

Village of Glendale Heights
Parks & Recreation Committee
Tuesday, November 16, 2021
Sports Hub

Trustee Pat Maritato called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Jeanette Wilson (<i>Parks and Recreation Committee Member</i>)	Present
Aaron Murauskas (<i>Parks and Recreation Committee Member</i>)	Absent
Pat Maritato (<i>Parks and Recreation Committee Member - Chairman</i>)	Present
Enrique Arroyo (<i>Parks and Recreation Committee Member</i>)	Present
Other Attendance:	
Keith Knautz, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Facilities	
Tracy Claudio, Assistant to the Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities	
Bill Schmidt, Trustee District 1	
Mohammad Sidiqqi Trustee District 2	
Chester Pojack, Trustee District 5	
Sohail Bari, Glendale Heights Resident	
Danny Bari, Glendale Heights Resident	
Ed Pope, Glendale Heights Resident	
Kim Darlin, Glendale Heights Resident	

Discussion – Community Garden Update

Director Knautz stated that a committee of ten members was formed and have since met twice. They are working on putting together rules and regulations. Director Knautz stated we hit a minor snag with the school and leveling the ground. The architect for the project will attend the December 6, 2021 Community Garden Committee meeting.

Discussion Regarding – Camera Park Update

Director Knautz stated the playground area and splash pad is complete. The challenge course is going up now. The next big move is cutting the power to Camera Park in order to remove the old building which currently houses the electric. We are waiting for a date from ComEd. Once the electric is shut off, the building will come down. Trustee Maritato inquired about the safety of the area with no lighting. Director Knautz responded that the entire construction area is fenced off.

Discussion Regarding – Cricket

Director Knautz stated that the Village Board decided to terminate the cricket field rental agreement with the American Cricket Conference (ACC). He also stated that the Village will be sending out a request for proposal (RFP) on November 17, 2021 for cricket field rentals and will be published in the newspapers. Sohail Bari, the ACC President and Glendale Heights resident presented the history of cricket in Glendale Heights. Sohail brought cricket to the Village 21 years ago and has been heavily involved in the cricket league, community and has served on committee's and commissions. Sohail stated that it is unfair that the Village terminated the agreement and that the decision will hurt the cricket players in Glendale Heights. Trustee Maritato stated he wants the Parks and Recreation Committee involved in the decision and that the committee does not have enough information on this subject. Trustee Maritato

wants the RFP put on hold and to bring it back to the Village Board during the November 18 meeting. The committee moved and seconded, by voice vote, motion carried.

Discussion Regarding - Upcoming Events

Director Knautz announced the Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Monday, November 29th at Camera Park and will be similar to last year's event. Breakfast with Santa will be held at Glendale Lakes Golf Club on Saturday, December 18th.

Discussion Regarding – Program Updates

Director Knautz stated that this fall we had several successful special events, which included Oktoberfest, Car Show and Community Garage Sale, Harvest Fest and Patriots Day. Youth soccer has four select teams with a total of 99 kids and indoor soccer has 130 kids participating. Preschool has three classes with 45 kids enrolled. Class size was maxed at 16 to provide social distancing. PATH Before School Care has 35 enrolled and After School Care has 74 kids enrolled. PATH After School program has lots of kids on the waiting list for Queen Bee School District 16. The busses are at full capacity and cannot provide additional routes to the Sports Hub due to the shortage of bus drivers.

Other

Director Knautz asked if anyone had any items they wish to discuss and Glendale Heights residents Kim Darlin and Ed Pope asked about the \$150,000 feasibility study for a dog park. They stated that was a lot of money and that there is a dog park close by in Carol Stream and one on Swift Road. Director Knautz responded that all six Trustees voted it down during the mid-year budget review meeting held on Monday, November 15th. Funds will not be allocated at this time and the Village will be look into grant opportunities.

Director Knautz informed the committee that the Village Board made a decision to no longer print and mail the Activity Guide and that staff is working on marketing ideas.

Adjournment

The Committee moved to adjourn, by voice vote, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.