



GLENVIEW PARK DISTRICT PARK BOARD MEETING

Convened at Park Center
2400 Chestnut Avenue
Glenview, IL 60025

Regular Meeting Minutes August 27, 2020

1. Roll Call

President Casey acknowledged and welcomed Oliver Wolf, a boy scout seated in the visitors' section who was observing the Board meeting to achieve his Boy Scouts' Citizenship Merit Badge.

President William M. Casey called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and the roll was called.

Commissioners present: David M. Dillon, Angie G. Katsamakias, Daniel B. Peterson, Jennifer G. Roberts, David S. Tosh, William M. Casey.

Commissioners who attended remotely: Joseph A. Sullivan.

Commissioners absent: None

Official Staff present: Attorney Derke J. Price, Treasurer William D. Moore, Executive Director/Secretary Michael D. McCarty, Superintendent of Special Facilities Lori Lovell, Superintendent of Leisure Services Todd Price, Deputy Executive Director Katie Skibbe, Superintendent of Park & Facility Services James Warnstedt and Recording Secretary Joanne Capaccio. Please refer to the attendance record for visitors.

Official Staff absent: None.

2. **Commissioner Roberts moved seconded by Commissioner Peterson to allow Commissioner Joe Sullivan to participate in the August 27, 2020 Regular Park Board Meeting by electronic means. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Dillon, Katsamakias, Peterson, Roberts, Sullivan, Tosh, Casey. Nays: None. Motion Carried.**

3. A Moment of Silence was observed

President Casey explained that due to being a public body, the Park Board does not say a prayer at their meetings; however, it can take this opportunity to be mindful of important issues. He asked that those in attendance reflect on the struggles with the Pandemic and Social Injustice and how we can come together to help our community be a better place to live. President Casey also offered his condolences to Superintendent Todd Price and his family on the recent loss of his close family member.

4. Meeting Minutes

- a. **Accepted the July 14, 2020 Finance and Administrative Operations/Marketing Committee meeting minutes**

- b. **Approved the July 23, 2020 BAO Public Hearing meeting minutes**
- c. **Approved the July 23, 2020 Regular Board meeting minutes**

Commissioner Peterson moved seconded by Commissioner Dillon to accept the July 14, 2020 Finance and Administrative Operations/ Marketing Committee meeting minutes; approve the July 23, 2020 BAO Public Hearing meeting minutes and approve the July 23, 2020 Regular Board meeting minutes. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Katsamakis, Peterson, Roberts, Sullivan, Tosh, Dillon, Casey. Nays: None. Motion Carried. (Copy of minutes filed herewith.)

5. Recognition

a. **Introduced Candace Diaz, Figure Skating Director**

Brian Montgomery, the Manager of Program Services at the Glenview Community Ice Center, introduced the Park District's new figure skating director, Candace Diaz. He noted Candace's first day at the Park District was March 23, 2020 but due the restrictions of COVID -19, she worked remotely for her first two months. Candace previously was the district's Figure Skating Director from 1993 through 1999. While she's been away, Candace owned and operated two skating schools in southern Wisconsin where she lived and has been very active in publicly and privately coaching skaters from Basic Skills classes through Regional, Sectional and Junior National competitive levels. Brian expressed the district's excitement for the wealth of experience Candace has and to see the creativity she will bring to her teaching. She begins her on-ice programs in September.

Candace thanked the Board for the opportunity she's been given and expressed her excitement to be back on the Ice Center team. She is looking forward to further growing and developing the district's figure skating program and making the Community Ice Center the premiere ice-skating school on the Northshore.

President Casey welcomed Candace to the Glenview Park District.

6. Officers' Reports

a. **President**

President Casey went over the procedures for the public to address the Board.

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) **Approved the Wesley Child Care, LLC Agreement**

Superintendent of Leisure Services, Todd Price, gave a summary of the Wesley Child Care, LLC agreement that the Board will consider for approval tonight. He explained that an Independent Contractor agreement was developed to enable Wesley Child Care, LLC to staff and operate Camp R.E.C. locations that are not being operated by

the Glenview Park District. Independent Contractor Wesley, will operate these pod locations at Glenview Park District facilities to help meet the demand for these services through their available workforce. This agreement outlines the responsibilities of both parties exclusive to the four-week session of Camp R.E.C. which begins August 31 and runs-through September 28. This document has been structured in the same manner as other Independent Contractor agreements used by the District. Typically, these agreements are approved at the staff level but given the complexities of this agreement and uniqueness of this program, staff is bringing it to the Board for consideration.

Commissioner Peterson moved seconded by Commissioner Katsamakakis to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement for Program Services with Wesley Child Care, LLC. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Peterson, Roberts, Sullivan, Tosh, Dillon, Katsamakakis, Casey. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Angie Katsamakakis asked if there were 144 participants signed up in Camp R.E.C. so far. And, if after this initial offering, will staff regroup to offer additional sessions.

Superintendent Price answered that as of today there are 140 registered for Camp R.E.C.: 43 participants in the A.M. session and 97 participants in the A.M./P.M session. And, as far as what's next, Todd acknowledged that would depend on circumstances at the time; what the Community's needs are and what the school districts are planning. Some very preliminary discussions have been held with Wesley Child Care on what a second session might look like.

ii) District Update: COVID-19

Executive Director Michael McCarty thanked the staff for the tremendous job they are doing from winding down the summer season at Flick Pool to finishing a successful summer camp season, all with managing the challenges of COVID-19. He noted fitness programs are doing well, dance programs are beginning and staff is getting Splash Landings ready to open. McCarty then introduced Superintendent of Leisure Services, Todd Price to cover the Wesley Agreement that the Board will consider.

Note: The Deputy Executive Director and all Superintendents reported any departmental COVID updates during Agenda item: 7. (Division Updates).

7. Division Updates

Each Division Head presented to the Board and for the benefit of the public, highlights of significant accomplishments within their divisions along future plans for the coming months and COVID-19 related information.

Recreation/Museums

Superintendent of Leisure Services Todd Price gave an update on the district's Camp R.E.C. (Recreation, Enrichment, Community) program. He remarked that coming out of a very successful summer camp season that faced the challenges of COVID-19, staff quickly transitioned into the school year to help the community. They developed the District's Camp R.E.C. program which is a new program for children K-8 offering self-directed eLearning

Pods. Staff worked with one of our community partners, Wesley Child Care, to come up with creative ways to offer this new program. Todd noted that eight of those pods will be located here at Park Center with five other pod locations across the Park District. He also reported that a Camp R.E.C. Parent Zoom webinar was being held tonight with over 100 people signed up to participate in the webinar. Parents are very excited about this program and have expressed their appreciation to the Park District for stepping up to help the community.

Todd also reported that a Wagner Farm staff member who had worked at the farm on a Monday two weeks ago has tested positive for COVID. That staff member came in close contact with three other staff members. One of them was tested and the results came back negative.

Todd was happy to report on the second 5-Star Starguard audit staff at Flick Pool received this summer. He noted this was an acknowledgment to the aquatic's team leadership and competency. He also acknowledged that the pool's end of season, evening and weekend only hours began on August 19 and go through September 7. The outdoor pool season will close on September 7 and the indoor pool season at Splash Landings will begin. Residents, Fitness members and those with Aquatic memberships will be able to reserve a block of time online for lap swimming, group walk lanes and warm water therapy.

Todd noted that flag football continues to be strong. This year it was offered to high schoolers and we had 20 registrants. So far we have had 325 signups this year for flag football compared to 441 last year, which is a great sign.

Todd was happy to announce that the Park District hired our very own Robert Kennicott, portrayer Mitch Ransdell, for a Grove's Maintenance 2 position. The position was vacant due to the recent retirement of long-time staff member Tony Jasso. Mitch started at the Park District as a volunteer when he was a teenager and has worked in many part-time positions over the years. So, it is nice to be able to promote Mitch to this full-time position.

President Casey thanked Todd and his staff on behalf of the Board for all their efforts to develop the Camp R.E.C. program with all its moving parts. He noted how proud he was of staff and their commitment to the community.

Commissioner Dave Dillon asked for an update on the Wagner Farm Playscape project. Superintendent Price noted that Phase I of the project was going well. The sidewalks around the Heritage Center are going in today and some of the play features that have been delivered will be installed soon. The grading work, which addresses drainage and irrigation was most of the work so far, but now the above grade work will begin. The project should be completed by next spring.

Administration

Deputy Executive Director Katie Skibbe began her report with her COVID-19 financial update. She reported that the total revenue loss to date is now estimated at 5.8 million dollars. Revenue continues to increase each month but still falls short of budget. The loss expands over all revenue categories including Real Estate taxes. Cook County has now postponed property tax late fees until October, which has affected our tax receipts. Program and instruction revenues have been hit the hardest due to COVID restrictions and people wanting

to be outside. Camps this year did well in fulfilling a need in the community but revenues were \$500,000 lower than last year. Admissions revenue has been affected the least due to the popularity of Golf, but still falls short \$175,000 to budget. Fitness membership monthly installments have steadily decreased while daily attendance has steadily increased with an average of 25 members per session slot with the highest being 40 per session. Many fitness classes have been held outside, slowly migrating indoors. Virtual classes will be rolled out in October.

Skibbe noted that the majority of expense savings is in salary and wages. The District continues to bring staff back. At this time, we still have 3 full-time furloughed staff and 5 full-time vacant positions. However, we are employing 238 part-time employees compared to last year when the District employed 490 part-time employees. The District's unemployment bill for the second quarter was \$326,000; however, due to recent legislation passed at both the State and Federal level, the District will not have to pay regular benefit amounts from March 16-December 26, 2020.

In July, the District spent \$25,000 in COVID related expenses which is down from June when COVID related expenses totaled \$77,000. The District continues to differ capital spending, postpone non-urgent maintenance and repairs and has eliminated professional training. These expense reductions total 4.8M since March and have had a positive impact resulting in a net loss of 1M.

Deputy Director Skibbe also reported that HR continues to work with our health insurance provider IPBC (Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative), collecting data for our annual insurance renewal. The District will remain with the same rates until July 2021, with open enrollment being just around the corner in the fall. Increases are estimated between 3-4%.

Skibbe concluded her report by noting the IT department has been busy setting up technology needs in the new Ice Center; with Staff computers being moved in tomorrow.

Park & Facility Services

Superintendent of Parks and Facility Services Jim Warnstedt reported the Community Park West athletic field drainage project was completed this week. The turf has grown in on the fields and we are ready for the soccer season. The fields at Roosevelt and Flick Parks have also been readied for the flag football season. Also, Splash Landings pools have been filled, are being balanced and tested and will be ready for opening on September 8. Jim also reported on a tour given to the Glenview Park Foundation on Tuesday of the newly renovated Community Ice Center. President Casey, Director McCarty, Superintendents Warnstedt and Lovell and Staff also attended the tour. Foundation members got a first look at the beautiful Tree Sculpture that the Foundation had fully funded and were very pleased with the sculpture. The District thanked them again for their generous donation.

Special Facilities (Golf Club, Prairie Club, Ice Center, Tennis Club, Fitness)

Superintendent of Special Facilities Lori Lovell reported that the Glenview Park Golf Club just received four Finn scooters which are extremely popular with the golfers. They look like a dirt bike but can carry your golf bag. Golfers can rent a Finn scooter for \$19.00(9 holes) or \$30.00(18 holes). She also reported that golf admissions are up 14.75% from July 2019- July

2020. This trend is being seen across the golf industry. The District is seeing above average increases however, due to the course's recent renovations in 2014/2015 and how well it is maintained. Lovell also acknowledged that the COVID situation has affected the lady's platform tennis leagues. She noted we have only four teams, down from our normal nine. The reason we feel is because players are not able to play during the day since they are home eLearning with their children. Many however have signed up as subs. The men's teams do not seem to be affected. We currently have 20 men's teams, which is the norm and the men's teams play in the evening. Superintendent Lovell was excited to announce the Virtual Grand Re-Opening of the Community Ice Center on Saturday, September 12 at 10:00a.m. She noted how impressive the center is and will surely be the premier facility on the Northshore for ice sports. Due to COVID, the in-person attendance at the grand re-opening needed to be limited; however, there are many community events throughout the month of September for residents to enjoy. They can sign-up online for these events and to also take a tour of the facility. Superintendent Lovell expressed her gratitude and thanked her team, Ice Center Manager Jim Weides and Manager of Program Services Brian Montgomery for all their work on the Community Ice Center project. The Board applauded their efforts.

8. Public Comments

None.

