



**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING ON IMPROVEMENTS AT GLEISS PARK
PARK SERVICES
August 28, 2025 - 6:30 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING

Board Members Present: President Susan Aberman, Vice-President Ezra Jaffe, Commissioner Elsa Fischer

Others Present: Superintendent of Parks, Planning & Facilities Corrie Guynn
Office Manager Park Services Anjum Hava
Horticultural Supervisor Jim Hallm
Operations Supervisor Jeff Hacker

CALL TO ORDER

President Susan Aberman called the public hearing of the Board of Park Commissioners for the improvements at Gleiss Park to order at 6:30 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

President Susan Aberman introduced herself, Superintendent of Parks, Planning & Facilities Corrie Guynn, Horticultural Supervisor Jim Hallm, Operations Supervisor Jeff Hacker, Office Manager Park Services Anjum Hava.

GLEISS PARK PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT AND PARK AMENITY UPDATES

Mr. Guynn presented plans for Gleiss Park, including new playground equipment, benches, picnic tables, and garbage cans. There will also be landscaping updates, a new sign bed, and tree maintenance—diseased trees will be cut down, but no healthy trees will be removed.

The new playground will include separate structures for ages 2–5 and 5–12, featuring climbers, slides, and swings. The sandbox will remain and be cleaned. Park courts have been resurfaced, with lines to be painted in early September.

All the demo work will be done in-house. Staff will remove the equipment, sand, and the footings. The contractor will install the equipment.

Demolition of the playground is scheduled to begin in December, with the goal of installation by early Spring.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

A resident inquired if the planters around the trees will be replaced. Mr. Guynn stated that the planter boxes will be replaced.

A resident asked if any trees will be removed at the park. Mr. Guynn stated that no trees will be removed, and Jim Hallm added that only the diseased trees will be cut down.

A resident asked if a shelter could be added. Mr. Guynn stated that Gleiss Park has plenty of shade from the number of trees throughout the park and adding a shelter is very expensive and not in the budget at this time.

A resident asked about adding a playground structure for older children. Mr. Guynn replied that the current space only allows for the planned structure.

A group of residents requested the addition of monkey bars to the playground structure. Mr. Guynn responded that he will consider the request and determine which structure would be suitable for adding monkey bars.

A group of residents requested more swings. Mr. Guynn explained that adding extra swings would exceed the designated footprint and therefore is not feasible.

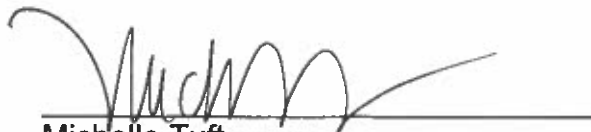
A group of residents inquired about the possibility of adding zip lining. Mr. Guynn explained that this option is not feasible due to financial constraints and the space required for zip lining equipment. He noted that there is insufficient space available, and implementing this feature would require the removal of many trees within the park.

ADJOURNMENT

President Susan Aberman thanked everyone for attending and providing input, and adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.



Susan Aberman
President



Michelle Tuft
Executive Director

Vision Statement

The Skokie Park District envisions a community where all of its residents enjoy a high quality of life through leisure time pursuits, beautiful open spaces, and first-rate facilities.

Mission Statement

The Skokie Park District will realize its vision through teamwork, community partnerships, sound fiscal management, and creativity in every area of its operation.

Core Values

The Skokie Park District will fulfill its mission through:

•Commitment• Integrity• Innovation• Service •Openness •Environmental Stewardship •Inclusiveness