

Village of Glendale Heights  
Parks & Recreation Committee  
Tuesday, January 18, 2022  
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	
Chester Pojack, Trustee District 5	

**Discussion – Camera Park Update**

Director Knautz stated the building is 75% complete and that the roof will be finished once a new electrical box is installed. ComEd denied the current one, which is over 20 years old. The cost for a new electrical box is \$15,000. The challenge course is also 75% complete and the front part, the fitness equipment will be completed once the weather breaks. The park should be completed and open in April. Trustee Maritato suggested the grand re-opening of the park in May so the splash pad can be open.

**Discussion Regarding – Cricket Update**

Director Knautz stated the Village Board approved the cricket contract.

**Discussion Regarding – 2022/2023 Budget**

Director Knautz asked if anyone had any ideas or items they would like to see added to the budget. Enrique asked about a skating rink. Trustee Maritato stated the Village used to have one at Camera Park over 20 years ago but the maintenance on it was a lot as the weather fluctuates so much during the winter. Director Knautz stated he would look into one, as there may be newer technology that would assist in the maintenance of an ice rink.

**Discussion Regarding – Program Updates**

Director Knautz stated the we are in our winter season. One-hundred twenty kids participated in fall soccer and we currently have 34 teams in the Winter Challenge session. Karate has 22 kids participating. There are 19 teams participating in the Men’s Adult Basketball League. Director Knautz also stated that there has been a significant decrease in participation in programs due to the mask mandate.

**Discussion Regarding – Other**

Director Knautz stated it is time again for the committee to complete the sexual harassment training, as it is required yearly. A link was emailed to all committee members.

Director Knautz announced that a special board Village Board Meeting will be held on January 29, 2022. The meeting will be on zoom and invited all committee to join in.

Director Knautz stated the department has gone through some staffing changes which includes the retirement of the Facilities Lead Foreman, Brian Mulcrone. Jackie Huff was transferred to the Finance Department and the resignation of Betsy Guerrero, Program Supervisor. At this time, the positions are not being filled.

Director Knautz stated it was time that Willie the Whale be replaced. He met with the Dolphin Swim Team Board to go over replacement options. The two options were distributed to the committee. Director Knautz stated the Dolphin Swim Team Board is interested in the dual dolphin slide but with a blue slide, not red as shown. The committee agreed with the choice. Director Knautz stated the cost of the slide is \$21,000 which falls within the \$30,000 that is budgeted. Trustee Maritato asked about any additional construction that may be required in replacing the current slide. Director Knautz is unsure at this time but the plans will be submitted to the Illinois Department of Health for approval and the plans will then be submitted to the Village Board for their approval.

Director Knautz announced that we are currently offering a January Fitness Special and distributed flyers to the committee. Trustee Maritato asked Keith to have this part of the community announcements at the next Village Board Meeting.

### **Adjournment**

The Committee moved to adjourn, by voice vote, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.