9. Approved Accounts Payable

Commissioner Peterson moved seconded by Commissioner Dillon to approve payroll and accounts payable for the month of July, 2020 in the amount of \$3,912,224.51. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Roberts, Sullivan, Tosh, Dillon, Katsamakias, Peterson, Casey. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

10. Approved Consent Agenda items

President Casey asked if any Commissioner wanted to remove an item from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. There were no requests so President Casey asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Roberts moved seconded by Commissioner Peterson to approve the Consent Agenda items. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Sullivan, Tosh, Dillon, Katsamakias, Peterson, Roberts, Casey. Nays: None. Motion Carried. (Copy of supporting information filed herewith and explained below).

a. Accepted a Finance/Administrative Operations & Marketing Committee recommendation to approve Policy 9.63 Remote Work

The Remote Work policy was developed to provide guidance to supervisors and employees and outline the parameters under which remote work is acceptable. The Park District supports remote work where it is found to have a mutual benefit for both the Park District and the employee.

b. Accepted a Finance/Administrative Operations & Marketing Committee recommendation to approve Resolution No. 2020-13: Recognizing a public health emergency and empowering the Executive Director to take certain actions where required by exigency of circumstance

The District has been successfully working remotely to varying degrees since March 13 when all the facilities were closed due to COVID-19. The District recognizes that the Remote Work Policy may, due to the changing circumstances arising out of the declared state of emergency, need to be suspended from time to time. Resolution 2020-13 allows the Executive Director to suspend provisions of the Remote Work policy deemed in the best interest of the District during the pandemic.

c. Accepted a Park & Facility Services/Environmental and Special Revenue Facilities Committee recommendation to approve Glenview Community Ice Center Food & Beverage Addendum

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor JB Pritzker's Restore Illinois plan has placed significant restrictions on the Food and Beverage(F&B) industry. The restriction of the seating capacity that is available for the delivery of F&B services will ultimately reduce the clientele available for F&B services. None the less, per the original agreement, 1851 Landwehr LLC will make the full capital contribution to the Park District in the amount of \$125,000. However, the proposed addendum amends the due dates for the capital contributions. The original due dates were 10 days after execution, December 31, 2020 and December 31 of each year until the capital contribution is made in full. This amendment allows for the first installment of \$12,500 to be due on March 1, 2021 and the second installment of \$12,500 is due no later than December 31, 2021. The remaining installments of \$25,000 each shall be paid on or before December 31 of each year until the capital contribution is paid in full.

11. Committees Reports and Recommendations

a. Finance/Administrative Operations & Marketing

- i) Accepted a Finance and Administrative Operations/Marketing Committee recommendation to approve Resolution No. 2020-14: A Resolution Approving Interfund Loan Actions Regarding Glenview Park Golf Course, Glenview Prairie Club and Glenview Tennis Club.

Deputy Executive Director Katie Skibbe reported that in April, the Board approved the reclassification of the District's enterprise funds to special revenue funds. This change aligned all Park District funds under the same accounting method, modified accrual, which will improve comparability of operating statements between funds and simplify the analysis of funds when activity for long-term assets and long-term debt are consistently recorded across all funds. This resolution is the final step in the reclassification process removing the negative fund balance from the Glenview Park Golf Course and Glenview Prairie Club by reducing the Glenview Tennis Club's fund balance.

Commissioner Dan Peterson pointed to a reference error in both subsections d) of the Resolution. That error will be corrected and was noted in the motion to approve the Resolution.

Commissioner Peterson moved seconded by Commissioner Roberts to accept a Finance and Administrative Operations/Marketing Committee recommendation to approve Resolution No. 2020-14: A Resolution approving Interfund Loan Actions regarding Glenview Park Golf Course, Glenview Prairie Club and Glenview Tennis

Club with minor revisions to be made to subsections d). Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Tosh, Dillon, Katsamakidis, Peterson, Roberts, Sullivan, Casey. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

ii) Estimated Tax Levy

Deputy Executive Director Katie Skibbe reported that Staff presented information to the Committee on the 2020 tax levy which will fund operations in the 2020/2021 fiscal year. Several points were outlined including the 2019 CPI (Consumer Price Index) of 2.3%, a decrease to the Special Recreation Levy, and small changes to the Bond & Interest Levy due to fluctuations in principal and interest payments. Further discussions will take place at the September Finance Committee Meeting.

iii) Update: Camp R.E.C. (Recreation, Enrichment, Community)

Camp R.E.C. is a new program for children K-8 offering self-directed E-Learning. Superintendent Todd Price gave an update on Camp R.E.C. during his Division Updates on Recreation/Museums - Agenda item: 7.

iv) Committee Update

No Report

b. Park & Facility Services and Special Revenue Facilities

- i) Accepted a Staff recommendation to approve the Glenview Community Ice Center Glenview Stars Hockey Association Agreement subject to final review and revision by the Park District's Executive Director and Attorney.

