

Village of Glendale Heights
Parks & Recreation Committee
January 21, 2025
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>)	Absent
Enrique Arroyo (<i>Parks and Recreation Committee Member</i>)	Present
Pat Maritato (<i>Parks and Recreation Committee Member - Chairman</i>)	Present
Chester Pojack (<i>Parks and Recreation Committee Member - Liaison</i>)	Present
Frank Mendez (<i>Parks and Recreation Committee Member</i>)	Present
John Staffa (<i>Parks and Recreation Committee Member</i>)	Present
Jeff Yunker (<i>Parks and Recreation Committee Member</i>)	Present
Others In Attendance:	
Keith Knautz, Director of Leisure Services	
Tracy Claudio, Assistant to the Director of Leisure Services	
Jennifer Fulton, Administrative Secretary of Leisure Services	
Vince Cassata, Division Manager of Parks & Facilities	
Chodri Khokhar, Village President	
Bill Schmidt, Trustee District 1	

Approval of Minutes from the 11/19/24

Motion made by Enrique Arroyo, second motion by Frank Mendez, all approved.

Discussion Regarding – Program Updates

Director Knautz stated:

- Winter/Spring brochure was mailed out.
- Indoor Youth Soccer wrapped up in December with 311 participants.
- Youth Basketball started in January and has 102 participants.
- Men's Basketball started with 12 teams.
- Winter Skills Clinic for Soccer has 82 participants enrolled.
- January Fitness special included \$50.00 off for an annual membership and \$11.00 for one month.
- Hosted a Member Appreciation Breakfast on January 11th.
- Currently working on the Summer Brochure.

Discussion Regarding – Simon's Property 2024 OSLAD

Director Knautz stated that we received notification in December that the Village of Glendale Heights has been awarded a \$600,000.00 grant for work to create a park at the Simon's Property. The grant will help pay for the a new park that will be located at the end of Spruce Street. The new park will give the Village an access point to the Great Western Trail. The project has a preliminary schedule of finalizing bid documents by the end of summer, going out to bid in the fall and construction starting in late fall of 2025 or spring of 2026.

Discussion Regarding – Camera Park Turf Update

Director Knautz stated that we are working to close out the project with FH Paschen and look forward to seeing the field being used this spring. Staff is currently working on a grand opening celebration that will be tentatively held on April 12th. An invitation will be sent out when the dates/plans have been finalized.

Discussion Regarding – Community Garden

Director Knautz stated the original set of 24 inground plots have been prepared and are ready for rental. Currently working on 4 ADA plots that will be added to the cement pad and will give wheel chair accessibility to gardeners of these plots, if needed. The county approved the well location and we have been working with the well company to set up the installation of the well. Staff will be working on building a shed over the next month. On February 1st garden plots will be open for rental on a first come, first served basis. Additional garden plots can be added in the spring if needed.

Discussion Regarding – Gym Work

Director Knautz stated the gym has a few upcoming projects that will be taking place. The first project starts on Monday, March 10th. During that week the entire gym floor will be deep cleaned and have 2 coats of two-component water-based gloss finish. Installation of new bleachers in the gym will begin on Monday, March 17th and will take 4 days.

Discussion Regarding – 2025/2026 Budget

Final budget entry is due in the middle of February. Director Knautz stated he would like to put together a sub-committee that would meet a few times over the next few months to look at the plan we have in place for updating of parks to see if it needs to be updated again and how that update fits into budgeting the next few years.

Discussion Regarding – Special Events

Upcoming Special Events:

- Friday, February 21st – Mother/Son Dance
- Saturday, February 22nd – Daddy/Daughter Dance

Director Knautz passed out an overview of last year's Tree Lighting and Breakfast with Santa events along with a proposal for both events in 2025.

Discussion Regarding – Other

- Village is integrating a new phone system in stages.
- Early voting will be held at the Sports Hub. Location TBD.

Adjournment

The Committee moved to adjourn. The motion was made by Enrique Arroyo, seconded by Frank Mendez. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm