

No Report

d. **Secretary/Executive Director**

i) **Annual Planning Calendar**

Executive Director Michael McCarty noted that the Glenview Park District annual calendar outlines our various important tasks, filings, and legal requirements throughout the fiscal year.

ii) **District Update: COVID-19 (Coronavirus)**

Executive Director Mike McCarty gave the following update on the District's preparedness related to the Coronavirus situation. He acknowledged that since the last

Board meeting, a lot has happened. The Glenview Park Golf Club opened May 1; Boating on Lake Glenview opened May 1; Glenview Prairie Club opened May 15; Tennis and pickleball courts began opening May 15, and staff have developed a safe camp structure and have announced the intention to open Flick Aquatic Center in Phase 4, provided state guidance determines it is safe to do so. Director McCarty explained that more details about camps, pools, programming and our financial forecasts will be reported throughout this meeting and he encouraged the public who are listening in to stay on the call to hear more specifics on these topics. He noted that just like the business community, Park Districts face financial challenges due to the pandemic; however, are not eligible for any federal reimbursement or relief.

McCarty explained that 52% of Park District revenues come from alternative revenues like user fees. In April and May, we've estimated a loss of over \$2.3 million in revenues. Although we have reserves, which we are using, our guiding principle for Fiscal Responsibility governs all our decisions to not impact our ability to meet our mission and affect our tax payers. The District has had to reduce costs, suspend capital projects, furlough staff, spread essential tasks across departments; as seen by many of our team having to help with mowing the golf course grounds and, we've created no mow areas and reduced mowing schedules for parks. We have had to cut operational expenses throughout the district but will be operating at a higher cost to reopen due to COVID while losing money due to revenue losses. Despite these challenges, our staff have been working tirelessly to adapt and find ways to deliver services and save costs. McCarty emphasized that no one wants the return to normal use of our great parks, facilities and services more than the staff and Park Board. We are excited and ready to enter Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois Plan that starts tomorrow. We know how important our services are for the community. And every decision must be made with sound advice, legal authority and with safety and proactive risk management in mind. It's the safety of our patrons and staff that is priority number one. As we reopen amenities, we are following our guiding principles, with special focus on safety and financial stewardship.

Director McCarty acknowledged the following staff who will be giving updates tonight. He noted Kara Moss, the district's Risk Manager, who has led a task force of cross departmental staff to develop our reopening plans will provide a brief update of how we have prepared for Phase 3. Following Kara's update, will be Jim Warnstedt our Park & Facility Services Superintendent who will give an update on what his crews have been preparing and Jena Johnson, Director of Brand Strategy and Community Engagement, will provide an update on our public communications efforts since her last update that she provided at the April Park Board meeting.

Kara Moss, the District's Risk Manager, emphasized the many challenges that exist with re-opening facilities and amenities along with the new safety measures that need to be implemented for both staff and the community. She explained that the park district closed many of its park amenities at the beginning of April due to overcrowding and lack of public compliance with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines. And the district still reserves the right to close any amenities if improper use is observed. Kara noted that staff have been working with our corporate counsel, the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA), The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and specialized groups like The United States

Tennis Association (USTA) to fully understand guidance and safety protocols that they've suggested or mandated. She acknowledged that this all takes time, but ensuring that staff is interpreting and implementing the right safety for patrons and staff is our number one priority.

Kara noted that staff received state guidance this past Sunday afternoon regarding what Phase 3 looks like for Park Districts and have been diligently working on re-opening multiple areas within the upcoming week. Phase 3 permits opening your "quarantine circle" to 9 other people at any given time while maintaining physical distancing and face coverings. Staff used this guidance when developing the District's Phase 3 summary. Some highlights for Phase 3, which starts May 29 are: opening of the Skatepark; Dog Park; Disc Golf; In-line skating; Bocce ball & bag set at parks, and the Community Garden. In addition, Golf players may be grouped in foursomes; Golf carts are permitted; and outdoor dining at Coarse Italian. Starting this weekend Golf will have Pro-shop access; The Grove parking lot access will resume for the community; Wagner Farm walking access will begin, and Paddle Tennis at Prairie Club will start. Beginning next week outdoor group fitness classes will start; personal training or private lessons with golf, fitness and tennis; and the Tennis Club re-opening. We will begin re-opening basketball courts and volleyball courts; re-opening bathrooms in high volume parks, and will also start working with our affiliates to begin the permitting process. Originally before *Restore Illinois* was developed, permits for field use were suspended until September 1. Moving forward, the district will be creating a special permit for small group use of 10 people or less in designated areas of the park for partner organizations or local health/fitness groups. Regular athletic field permits will continue to be suspended, pending any changes to state guidelines. We will also see summer camps with groups of 10 resume at the end of the month under new guidelines.

Superintendent of Park & Facility Services, Jim Warnstedt, reported that 20 Park Services staff (50%) have been laid off or furloughed. However, staff have started to reopen our Phase 3 amenities this week. He noted that with 860 acres of land and almost 500,000 sq. ft. of facilities within the District, it is going to take an amazing effort to open these amenities to the public safely; but staff is working to do so as soon as possible. Staff have also been working with our Sports affiliates to bring baseball, softball and soccer back safely and within DCEO guidelines. Field permits and scheduling will begin as soon as affiliates' plans have been approved. Jim also reported that landscape maintenance contract work has been reduced by 50% which along with staff layoffs was done to offset the loss in revenue to the District. The only Capital Project being approved for this fiscal year is the conversion of two Tennis Courts at Flick Park into six Pickle Ball courts. Jim emphasized that the Park Services team is eager to open up our amenities to the community and are working hard to do so.

Kara Moss continued her update reporting on what the District will be implementing in Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan. She reported that Phase 4 may approach as soon as June 26 or be prolonged until the state can meet the 90% contact tracing program set forth in Restore Illinois documents. The Governor mentioned this measure most likely will take longer than 28 days but is also hopeful we can meet it.

Phase 4 highlights include expanding your “quarantine circle” to 50 people while still trying to maintain physical distancing and face coverings. The Park District is planning on the following areas being the main focus for phase 4 as of now: Flick Pool; Fitness Center general use; Preschool resuming; possibly playgrounds and outdoor fitness equipment reopening; Museum buildings re-opening to the public, and small-scale rental opportunities. Those are some just to name a few based on what we know today about the guidance that’s been given. We expect further state guidelines to be given when we approach phase 4, but hopefully with more advanced notice than when we received the phase 2 to 3 transition guidelines.

Kara emphasized that our employee safety/communication plan is very important and has been evolving with each area or facility re-opening. The Plan provides for reopening with similar guidelines, access to all Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) needs, resources, and staff will receive a return to work procedure document that will assist them in what to do prior to coming into work, during their shift and after. Employees are also given a return to work post-covid-19 training that has information regarding how to keep themselves safe at work, new guidelines, and cleaning protocols per the state guidelines (this training has videos included for Spanish speaking staff and American Sign Language). In addition, each facility is stocked with the proper PPE that’s anticipated for the first 90 days of operation at least; each employee is given a cloth mask and personal hand sanitizer to bring with them to work each day and employees will receive additional site-specific training with their supervisor regarding state guidelines, reviewing the “play it safe” document and how to return to their position. A COVID-19 Exposure Plan has also been developed should we have an unfortunate positive case of COVID-19 of an employee or patron.

Commissioner Angie Katsamakakis asked how the District will enforce the maximum of 10 persons per group with our Affiliate groups. Director McCarty explained that each Affiliate group will have to provide to the District their plans on how they will abide by the State guidelines before a permit will be issued. We are still waiting for the plans since the guidance on this just came out on Sunday night. It will be up to the Park District to monitor and enforce the requirements.

President Jen Roberts asked how the staff will be supported if there are patrons who don’t want to obey the State guidelines. Deputy Executive Director Katie Skibbe responded that staff have been given guidelines on what to say when approaching a situation where people are not complying. They can also contact a supervisor, director, etc. and if the situation escalates, we would contact the police.

Commissioner Bill Casey referred to the District’s Phase 3 Summary that Kara Moss spoke about. He felt it was a good representation of the District’s plans for phase 3 and asked if it was available to the public. Jena Johnson, Director of Brand Strategies and Community Engagement replied that the document had not yet been finalized because of the guidance that was just released by the State, so it had not yet been made available to the public; however, some of the items in the Phase 3 plan were included in the Park District’s weekly email that went out to the public last Friday. She noted she plans on posting the Phase 3 summary tomorrow on the Park District’s COVID Update page on the District’s website.

Commissioner Joe Sullivan recalled there were issues of people using the Tennis Courts in the beginning weeks of the shut down and residents complaining about the amount of people on the courts. The police were called then to disperse those that were not complying with the Governor's Executive Order. Now that we are entering Phase 3, Commissioner Sullivan is concerned with staff being burdened with enforcing these guidelines of 10 or less in a group when they are already stretched thin. He agrees with the measures the District is taking, and hopes the community will follow the guidelines on their own.

Jena Johnson, the Park District's Director of Brand Strategies and Community Engagement, provided the following update on how the Park District is communicating through this health crisis. Jena expressed her amazement on how quickly staff have been able to adapt to this Pandemic and still deliver services to the community. In the May Park District brochure there are over 65 free virtual and passive recreational opportunities. In May alone, Staff have developed new programs, planned a new camp format, developed reopening safety guidelines and even with not knowing what is around the corner, have plans for a potential pool opening and future events. Seeing our Directors helping with mowing and our parks staff installing signage and opening our park amenities in record time, it's been an "all hands-on-deck" effort. Staff continue to adapt to ever changing guidelines with little notice and less time to prepare for opening amenities and facilities that would normally take a month or more in preparations. Jena noted that from the beginning of the Pandemic, Glenview has been committed to finding ways to provide recreational opportunities safely; especially a summer camp program and a pool season. Our communications have been ongoing through emails, our website and social media channels. During this month alone, we have sent out more than four emails a week. Some emails go to specific user groups to make sure they are updated on what is going on in their areas of interests. And every Friday an email goes out to all subscribers and our Website is updated with the latest COVID information that also includes the weekly Friday communications. We are posting our virtual program opportunities on our social media outlets which have see a dramatic increase in engagement. Our first digital brochure was launched in May with much success and views. Over 250 signs were placed in our parks and areas promoting social distancing, guidance for staff and how to maintain safe play in areas that are opening. We are continuing to communicate the safety measures that are being put in place since safety remains our number one priority. We have sent extensive communications to our camp families keeping them up to date on our planning, refund procedures and how we are meeting all safety guidelines. In the last two day, we and have had over 100 previously enrolled campers re-register for our camps. Registration will open tomorrow to all residents and we are already on our way to filling all 288 spots. Jena affirmed that because communication is so important at a time like this, we will continue to communicate as we reopen areas of the Park District. The public can submit general questions or comments by sending an email to Glenviewparks.org/contact and any registration questions to Registration@glenvieparks.org. They may also call our customer service at Park Center.

Commissioner Bill Casey spoke about the liability issues the Park District could face if it did not adhere to the Governor's Executive Order. Our insurance coverage through our insurance agency (PDRMA) would be at risk if we opened something up to the public that was not approved in the Order and there was a liability issue that

arose from it. He feels this is an important message to get out to the public so they are aware why the Board has taken the actions they have during this health crisis. It would not be prudent for the District to act in a way that could jeopardize the Park District. President Roberts agreed with Commissioner Casey that this message should go out to the public as did Commissioner Peterson. Peterson also noted that if liability issues did befall the District, the Glenview residents/taxpayers would be the ones in the end who would have to pay the bill.