Superintendent Lori Lovell noted a consideration to approve this agreement between the Glenview Stars Hockey Association and the Park District will be considered by the Board tonight. She referred to an updated COVID Rider to the agreement that she sent to Board members on Wednesday of this week that is different from the one they reviewed at the Committee meeting and different from the one in their Board packets. The COVID Rider clarifies what can trigger the Rider to go into effect which will start a conversation on next steps.

Attorney Derke Price explained that the COVID Rider was revised now because at the time it was presented to the Committee, there was a risk that the Governor might roll-back restrictions to Phase 3, but at the time, he had not rolled anything back. The Glenview Stars would get equitable relief if the Governor banned hockey (Force Majeure); however, even with hockey being considered a high-risk sport, the Stars are not able to contest the terms of the agreement for that reason. In recent weeks, the Governor has rolled back some business to more restrictive measures even though he has not announced a blanket move back to Phase 3. The Stars were concerned that the Governor might restrict group sizes which would affect their ability to abide by the terms of the contract. Because the Stars are good partners to the District, we revised the Rider to address their concerns. The revised Rider clarifies that the only trigger for this Rider to go into effect would be if group sizes were restricted to under 40. If that happens, the District and the Stars would negotiate possible discounted fees and other measures; however, the capital investment outlined in the agreement is nonnegotiable.

Superintendent Lovell gave some background leading up to this agreement. She explained that in November of 2017, the Glenview Stars pledged one million dollars to the Glenview Park District in support of the renovation and expansion of the Glenview Ice Center. Negotiations on an agreement began in September 2017 and have continued since the pledge was given. The Stars recently proposed reducing their original pledge of one million dollars to \$875,000 to support the renovation of the Ice Center and \$102,653 for the purchase of a Zamboni, for a total pledge of \$977,653 over the 13- year agreement. Because this is a lease agreement and the Stars are pledging money, they will get the highest priority usage after the Park District schedules their programs. The Stars are guaranteed leased ice per week during the season of 43 full sheet hours and 4 studio hours; their established lease rates for the first three seasons are \$425, \$430 and \$435; they agreed to pay a per player fee comparable to other Park District affiliates, the current rate is \$12; annually, the Stars will receive, at no additional cost, 10 rentals of the Ice Center community room; during the regular season on Monday evenings the Stars will receive at no additional cost the use of the Rapid Shot and Rapid Hands and Dryland Training and a nonexclusive use of a meeting room.

Lovell stated that in total, over the 13-year term of the lease agreement, with the ice they will pay for, the per player fee and the donation of \$875,000 and \$102,653 for an ice resurfacer, the Stars will pay approximately \$8,193,121 which does not include ice rented during the shoulder seasons.

President Casey confirmed that the Stars will have 43 full sheet hours per week and asked how much ice time do they currently have and how much is going to other facilities.

Brian Montgomery, Program Manager, noted the Stars had 19 sheet hours per week rented during the regular season when the Ice Center was still opened. That was with 53 prime time hours of available sheet time with one sheet of ice. Now with the second sheet, we have 106 available hours. The Stars were traveling to 4 other ice rinks for ice time and now we are able to provide more opportunities and less travel for families.

Commissioner Dave Dillon asked if the Stars' original pledge was for 1.1M. Lovell noted they originally pledged 1M and to fundraise over 10 years to pay for a Zamboni (approx. \$100,000), which would come to a total pledge of 1.1M.

Commissioner Angie Katsamakakis asked if discussions for tournaments have begun and if there are hours available for tournaments. Montgomery noted that we are discussing tournaments with the Stars and other organizations. However, during the regular season (September-March) hours for tournaments are difficult to find. It is better to wait to schedule after March. We want to make sure our programs have the hours they need. Montgomery also answered Commissioner Katsamakakis' questions on tournament rates and scheduling out winter break time. He explained tournament rates are at the same rate as regular rates. And the benefit of tournaments are they usually run during the day on Thursday or Friday so they don't interfere too much with other ice times. Winter Break time is being planned and that is when the District

has its Winter Carnival. Montgomery explained that we get our programs on the schedule first and then the Stars get priority use after our programs,. However, the Stars usually don't run a regular schedule during winter break.

