

Village of Glendale Heights
Parks & Recreation Committee
Tuesday, May 17, 2022
Sports Hub

Trustee Pat Maritato called the meeting to order at 7:29 p.m. after the Camera Park Tour

Roll Call:

Jeanette Wilson (<i>Parks and Recreation Committee Member</i>)	Absent
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 In Attendance:	
Keith Knautz, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Facilities	
Tracy Claudio, Assistant to the Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities	
Chodri Ma Khokhar, Village President	
Chester Pojack, Trustee District 5	

Discussion – GH₂O Update and Hours of Operation

Director Knautz, stated there is a lifeguard shortage and that Aurora is closing one of their pools and having only limited hours on another one. We currently have 26 lifeguards and we are aiming to hire a total of 40. The concession stand will not open this year because of the staffing shortage. The plan is to have vending machines inside the concession area. Trustee Maritato suggested increasing the hourly pay for lifeguards and Director Knautz stated that the Village Board just approved a \$1.50 per hour increase. Director Knautz suggested closing the pool when we reach low temperatures and low bather loads. Trustee Maritato approved that suggestion.

Discussion Regarding – 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget

Director Knautz mentioned that the big ticket items include: Millennium Playground, \$100,000, Gym A and B floor refinishing, \$20,000, boiler replacement for the main pool, \$35,000, sand filter replacement, \$32,000, Pheasant Ridge basketball court, \$27,000, Camera Park basketball court, \$10,500, Millennium Park basketball court, \$7,500 and design fees for Simon’s property, \$40,000.

Discussion Regarding – Upcoming Events and Programs

Director Knautz stated the GH₂O Aquatic Center opens Memorial Day weekend. PATH Day camp starts on June 6th and Summer Preschool starts on June 7th. The Medical Mission at Home will be hosted at the Sports Hub on June 9th. ESports is a new program we will be offering this summer.

Discussion Regarding – Millennium Park

Director Knautz stated Millennium Park is not ADA compliant and we are looking at using funds that NEDSRA is holding that can be used for ADA compliance.

Discussion Regarding – Community Garden Update

The community garden project went out to bid and came in at \$450,000. The current Village budget for this project is \$125,000. This project will go out to bid again in the fall along with a construction project

with Queen Bee School District 16. Director Knautz added that Dr. Williams from District 16 is willing to explain the details of the project at a Village Board meeting.

Discussion Regarding – Glendale Heights Fest

Director Knautz announced that Glendale Heights Fest will be held July 13th – July 17th. He also mentioned that fireworks would only be held on Sunday night only.

Discussion Regarding – Other

Trustee Maritato asked Dr. Knautz to have the sandbox at Gilberto Park removed. He also stated that an option would be to plant flowers in that area instead of removing the concrete curbing. Director Knautz stated he would look into options.

Adjournment

The Committee moved to adjourn, by voice vote, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.