

Village of Glendale Heights  
Parks & Recreation Committee  
Special Meeting Minutes  
January 27, 2016  
Sports Hub

**Trustee Pat Maritato called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.**

**Roll Call:**

Joe Chambers ( <i>Parks and Recreation Committee Member</i> )	Present
Joe Latrofa ( <i>Parks and Recreation Committee Member</i> )	Absent
Jeanette Wilson ( <i>Parks and Recreation Committee Member</i> )	Present
John Tejada ( <i>Parks and Recreation Committee Member</i> )	Present
Pat Maritato ( <i>Parks and Recreation Committee Member - Chairman</i> )	Present
Other Attendance:	
Keith Knautz (Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities)	Present
Chuck Dymbrowski (Lead Foreman, Parks)	Present
Vince Cassata (Foreman, Parks)	Present
Dale Hanstad (Recreation Supervisor)	Present

**Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes 11/17/15**

Jeanette Wilson motioned to approve. John Tejada seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

**Discussion Regarding – Parks Improvement**

Department Director, Keith Knautz, explained that most of the current play structures in the 22 Glendale Heights parks require improvement in the near future as most are coming to the end of their lifespans. He added that all would benefit from additional features for nearby residents.

Glendale Heights parks offer 12 shelters which will be repaired or renovated in the coming year.

The play structure at Nazos Park will be replaced. As part of the replacement, the Department will install the playground, drawing on community members to assemble the structure as part of a “community build.” Two play structures were presented, one by Burke and the other by Zenon. Play structures have been selected to meet the needs of the community’s children across several age groups. The Village Board needs to receive the committee’s recommendation, via the Department, by February 11, 2016.

The Department recommends installing additional play features throughout the Village. Suggested features include a multi-generational swing, spinner, spin max, and superman glider. The committee determined the multi-generation swing was an excellent choice.

To conclude the discussion, Director Knautz reminded the committee that larger projects such as those necessary at Camera Park will cost a few hundred thousand dollars and require long term planning. Director Knautz reassured Chairman Maritato that the final proposal will be prepared by the Department and made available to him before the topic is brought to the Village Board.

**Comments and Questions**

No additional comments or questions

**The Committee moved and seconded to adjourn, and by voice vote, the motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.**