

Q&A for the Proposed Bond Measure & Projects Glenview Park District

Task Force Meeting #1

General Questions

1. Does the proposal involve a permanent tax?

No. Property taxes would be increased to pay the principal and interest on a bond issue. The bond issue would have a maximum final maturity of 20 years, meaning that the tax would go away within 20 years.

2. Will this referendum go on the ballot in March 2018? What major decisions will the task force be making?

The District is considering placing a bond ballot measure on the March 2018 ballot. The task force will be voting on what proposal to share and test district-wide as well as final recommendations to the GPD Board of Commissioners. Specifically, the task force will be making a recommendation on if the District should place a bond measure on the ballot and the composition of that proposal, if pursued.

3. Does the Park District have any debt being retired in the next few years?

Yes, the outdoor pool bonds will be retired in 2023. Additionally, there are some small issuances that will be retired in the next few years.

4. When will financing information be shared with the task force?

Financing information will be shared at the September 19, 2017 task force meeting.

Questions Pertaining to The Grove

5. Is the District considering adding a second entrance at The Grove?

No, the plan is to widen the current entrance to create safer ingress and egress for pedestrians and vehicles.

6. Would the Interpretive Center at The Grove be renovated or replaced?

The proposal calls for the renovation of the Interpretive Center.

Questions Pertaining to the Glenview Community Ice Center

7. What is Glenview Community Ice Center's mission (charter)?

GPD's focus is on recreation opportunities and sustainability of the facility. The Ice Center is to be operated as an integral part of the total system of recreation facilities and activities of the District. At all times feasible, the facility is to be utilized to meet the needs and interests for ice

skating activities of all types and that only as a secondary purpose be used for other types of community recreation events or activities.

8. Why is the business plan of the Glenview Ice Center not working?

The current business model does not allow the District to meet its mission of providing recreational programs and maintaining a financially sustainable model. Additionally, the facility is 44 years old and has an aging infrastructure with systems that are costly to operate, inefficient and out of date. Staff anticipates operations and maintenance costs to continue to increase. The current one-and-a-half sheets of ice limits revenue generation, as all available prime time ice is currently being used. Design elements of the facility also restrict programming and rental opportunities, further limiting revenue growth.

9. What was Glenview Community Ice Center's net income for FY-2016?

The net operating income of the Ice Center was \$215,534 in 2016/17. The facility is not currently covering its portion of General & Administration costs as well as their pension, social security and Medicare costs. Once these costs are included the adjusted net operating income is (\$48,510). The pro forma for the new facility includes all of these costs and projects a net operating income of \$339,085 in the first year.

10. What does a typical ice center make on an annual basis?

The business models—and net operating income—vary based on a variety of factors: mission, philosophy, size of facility, location, and focus of facility (programs, hockey, figure skating, leagues, rental, etc.) as well whether the operation contributes to capital, covers the cost of pension, social security or Medicare. Comparable sized facilities in our market, range from net operating income of \$4,889 to \$300,000. The variance in the range is dependent on the previously cited factors.

11. How much prime time ice time is currently available at the Ice Center?

Currently, there is no available prime time ice available for rental at the Ice Center. All prime-time hours are scheduled for District programs or recognized associations. There are 53 prime-time hours on the District's main rink and 40 prime-time hours on the District's studio rink.

12. If an additional full sheet of ice is added, why does that solve the problem?

Adding a full sheet of ice allows the District to improve park district program offerings at prime-time hours, increases utilization from recognized organizations and significantly improves total revenue. The market analysis substantiated demand for more ice sheets in the region.

13. If another full sheet of ice is added to the Glenview Community Ice Center, for a total of 2.5 sheets of ice, how much total prime time ice time would be available? Does the District plan to sell all the prime-time ice time if the extra sheet of ice is added?

Each of the full-size rinks would provide 53 prime-time hours each week and the studio rink would provide 40 prime-time hours each week. This is a total of 146 prime-time hours. The District's plan calls for 100% utilization of prime-time ice in-season and 88% utilization of prime-time ice off-season.

14. How many ice centers did the Park District evaluate in estimating demand for an improved and expanded Glenview Community Ice Center?

Forty-one ice centers were used for a comparison of ice sheets and amenities. The analysis reviewed 15 ice centers within a 25-minute drive time from the center of Glenview and 26 other ice centers between a 26- and a 95-minute drive time from the center of Glenview.