Commissioner Joe Sullivan being on the phone wanted to clarify that he heard correctly that the Stars were averaging 19 hours of ice time per week pre-COVID and now are committing to 43 hours per week? President Casey confirmed that was correct. Commissioner Sullivan then asked what the agreement states. Is the District allocating 43 hours of ice time a week to the Stars or is that the amount of ice time the Stars are committing to?

Commissioner Dan Peterson noted the Park District is committing to giving the Stars 43 hours of ice per week, but nowhere in the agreement are the Stars committing to purchasing 43 hours of ice a week. He wanted to clarify that point.

Attorney Derke Price opined that there is not a minimum amount of ice time that the Stars have to purchase, but it is beneficial to them to take the 43 hours because it will end up costing them more to purchase less. Also, the prime-time slots are what the Stars will have priority to purchase, so they would most likely want to secure the 43 hours allotted to them.

Commissioner Peterson conveyed that if the Stars only wanted to purchase 30 hours of ice they could and would not be in breach of this agreement. He also noted that the Stars would not be committing to paying 8M dollars over the course of the 13-year term of this agreement, as Superintendent Lovell had stated they would, if they do not purchase 43 hours per week for the next 13 years. So, the only future commitment from the Stars is \$875,000.

Commissioner Dave Dillon noted the original pledge from the Stars was 1.1M and now it is \$977,653, which is a difference of more than the \$30,000 he thought it was going to be.

Commissioner Joe Sullivan feels this is a good agreement. Building a 30M dollar Ice Center requires securing rentals and he believes the Stars will want to purchase all their ice from us because they will not want to purchase ice in other towns and have their teams traveling to other rinks. This agreement gives the District what it needs and gives the Stars what they need. He also thinks COVID has changed a lot of things and this new commitment from the Stars is what they felt comfortable with what they could commit to.

Commissioner Dave Tosh wanted clarification on the start and end dates of the agreement. He noted the commencement date was blank and the end date was July 31, 2033 and thought those dates should line up. Attorney Price said the start date is fluid and based on when ice would be available to the Stars and the end date was based on the Stars' shoulder season and when their capital is due.

President Casey asked for a motion to consider approving the Glenview Community Ice Center Glenview Stars Hockey Association Agreement subject to final review and revision by the Park District's Executive Director and Attorney.

Commissioner Dillon moved seconded by Commissioner Roberts to approve the Glenview Community Ice Center Glenview Stars Hockey Association Agreement subject to final review and revision by the Park District's Executive Director and Attorney.

Before a vote was taken on the motion, the Board discussed the following:

Commissioner Dan Peterson commended staff for their efforts in developing and negotiating this agreement over the last three years. He noted the Board just got to see the agreement for the first time this month and he sees two major defects with it which he feels go against principles of the Park District.

Commissioner Peterson stated the first concern he has goes against the District's principles of Transparency and Fidelity to our taxpayers. He noted that before the Referendum, the Stars pledged with no conditions to contribute 1M dollars payable over 10 years to the Park District in support of the renovation and expansion of the Ice Center. The District included this pledge as part of its communications to the public on the Referendum. The cost of the Referendum would be 29M dollars but by getting 1M from the Stars, the cost to taxpayers would be 28M. The Board then approved abating the Referendum Bond payment with the pledged 1M dollars so it would reduce the cost to the taxpayers. Now after three years and the Ice Center renovations now complete, Peterson noted we are here tonight to consider reducing that 1M dollar pledge to \$875,000, but the buildings cost is still 29M. Peterson feels this is really a tax increase since this will raise the cost to the taxpayers over the amount they agreed to. Peterson feels this is wrong and the Stars should contribute what they pledged and he is willing to give them more time to pay the pledge (from 10 years to 13 years). He did acknowledge that the Stars bought the Zamboni they pledged, but they are not being required nor have they committed to purchasing any specific amount of ice time in this agreement, the only thing they did commit to was their 1M dollar pledge and he feels the Board should hold them to that commitment.