7. Matters from the Public

The Public had the opportunity to address the Board at the meeting by way of a call-in number or by submitting a Public Comment prior to the meeting by emailing: boardcomments@glenviewparks.org.

President Roberts read the comments that were received through email and asked if the author of the comments wanted to make any additional comments verbally. She asked that all callers limit their comments to two minutes.

Public Comments Received through boardcomments@glenviewparks.org and read out loud at Board Meeting:

Erin Murnighan

I would like to request details into what information was looked at in order to make the decision to not open Roosevelt pool. I would like to know the following please:

- Details on the cost benefit analysis done regarding the information to make the decision not to open Roosevelt pool
- What other factors were taken into consideration when making this decision?
 - what other potential facilities could/would be impacted if Roosevelt were to be opened?
- Currently what is the plan for Flick? Will you be taking reservations or how will you curb entry but also ensure those with young children do not have to stand outside in the heat waiting to get in?
- Will only Glenview residents with an ID showing Glenview address be allowed entry?
A: President Roberts clarified that the Glenview Park District encompasses small portions of neighboring towns and not just Glenview.
- What refund/discount will you be providing to those that already purchased full year pool passes?
- What is happening to the staff that was hired at Roosevelt and what communication has gone out to date?

Erin Murnighan spoke after her comments were read and thanked the Board for all the work the District has done in the last 100 days. She has followed the District's emails and posts and appreciates all the details that have been shared. She was hoping her questions that were read would be answered tonight.

Andrea McDonnell

Thank you for all your work in helping to re-open Glenview while keeping Glenview residents safe - we appreciate all your efforts. We are part of the petition to re-open Glenview facilities, including Roosevelt pool and wanted to send a few questions prior to the meeting tomorrow:

1. Are pools part of the Governor's phase 4 or they haven't yet been addressed yet, as part of his re-opening plan? It seems there are sources saying IL is waiting on direction relating to pools re-opening? If so, is there an option to
2. Is there an option for a higher fee for Roosevelt pool passes or to reserve a time slot to attend the pool in order to help offset some of the financial losses expected?

Thank you very much.

Andrea McDonnell had no further comments after her email comments were read.

Irina Konchan

As a Glenview resident, I would like to hear about the steps in the decision making on the current policy to not issuing any permits for any Glenview Park District Facilities until September 1, 2020. How can outdoor baseball fields with proper social distancing not be used by our children for baseball practice when the golf courses and tennis courts are open?

Also, I understand that the tennis courts will be made into paddle courts at Flick Park. Not only the Park District took away the options of using soccer and baseballs fields, no basketball courts, no playgrounds are open, now our children won't be able to use the tennis courts. What is the option that is left for the children in Flick Park area?! That has gone too far!

Why do you spend taxpayer's money on permanent signs by Flick Park bridge and restructuring tennis courts and give absolutely no other options for families in the summer? Why can't we stand on the bridge which is clearly wider than 6 ft to feed the ducks with my family?

I would love to hear the reasoning behind all these decisions that were made with ZERO input from the residents. Other suburbs send surveys to their residents to make these decisions. Glenview just gives out orders. Really disappointing.

Irina Konchan did not indicate that she had any further comments after her comments were read.

Executive Director Michael McCarty reminded the public who called into the meeting that they would have an opportunity to speak when President Roberts gets to the portion of the meeting for oral comments. Until then, all public will remain muted so President Roberts can address those who submitted email comments prior to the meeting.

With all the email comments being read, President Roberts asked for the callers to be unmuted so those who had a verbal comment could address the Board. There were approximately 20 callers online. Director McCarty read the last 4 digits of each phone number and gave that caller the opportunity to comment. The following persons addressed the Board:

Kevin Murnighan, 1861 Westleigh, Glenview

Mr. Murnighan has been a resident for over 20 years. He asked why this Board is so subservient to the Governor and why he can go out and play paddle and golf but the kids can't go out to the park.

Brad Niedermaier, 2341 Dewes Street, Glenview

Mr. Niedermaier is the President of Glenview Youth Baseball (GYB). He is trying to provide guidance to the GYB families (over 1,000) and since Restore Illinois has given guidance for baseball in Phase 3 and with other local communities opening their fields, he asked when GYB would be able to review the new Park District field permits, what is the timeline for those to be available and when will the Park District be opening the baseball fields. Director McCarty responded that either he or Superintendent Todd Price would follow-up with Mr. Niedermaier.

Erin Murnighan

Ms. Murnighan commented that she was still waiting for her previous comments that she submitted through email to be addressed.

Kay Laurie

Ms. Laurie commented on the great job the Park District is doing and that it is a great organization. She does feel the communication could be beefed up to let residents know why things are happening. She suggested the District might want to add their communications to the Village's daily communication. She supports the Park District and appreciates everything it is doing.

Andrea McDonnell

Ms. McDonnell wanted to add a follow-up to her emailed comment. She asked why has the decision already been made to close Roosevelt Pool when other local Park Districts have not made decisions

on their pools yet. *President Roberts aske Ms. McDonnell to stay on the call since a lot of these questions will be discussed during Committee reports.*

Rick Tekip, 1806 Westleigh Drive, Glenview

Mr. Tekip is the President of the Glenview Titans Fastpitch Association/ Girls Softball. He expressed the strong relationship the Titans have had with Park District staff; always very cordial and professional. He asked for clarity on the ten or less guidelines. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) and State of Illinois have conflicting information on their definitions of ten or less and what the specific area are that those groups can be held in. He asked for further guidance on separating girls into ten or less groups within a certain square footage. Director McCarty noted that staff would be able to follow-up on those questions.

Mr. Tekip had also emailed the following comment to boardcomments@glenviewparks.org during the meeting, so it was not read previously:

I'm just listening in for updates on possibly rescinding the cancellation of field usage permits.

Bonnie Kearns, Lindeman Street, Glenview

Ms. Kearns was among 400 people who signed a petition that was sent to the Park District to reopen the parks. She questioned tonight's meeting format and felt the public should be able to be on the Zoom video with the Park Board and not just be able to call-in to the meeting. Ms. Kearns wanted to see the data concerns that led to not opening the playgrounds. She also wanted to know how the Park District has handled flu outbreaks in the past in deciding to close the parks or how the parks were kept cleaned. She noted there have been no children that have died of COVID in Glenview as of May 22. Ms. Kearns was upset with hearing tonight that the police could be called on those who do not adhere to the playground closures and she feels the Board needs to put more thought into how closure of park amenities should be enforced. She would like to know the science behind closing the parks and pools.

Hanna D., lives in Heatherfield, Glenview

I am a Paddle Pro and also golf and want to know why paddle courts, where there is no six feet of distancing, are open but the parks are closed for kids? She is not happy with this.

Rob Hastings 1444 Sequoia Trail, Glenview

He feels kids are bored and understands the Park District is trying to protect them, but feels things need to be reopened. As a parent he feels his kids are safe. He sees the volleyball courts are opening but yet the baseball fields remain closed and it kills him to see fields not being used. He noted that there are so many kids who want to play ball and social distancing could be achieved on the fields. And as a taxpayer, he is concerned with the lack of revenue coming into the District. He would like to see the Park District open up.

President Roberts thanked everyone for their comments. She again suggested to the callers to stay on to listen to the rest of the meeting because she feels their concerns will be addressed, if they haven't been already, during the Committee Reports. She noted that staff would follow-up with callers if it is needed.

Erin Murnighan felt her questions were not answered tonight and thought because she emailed her comments in before the meeting, they would be answered. President Roberts explained that the Matters from the Public is where the public can address the Board; however, those comments will be taken under consideration and will be followed-up by staff. She again encouraged Ms. Murnighan to listen to the rest of the meeting where she may get answers to some of her concerns. If she feels her questions were not answered, she can contact Executive Director Mike McCarty directly and he will have staff follow-up with her.

8. Approved Accounts Payable

Commissioner Peterson moved seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve Payroll and Accounts Payable for the month of April, 2020 in the amount of \$5,012,658.27. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Katsamakidis, Peterson, Sullivan, Tosh, Casey, Dillon, Roberts. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

9. Committees Reports and Recommendations

a. Administrative Operations/Marketing

- i) Approved Resolution 2020-07: Recognizing a Public Health Emergency and Empowering the Executive Director, through August 27, 2020, to take Certain Actions where Required by Exigency of Circumstance.

Committee Chair Joe Sullivan explained that Resolution 2020-07 authorizes the Executive Director to do the following: provide additional emergency leave benefits and take such other actions including the setting of fees and charges; enter into agreements with local agencies; alter the physical condition of any district facility, park, or property to comply with safety requirements; suspends Glenview Park District Administrative Policy 4.10 and suspends Section 5:01 of Ordinance 2018-11 in order to establish a permitting process for private groups (including for-profit commercial businesses) to use Community Park West for outdoor fitness classes since outdoor fitness of 10 or less individuals can participate in outdoor group fitness and this will assist our local business community in their recovery; and approve expenditures greater than \$25,000 for goods and services that are necessary to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic or necessary to facilitate the timely re-opening of the Park System, provided that the Executive Director reports any such purchase to the Board of Commissioners on the same day on which he authorizes it. This resolution will be in effect through August 27, 2020.

Commissioner Dillon moved seconded by Commissioner Peterson to approve Resolution 2020-07: Recognizing a Public Health Emergency and Empowering the Executive Director, through August 27, 2020, to take Certain Actions where Required by Exigency of Circumstance. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Peterson, Sullivan, Tosh, Casey, Dillon, Katsamakidis, Roberts. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

- ii) Committee Update
No Report

b. Finance

- i) Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA): Awarded GPD Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Committee Chair Dan Peterson acknowledged that the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) awarded the Park District the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 13 years in a row. He commented that as the Finance Committee Chair and along with Committee members Commissioners Joe Sullivan and Bill Casey he wishes to congratulate and thank Treasurer Bill Moore and staff members Shawn Hughes, Barb Woods, Erin Ryan, and Deputy Executive Director Katie Skibbe who work as a team with all our division heads and managers to keep our finances in good order. This certificate was awarded to the Glenview Park District for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended April 30, 2019. As noted by GFOA, the Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its

attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. He thanked the Finance team for another great year of transparent financial reporting.

ii) COVID-19 Financial Impacts

Committee Chair Peterson introduced Deputy Executive Director Katie Skibbe who gave an update on the Financial Impacts of COVID-19 to the District and an update on the Governor's Executive Orders.

Deputy Director Skibbe reported that 52% of Park District funding is through fees for services. There has been quite a lot of revenue loss in these past few months as we closed due to COVID-19. These losses are seen in sales, programs & instruction, admissions, membership, and rental & leases. In these categories the loss in March was over \$408,000, April was approximately \$950,000, and May is projected to be \$3.1 million. Overall revenue losses are estimated at \$4.4 million dollars. May is the start of the District's new fiscal year and therefore May losses are significantly higher than April since a lot of deferred revenue is recognized in May that was not reflected in earlier months. Deputy Skibbe noted that the Fitness Center will have lost approximately \$277,000 in membership revenue through May as well as \$130k for personal training and \$70k for Group Fitness. Also, if Fitness is not able to run Fit 4 Kids, which is a contractual camp this summer, they will lose \$130,000 in revenue. Overall this equates to over \$600k in lost revenue from March through May. Skibbe also acknowledged that the Tennis Center has lost approximately \$482,000 in revenue from lost program revenue, daily fees, lessons, leagues, special events and memberships. Deputy Skibbe noted that in a normal camp season, we have over 1,000 kids enrolled in camp and the District generates approximately \$850k in revenue. However, this summer camp is severely restricted by the safety guidelines created by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunities along with the Governor's Executive Orders. Camp is limited to 288 kids and will generate at most \$345,000.