Commissioner Peterson explained that the second concern he has with the Stars agreement is that the District is giving them a below market rate for ice time and locking that rate in for 13 years. He noted last year when the Stars had to buy ice at other rinks outside of Glenview, they paid around \$530.00 an hour. That's the market price since that's what it costs for ice time if you don't have your own facility. And after building a 29M dollar facility in Glenview for the Stars, where they want to be and we want them to be, we are now charging them \$100.00 less than the market price and contractually locking that price in for 10 years. With only a 1% increase for the first three years and no more than a 3% increase for the next 10 years. Peterson feels since we are not charging the market rate that this is assuring the Community Ice Center will not break even and will be in need of a subsidy for the next 13 years to cover its costs. He explained that one of the principles the Board has always respected was to be very reluctant to tie the hands of future Boards so they can make their own decisions. By locking in the limitation of not being able to charge the

market price for the next 13 years and charging \$100.00 less than that price, he feels that is exactly what this agreement is doing and for the reasons he just conveyed, he will not support it.

Commissioner Jen Roberts understands Commissioner Peterson's concern with the Star's initial pledge that was made during the Referendum. And the only reason she is willing to agree to the reduced pledge of \$875,000 is because of the global pandemic, the impact it has had and how it has changed everything. So, she feels the new pledge is reasonable. However, she does not agree that the \$535.00 price the Stars had to pay last year at other rinks is the market price but rather a squeeze rate being charged to them because of the circumstances those rinks saw the Stars were in with the Ice Center not available to them. She also does not believe that just because the Stars, who are in the community and one of our affiliates, are getting a reduced rate means we won't be able to cover our cost and asked Commissioner Peterson to show her the math and how he comes to that conclusion. She asked Commissioner Peterson if he is saying, we are giving the Stars this reduced rate but they are not committing to their original pledge and is that what his concern is.

Commissioner Peterson clarified his concern is that we are selling to the Stars all the ice time we don't need for our own programs. He explained that we obviously don't pay ourselves for the ice we use for our own programs so we are not making any money on that ice time. So, by giving 43 hours out of the 106 hours available to the Stars at a reduced rate, and that is the ice that we are able to sell, that ice revenue is the only way to cover our costs.

Commissioner Roberts believes that staff takes that information into account when budgeting and doesn't think they would budget a shortfall based on the amount we are charging the Stars and doesn't see the logic in Commissioner Peterson's concern of not covering costs.

Commissioner Peterson noted that we don't do a 13- year budget so staff is not budgeting out the costs of operations for the next 13 years. But with this contract we are giving up the option of raising those ice rates and are locking them in for 13 years. And that is why he believes we will not be able to cover our costs for the duration of this agreement. Commissioner Roberts disagreed with this analysis.

Commissioner Peterson noted Commissioner Roberts comments that she was fine with reducing the original Stars' pledge from 1M dollars to \$875,000 because she feels the impact of the COVID pandemic has changed a lot of things. But, Peterson referred to the new pledge letter from the Stars that never mentions COVID as a reason for them reducing their pledge, but rather it was due to the bad year they had with the Ice Center being closed.

Commissioner Roberts clarified that due to the Pandemic situation we are all in, that is her rationale for agreeing to the reduced pledge. She never said it was the Stars' reason and if we weren't all in the middle of this COVID situation and the Stars asked to reduce their pledge due to the Ice Center not being open, she would not agree to that.

Commissioner Dave Dillon thought the Stars reduced pledge was \$30,000 less and not \$125,000 less than their original pledge of one million dollars. He did not realize the amount was that much. He noted because we extended the terms of the agreement for the Stars to pay this pledge from 10 years to 13 years, he feels we are giving them a huge break on the amount and the terms to pay it back. He doesn't agree that the current market price for ice is \$535.00 per hour and believes that rate can change down the road for many reasons. So, realizing the reduced pledge is a lot more than he thought, he is reconsidering the terms of the agreement.