Deputy Skibbe reported a bit of good news in that Golf has been able to operate since May 1, but the restrictions placed on play have made it impossible for the District to recoup costs. From May 1 to May 27, Glenview Park Golf Course has generated \$29,000 in tee time revenue, which is significantly below prior year numbers of \$65,000. This also doesn't account for the lost revenue in the pro shop which we weren't able to open. Glenview Park has been operating with lower staffing levels, but the reduced revenue does not cover even these reduced staffing costs at the lower play level. Based on the latest payroll data covering May 1st through May 22, the District has paid out \$33,612.75 in staffing costs, this is for both operations and maintenance, during a period where revenue equaled \$23,000, \$11,215 less than expenses. This loss does not include any of the other normal expenses required to run a golf course which include chemicals, fuel, utilities, bank charges, supplies, insurance, payroll taxes or pension charges. Skibbe noted that staff is hoping for some more lax requirements for golf that might help turn these deficits around.

Deputy Skibbe reported that under the current guidelines, pools will not be able to open until Phase 4 and will only be able to accommodate 50 people. In order to operate safely, Flick Pool requires 15 guards and therefore would only be able to accommodate 35 swimmers at a time. If swimmers were asked to reserve a two-hour time period in which to swim, Flick would be able to accommodate 256 swimmers a

day. This is significantly below Flick's capacity of 1,355. If each of the 256 swimmers pay the daily resident rate of \$11, the District would generate \$2,800 a day. This revenue barely covers just the cost of lifeguards at almost \$2,700. The difference is a positive \$120 a day. This of course assumes we have perfect weather and assumes we do not open the slides or open concessions. However, if instead, we are able to operate at 50% capacity, with the same assumptions with residents paying daily fees, Skibbe noted we would generate \$7,500. This would greatly increase our chances of covering all costs associated with pools. The PPE requirements and cleaning supply costs will be increased over last year and staff training, even for the limited staff we are bringing back, will be a \$10,000 investment. Additionally, Flick spends about \$60,000 in utility costs.

Deputy Skibbe explained that the pools have been subsidized by tax dollars for years now. They are unable to cover their costs even with high attendance and perfect weather. The Aquatics Department has done a fantastic job of finding creative solutions to difficult problems, but this pool season may require a higher tax subsidy than normal.

Deputy Skibbe acknowledged that the District is not currently looking at opening Roosevelt Pool partly due to the higher tax subsidy required to operate Roosevelt. Due to the nature of the District's pool passes, membership revenue is split 50/50 between the two pools. Admission revenue however, is driven based on attendance which is booked directly to each pool when received. Historically, Flick admission revenue is approximately 75% more than Roosevelt. While Flick Pool has historically been able to cover its expenses, excluding G&A, Capital Replacement Contributions, and Park Services Transfers, Roosevelt Pool falls short by approximately \$90,000 a year which requires allocating more tax money to cover this shortfall. The Salary and Wages required to operate Roosevelt only averages 8% less than Flick so if admissions revenue declined it would be much more difficult for Roosevelt to cover its costs. Overall, all expenses for Roosevelt Pool (excluding transfers) equate to approximately \$450k a year. Skibbe explained that Superintendent Todd Price will cover other reasons for not opening Roosevelt pool during his upcoming report.

Deputy Skibbe noted one more item that could affect the District's funding. Cook County recently granted a waiver of fees for 60 days for the 2nd installment of the property tax bill. This means interest penalties for late payments of the second installment, normally due August 3, will now be postponed until October 1. While this by itself should not affect the overall collection rate by the District, it will affect the District's cash flow. Cook County estimates that approximately 70% of homeowners have their property taxes held in escrow through their mortgage company. If 30% of those who pay their taxes directly postpone payments until October 1, this will equate to \$2.7million the District would receive later than normal

President Roberts asked if there is any indication that those 70% who pay taxes through their mortgage company are considering holding off on paying till October. Deputy Skibbe has not seen any indication of that but will keep an eye on it.

Deputy Skibbe then touched on some of the District's expenses. She explained that the District laid off all part-time staff beginning in April. This has led to a savings in Salaries and Wages of \$379,466 in April and \$365,000 in May. Some of the savings

in May will be offset by part-time staff training done in June to prepare for opening camps and pools. However, full-time staff savings have not yet been realized. The District paid almost all furloughed full-time staff through May 14th. The Salary & Wages account grouping shows a large variance, approximately \$300k, due in part to a change in the way accrued payroll was handled at the prior year end. The District pays all unemployment from the Liability Fund. Unemployment is billed quarterly several months after the quarter ends and as such, we can only estimate our current unemployment expenses. The District currently has 173 employees on unemployment. Forty-five employees remain furloughed, but as safety guidelines allow us to offer additional amenities to the public and open parks and facilities, we will begin to bring staff back. Skibbe explained that in general, expenses are a lagging indicator. By closing facilities, the District is saving money in utilities, but these bills tend to arrive a month after the service period. We have received some bills but will continue to accrue expenses back to the prior year. Other expenses such as program services and bank charges have decreased due to the closed facilities and lack of programming.

Deputy Skibbe also addressed PPE expenses. She noted that as we purchase PPE and ready our facilities for opening, we have been charging these expenses to a COVID project code. To date, we have spent over \$48,000 in COVID related purchases. This covers items such as deep cleaning, hand sanitizer, face masks, sneeze guards, disinfecting spray, and signage for facilities and parks regarding safety. Through FEMA's Public Assistance Program, the District is eligible to apply for 75% reimbursement of some COVID related expenses. However, FEMA reimbursement only covers expenses; lost revenue is not a reimbursable expense and therefore the majority of the District's losses will not be subject to reimbursement. The District has also committed to expense reductions that we will realize over the course of the fiscal year including delaying capital purchases, eliminating training, delaying the merit increase, as well as other items. Erin Ryan, the District's Finance Director, provided a cash flow analysis as well and the Finance Department continues to monitor this as we move forward in this fluid situation.

iii) Committee Update
No Report

c. Recreation and Swimming Pools

i) Update: Pool Season

Committee Chair Angie Katsamakakis asked Superintendent Todd Price to include in his report what other local districts are planning for their pools this summer. Superintendent of Leisure Services, Todd Price thanked Deputy Executive Director Skibbe for outlining the financial impacts of COVID-19 on our pool season; and now he will present the operational challenges facing the District. Superintendent Price explained that at the April Board meeting a Feasibility Study was presented that showed the operational challenges with opening all three Park District pools this season. Due to the COVID-19 situation and its restrictions, along with the logistics involved with training over 300 seasonal staff, the District would look to open only Flick Pool. The study compared Roosevelt Pool and Flick Pool's financial feasibility and operational features. Basing the comparisons on last year's data, Flick Pool averaged 556 visitors a day compared to Roosevelt's 299 visitors per day. Flick also has more useful amenities along with a separate tot and activity pool. Its layout is

more adaptable to separating or closing off certain areas if necessary due to low attendance which would also help keep staff costs down. Roosevelt 's design does not allow for separation of areas while still adhering to Star Guard and PDRMA safety guidelines. Flick also has a larger concession operation/menu and more parking. Because of its increased financial and operational feasibility; the District decided to move forward with plans to open Flick Pool.

Superintendent Price explained that the District is still waiting for official guidelines on capacity, restrictions and other specifics from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) before staff can fully move forward with its plans. He reported on a survey the Glenview Park District did in alliance with the Northbrook Park District related to the COVID- 19 situation. It showed that 13% of Glenview residents surveyed would immediately come back to using an outdoor pool with 17% willing to come back within one month; this information Price noted also weighed in on our decisions. Price noted that at this time, our summer staff have all been interviewed, but none have been hired. Training would need to be done in small groups which would be time consuming and costly and we don't want to expend any additional money at this time since we are not certain if we can even have a pool season. Also, at this time we have sold 228 passes and have refunded nine. Because of the late start to the season, the season pass will be extended for three additional months.

Superintendent Price explained that Pools cannot open until the Restore Illinois Phase 4 begins. Staff would need one week to fill and heat the pool before training could begin. Training would take two weeks, so it would be three weeks before we could open. However, if IDPH does not provide guidelines by July 10, we would not proceed with opening Flick Pool. Price then explained the process that would be in place when the pool opens. There would be Lap swim, Fitness and swim lessons from 5:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m. (Red Time) available in 1.5-hour intervals for reservations. Then from 10:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m. (Blue Time) would be for general use and that would be in 2 hour reserved intervals. There would be time set aside for cleaning and the Tot Pool would be used for staging the cleaning operations. Our IT department is working on setting up a system where residents will be able to book their pool time online.

Executive Director McCarty clarified that pool use would only be for our residents due to the stated limitations. Also, the District cannot open its pools without authorization from IDPH, which is the case every year. IDPH has authority over all pools in the State of Illinois. So, we have to wait for their certification before we can open.

Superintendent Price reported that the Northbrook Park District will not be opening their pools and the Wilmette Park District has not yet decided on opening their one pool. However, the majority of local area pools have already decided not to open. Price noted that staff is working hard to keep this option to safely open Flick Pool for our residents.

Committee Chair Katsamakakis asked if a decision was made on food operations at the pool. Superintendent Price noted that plans are being developed; however, staff is awaiting guidelines on food service and what will be allowed. He anticipates a reduced menu consisting of limited packaged items.

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President Roberts asked if staff is finding it difficult to acquire qualified lifeguards. Price noted as these phases continue, it will be difficult to hire qualified lifeguards. And that is another reason why opening Flick and not all three pools was considered.

Commissioner Peterson asked for clarification on the date the District would need to hear from IDPH on its guidelines in order to open Flick Pool by July 6. He thought he heard Superintendent Price say July 10 and maybe he meant to say June 10. Superintendent Price clarified that July 10 would be the absolute last day they could wait to hear from IDPH with guidelines before the season would be lost.

Executive Director McCarty explained that staff would need approximately four weeks prior in order to open Flick Pool by July 6, so we would need IDPH guidelines by approximately June 6 for a July 6 opening date. It would take that amount of time to hire full time staff back and to get seasonal staff hired and trained and to also go over the full set of guidelines with legal to make sure we could fulfill all of the requirements to keep patrons and staff safe..

Commissioner Sullivan asked if the District has gotten any indication when those IDPH guidelines would be released.

Executive Director McCarty explained that he is on calls every day with others in the field and hearing daily from reputable sources that the guidelines are going to be released. Just yesterday, the Governor was asked about the pool guidelines and he said he is leaving it up to the scientists so that is IDPH. And as of today, we have still not gotten any guidance from IDPH.

Commissioner Dillion asked what the pool hours will be. Superintendent Price went over the plan for lap swim and general use time. The pool would be open 5:30a.m. to 9:00 p.m. which is a little longer than in past years.

Commissioner Dave Tosh asked how staff will handle 200 people showing up at the pool on the first day. Superintendent Price noted only groups of 50, which includes staff in that number, would be allowed during each interval. Director McCarty noted with the time having to be reserved online and only available for residents, we can control the amount of people in the pool at a given time. Once the person's 1.5 hour reserved time for Lap swim, fitness, etc. or 2-hour reserve time for general use is over, they will need to leave the pool. There will also be time allotted for cleaning to make sure the pool is sanitized for the next group of users.

Commissioner Bill Casey asked what are the chances bather load or capacity will be used as a requirement instead of number of people and what has the Illinois Association of Park District's (IAPD) done on our behalf and other Park Districts to lobby for guidance from IDPH in order for the pools to open.