Commissioner Dillon moved seconded by Commissioner Roberts to approve the Glenview Community Ice Center Glenview Stars Hockey Association Agreement subject to final review and revision by the Park District's Executive Director and Attorney. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Katsamakias, Roberts, Sullivan, Tosh, Casey. Nays: Dillon, Peterson. Motion Carried.

ii) Update: Glenview Community Ice Center Grand Opening Celebration
Superintendent Lori Lovell covered this topic during her Division Updates on Special Facilities - Agenda item: 7.

iii) Future Impacts of District 34 School Projects
Superintendent of Parks & Facility Services Jim Warnstedt reported that Staff provided an update to the Committee regarding the School District 34 referendum construction projects at three Schools. He noted that with these projects, come changes to the footprint of some of their school facilities. Some of these changes will affect open space, athletic fields and playgrounds. The two west baseball fields at Westbrook School will be permanently lost as part of the work planned there next year. The two schools where the playgrounds will be impacted are Lyon School and Westbrook School. District 34 is looking to install three new playgrounds at two schools. The schedule and replacement aspects are outside the scope of the District's responsibility in the intergovernmental agreement with the School District. Staff will continue to communicate with the School District and monitor the construction projects as they proceed.

Commissioner Joe Sullivan asked if the school district is replacing the two fields at Westbrook or are they permanently lost. Superintendent Warnstedt noted they are permanently lost to additional parking. However, our staff have been researching other options but would need to discuss with our sports groups to see what would work best for their programs

Commissioner Sullivan ask if we think we will need to add more fields to accommodate all of our programs. Warnstedt thought we would need to add some and noted staff is looking at Willowbrook Park but would need to get that area up to the playable conditions that are required.

Commissioner Peterson asked why we have not considered relocating one of the fields we are losing at Westbrook to the south east corner up on the hill? Warnstedt noted we could consider that but would have to see if that is something the school

district would want to do and if that corner would even be available after the renovations to that area.

Commissioner Dillon thought that was a good idea to put a smaller field on that hill; however, the neighbors might not like it, He also asked if the baseball groups would have access to the parking there? Warnstedt said yes, they would, and there have been no restrictions put on the access that they currently have.

Executive Director Mike McCarty noted that if there were restrictions put on the parking that would be addressed in our IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement).

Commissioner Dillon feels the Park District, school district and baseball groups should try to repurpose that area because it is such a nice area. He also doesn't think we need to add new fields but need to repurpose fields possibly at Johns and Willow Parks since we have already lost six fields.

iv) Committee Update
No Report

12. Matters from Commissioners

Commissioner Dave Tosh referred to an article in a recent Parks and Recreation magazine that featured our Wagner Farm Feeding Glenview Initiative and encouraged others to read it.

Commissioner Jen Roberts attended an event commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment. A bench opening was presented behind Park Center which will continue to serve as a reminder to everyone of this important event.

Commissioner Roberts also made the following moving statement:

In light of recent events around the country, but specifically this past week in Kenosha. I want to speak about equity and equality in our community. In the Glenview Park District mission, we say we strive to build a sense of community, enhance people's lives, and contribute to the enrichment of the individual, family and the community. Our vision is a community in which everyone enjoys happiness, health and an appreciation for the environment on a daily basis. We emphasize the word community over and over again. We are unique individuals, but together we form a community, and the Glenview Park District is committed to both its mission and its vision for every individual in this park district community, no matter the individual's race, sex, creed, age, national origin or disability. It's not enough to just have stated policies, although that is a start. We must always remember to put our policies into action, especially now. I hope that as we continue to handle the challenge of COVID on top of the everyday challenges of running a park district, we remember to support each visitor to our parks and facilities, each Park District employee and each other with compassion, openness and appreciation of what we each bring to our shared community.

Commissioner Joe Sullivan explained the reason he was not physically at the Board meeting tonight was because his daughter has COVID so he was self-quarantining. But, he would be at next month's meeting. President Casey wished Joe's daughter a speedy recovery.

Commissioner Dave Dillon thanked Commissioner Roberts for her words and expressed how tough the last few months have been. As Commissioners, he hopes they too could start to make a difference. He would like to partner with the Illinois Association of Park Districts to see what they can do together to help.

President Bill Casey expressed it was an honor to be with a group of like-minded people, and even though at times we disagree, we come together on the really important matters.

13. Correspondence

None.

14. Adjourn to Executive Session—Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 et seq. possible topics

No Executive Session was held.

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

None.

16. Adjourned

Commissioner Dillon moved seconded by Commissioner Peterson to adjourn the Open Session at 8:25 p.m. On Voice Vote, all voted Aye. Motion Carried.

ATTEST:

William M. Casey, President

Michael D. McCarty, Secretary

Approved this 24th day of September, 2020