Superintendent Price noted other states are basing their numbers on bather load or capacity. However, IDPH has not given us any indication on their decision so far.

Director McCarty responded that IAPD has had many meetings with IDPH and DCEO to provide guidelines on park district operations and has been actively lobbying on our behalf to get the pools open.

Commissioner Sullivan asked about the high ratio of 15 staff to 35 pool users which equals the 50-person maximum allowed at a given time in the Pool. Superintendent Price explained that that number is set by Star Guard and is based on safety requirements so it is not flexible.

Committee Chair Katsamakakis thanked Todd Price, Maggie Cunningham and Kara Moss for all their hard working in trying to bring a pool season to Glenview residents.

ii) Update Camps

Superintendent Todd Price explained that by early April, it was apparent that camps would not be able to run as offered in our summer brochure. Staff came together to redesign the camps and figure out what safety measures would have to be put in place. Todd noted that on May 8, the District informed families who had children enrolled in summer camp that we would be cancelling the original offerings of camps that they had signed up for and would be refunding their full payment.

On May 21, information went out that provided greater detail on the new camp offering at each site, associated cost and how enrollment would be handled. Then on May 26, we reached out to our camp families and encouraged them to sign up for camps. The response was very good and great enrolment so far. Superintendent Price announced that on Friday, May 29, we will have resident camp enrollment and if there are any openings still available, nonresidents will be able to enroll. Camp registration will close on June 12 and camps would start on Monday June 29 and conclude on Friday, August 7.

Price explained that staff is working with the guidelines from DCEO. We plan to have pods (small groups) with 8-10 campers and 10 staff, which would be isolated from other campers. We would be using 12 Fieldhouses and 12 rooms at Park Center along with the Roosevelt pool house for camp locations. We will also have pods at Wagner Farm and The Grove. Each camper would have their own camp box that would contain their supplies for their activities. For full-day camps, we will provide lunch and a snack We have also acquired the necessary PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) that is required. Superintendent Price noted that staff is looking forward to getting back to programming and that camps are looking very positive.

iii) Approved staff Fourth of July parade plan and postpone the fireworks show until a future date

Superintendent Price commented that because so many communities are cancelling their 4th of July festivities, staff wanted to come up with a way to celebrate the day but to also keep within the guidelines of the Restore Illinois Plan. Price explained the Fourth of July parade concept that is being planned. It would be similar to the Holiday Lights tour that is done each year at the Morton Arboretum. The community would be invited to decorate their cars, enter off Milwaukee Ave and drive through Community Park West where there would be stationary floats from businesses, civic groups, neighborhoods etc. The cars would then exit at Central Avenue. Some ideas staff is considering are to collect a donation for the Northfield Food Pantry as entry to the parade and to give out bells to every car and asks everyone to ring their bell at 8:00 p.m. that night along with the local churches ringing their bells to celebrate our nation's birth. We are also looking to seek the help of the GBS Radio station to play patriotic music at the parade. Even though this is very different from past year's

parades we are looking to give the community something to look forward to for the holiday.

Superintendent Price noted that staff tried to figure out ways to have the fireworks show while keeping in line with the state crowd requirements. One idea was to have them at multiple locations with higher shells so residents could see them from their homes. However, this would increase costs and staffing for both the Park District and Village and the larger shells would violate the 600-foot ceiling we have in our area due to our proximity to the airport.

Superintendent Price presented the staff recommendation to proceed with the reverse parade at Community Park West but to postpone the fireworks to a later date in the year for the Board's consideration.

Commissioner Casey thanked staff and the Fourth of July Commission for the great ideas they came up with to try and continue the celebrations our community enjoys so much each year. Commissioner Peterson agreed with the creative ideas that were proposed and is happy with the reports. Commissioner Tosh also echoed those thoughts.

President Roberts acknowledged the difficult spot staff is in trying to get the pools open. She understands the guidelines that have to be followed and how the timing is also so important. She appreciates all the hard work by staff and also acknowledged how much the community wants the pools open. She also noted how most communities have already decided to not open their pools so she appreciates all the efforts by staff to get Flick pool open.

Commissioner Katsamakakis moved seconded by Commissioner Tosh to approve hosting the reverse 4th of July parade concept at Community Park West and postponing the fireworks show until a future date. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Sullivan, Tosh, Casey, Dillon, Katsamakakis, Peterson Roberts. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

- iv) Committee Update
No Report

d. Special Revenue Facilities

- i) Approved Ice Center Scoreboards
Committee Chair Dave Dillon remarked that the Community Ice Center is progressing well and that he was able to view the rink being poured last Friday which he found the process to be amazing.

Superintendent of Special Facilities Lori Lovell noted the next item on the agenda was consideration to approve the purchase of two scoreboards and accessories, wireless receivers, two programmable team name centers, installation and delivery from Sievert Electric of Forest Park, Illinois in the amount of \$32,400. She reported that the renovated Glenview Community Ice Center is nearing completion and it will include two full sheets of ice and one, half sheet (the studio) rinks. She also explained that some of the Scoreboards from the old building are being reused in Rink B and the Studio Rink. The two new scoreboards being discussed tonight will be placed in Rink

A. Some of the equipment being considered tonight will help improve the recycled scoreboards to have more modern features and function properly. The project budget included 34,820 for this purchase, so there is a cost savings of \$2,420. Superintendent Lovell thanked Ice Center Manager Jim Weides for negotiating the savings. Lovell acknowledge that this item was not bided out because it is wireless technology so it is exempt from the bidding requirements.

Chair Dillon noted the company supplying the scoreboards is Daktronics who are very reputable in the scoreboard industry. And the majority of the cost will go towards refurbishing the three old scoreboards with wireless technology.

Commissioner Sullivan moved seconded by Commissioner Dillon to approve a staff recommendation to approve the purchase of two scoreboards and accessories, wireless receivers, two programmable team name centers, installation and delivery from Sievert Electric of Forest Park, Illinois in the amount of \$32,400. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Tosh, Casey, Dillon, Katsamakakis, Peterson, Sullivan, Roberts. Nays: None. Motion Carried

Commissioner Casey asked if staff is considering having the website (LiveBarn) wired in the Ice Center so parents have the ability to watch their children's hockey games. Superintendent Lovell noted the website will be setup; however, staff is working with legal to address some issues with the contract from LiveBarn in regards to minors. Commissioner Dillon noted the names on Jerseys can also be an issue with the website.

President Roberts is pleased to see the progress being made on the Ice Center even with all the issues being faced with the Pandemic

- ii) Committee Update
No Report

10. **Matters from Commissioners**

Commissioner Dave Dillon noted the many challenges facing the Park District to provide adequate recreational opportunities. However, he is concerned with the current health situation and is happy staff is moving cautiously. He would like to see things open, but will defer to the Governor and Scientists. He thanked staff for doing a good job.

Commissioner Dave Tosh commented that having been a teacher he understands what parents are going through with kids being stuck at home with not many activities. He feels with the phases we're entering, we will be able to open more amenities. He also expressed how this Pandemic is new to everyone and unlike the drills in school for tornados and fire, we are not sure how to handle this. So, he thinks it's best to rely on the experts, the scientists and epidemiologists even though we may not like what they are advising. He noted the first guiding principle of the Glenview is Park District is Safety and Proactive Risk Management. It states that the District will strive to provide safe parks, recreation programs and facilities which balance the need to minimize risk while preserving the fundamental nature of the recreation experience. So, he thinks the District needs to be tough on this situation and feels it is doing the right thing. Commissioner Tosh also recognized President Roberts for the great job she did as President this past year. And, with Commissioner Casey taking on that role next, he feels the District is in good hands.

Commissioner Angie Katsamakakis noted that she uses the bike path regularly; however, she sees how very difficult it is to keep social distancing and abide by the guidelines when you are out there. She feels that is true with most activities and that is why the District is being cautious because it is very difficult to manage the safety risks.

Commissioner Joe Sullivan thanked the staff for the good job they are doing. He acknowledged how difficult it has been to lay off co-workers and the pressure and new regulations they are dealing with every day. He wanted to let the staff know how much the Board appreciates everything they are doing.

Commissioner Bill Casey echoed Commissioner Sullivan's comments. He noted the spirit and resilience of the Glenview residents and how they have always supported the Park District over its almost 100 years through good times and some difficult times as well. He feels this situation is the hardest thing we have ever had to face. He appreciates the community's patience and hears their compassion to open things up. Commissioner Casey noted the District wants to open up just as much as the residents but is limited by its budget, which is 52% fee based. And, unlike private businesses, the District is not eligible for any government bailout money. The District is making decisions to protect the taxpayer's money, cutting back on some services and as seen, furloughing many staff. He hopes the community will have patience with these decisions as the District slowly brings things back. He noted what a great community this is and hopes the residents see what a great Park District they have. There are many people working very hard to get things back to normal as soon as possible.

Commissioner Casey also remarked on how the Board rotates the Presidency out each year and gives each Commissioner the opportunity to experience that role. This will be President Jen Roberts last meeting as President. She will hand the gavel over to Commissioner Casey for the new fiscal year. Commissioner Casey feels this is a great practice because with the President being the point person for the Board, they get to see the daily operations of the District, all the financial and legal issues involved in running the District as well as seeing the intergovernmental coordination that happens between our local government agencies. The President also gets to see how hard the Executive Director works every day to make our Park District one of the top districts in the nation as acknowledged by us receiving a Gold Medal finalist award this year. Having each Commissioner experience what the President gets to see, makes us all a better Board. He thanked President Roberts for the great job she did this year and for getting the Board together for a retreat. He gave her high honors noting she should be very proud for all she did. He also extended his thanks to Bill Attea for facilitating the Park Board Retreat.

Commissioner Jen Roberts remarked that no matter how many times we state this it doesn't take away from how much it is meant; we want to say again what a great staff we have at the Glenview Park District. They are moving in an uncertain environment, being nimble and flexible with as much caution and compassion as possible as they deal with outside agencies that don't always have clear guidance. President Roberts explained that she started her involvement with the Park District working at Wagner Farm and how much she loved the farm and the staff she worked with. She was very moved to hear about Wagner Farm's Feeding Glenview initiative and noted it represents the very best of what this Park District does. She noted that what we heard tonight is the day to day work being done with very little guidance that changes daily; along with a political situation and a future that is really unknown from this virus we are all facing. And even with the difficulties working from

home and the challenges that brings, we continue to see a commitment to the community from our staff. I want to thank the staff and all of the Commissioners; this has been a great Board this year. We faced a lot; but always with grace and compassion and listened to each other. President Roberts hoped the community will embrace this summer with caution and kindness as we move forward during these difficult times.

11. Correspondence

a. Letter/Petition to Reopen the Park District

Executive Director Mike McCarty referred to the letter and petition that was received asking to reopen the Park District. He noted some of those who signed the petition were on the meeting call tonight. The letter was signed by Erin Murnighan, Bonnie Kearns, Andrea McDonnell, Kim Lombardo and Young-Jin Chang. McCarty noted the letter and petition will be submitted for the official record.

12. Adjourn Sine Die—Close of 2019/2020 Fiscal Year

Commissioner Peterson moved seconded by Commissioner Tosh to adjourn Sine Die to close the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year at 9:28 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Casey, Dillon, Katsamakis, Peterson, Sullivan, Tosh, Roberts. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

ATTEST:

William M. Casey, President

Michael D. McCarty, Secretary

Approved this 25th day of June, 2020

Note: Click here for a link to the audio of the May 28, 2020, 7:00p.m. Virtual Park Board meeting: www.glenviewparks.org/tmp/28May2020RegularBoardMtg.m4a