15. Has the Park District done a market analysis of other ice rinks to determine the financial sustainability of the rink?

The District conducted a market analysis to determine the financial sustainability of current and future ice. This information is included in the final report of the Feasibility Study available at [Final Feasibility Report](#)

16. Is capacity data on Ice programs available?

All ice time for existing programs at the Glenview Community Ice Center are filled and scheduled. The District cannot create new programs, as there is not prime time ice available to schedule.

17. If the District had 2-1/2 sheets of ice, could prime-time ice be completely rented out for each of the rinks?

There is a demand for prime-time ice, and the District would be able to rent prime-time ice to both ensure a sustainable operation and expand recreational programs. On 2-1/2 sheets of ice there are 146 prime-time hours of ice, 53 on each large rink and 40 hours on the studio rink. The District's projected schedule shows 65.41 hours of prime-time ice would be rented to recognized associations and outside groups and 68.48 hours of prime-time ice time would be used for Park District programs and house leagues. The remaining hours on the schedule would be utilized by resurface time allotments, 10 minutes for large rink resurfaces and 5 minutes for studio rink resurfaces. The District is looking to balance its mission of providing recreational programs and financial sustainability.

18. How much does the Park District spend annually on ice rental outside the Glenview Ice Center for programs?

To address the District's Youth Hockey League programs, the District rents approximately \$15,000 of ice time at non-Glenview Park District facilities.

19. How much does the Park District spend annually on ice rental outside the Glenview Ice Center for partner programs?

The park district spends about \$15,000 annually to rent ice time at other facilities for our recreational programs. The district does not pay directly for ice time for our leagues and partner programs, but these programs are also renting ice time at other facilities due to the lack of capacity in Glenview. The park district is losing about \$420,000 in potential annual revenues for ice rental from our partner programs. This includes the Glenview Stars team, which spends about \$412,000 at other facilities, and the Glenbrook South Titan Club Hockey team, which spends about \$8,000 at other facilities.

20. Would a new or improved Ice Center bring in more teams and increase revenues?

A new or improved Ice Center would bring in figure skating and hockey teams from the surrounding region for competitions and tournaments, resulting in increased revenues. Our main goal is to meet the needs of district residents. A secondary goal is financial sustainability; which non-resident users of the Ice Center would help to address.

21. How are recognized organizations, like the Glenview Stars, billed for ice time? Is it the same for Park District recreation programs and leagues?

A cumulative invoice (encompassing the entire season) is provided to the Glenview Stars at the onset of the season. At that time, a 15% deposit is paid. Over the course of the season, five additional payments of 15% are paid. The final payment is the balance owed plus/minus any additional or unused ice. The District does not invoice our house leagues or programs; participant fees cover the associated expenses.

22. What is the Glenview Stars' obligation to remain in Glenview?

GPD is currently negotiating with the Glenview Stars for a commitment. They have informed the District that they are a Glenview Club and want to skate in Glenview.

23. The Grove Heritage Association (GHA) currently helps fund and acquire additional land for The Grove. Are there any organizations like GHA that could help fund improvements to the Community Ice Center?

The Glenview Stars' travel hockey association may have an interest in providing funding for the Ice Center improvements. The District is in discussions with this organization.

24. How many residents are involved in ice activities and/or martial arts at the Ice Center?

More than 164,000 people walk through the doors of the 44-year-old Ice Center each year. It is the second most frequented facility in the District, second only to Park Center.

The Ice Center hosts more than 51,000 hockey program visits, 23,400 figure skating visits and 10,400 public skating visits. Martial arts classes, broomball, birthday parties and other events also take place at the Ice Center.

There are 5,109 unique registrations associated with the following programs:

- Glenview Stars Boys
- Glenview Junior Stars (formerly the Generals)
- Glenview Stars Girls
- Public Skate
- Youth Hockey Leagues
- Rec Hockey Program
- Rec Figure Skating
- Martial

Arts

Residents make up 3,814, or 75%, of the registrations. Ice programming registrations alone include 3,458 resident registrations, or 74%. Other activities such as open skate and birthday parties (visitors) are not included in the number of registrations.

25. How many unique resident households are represented at the Glenview Community Ice Center?

There are 929 unique households represented. This does not include daily admissions, recognized organizations or rentals.

26. How does the number of residents compare to the non-residents at the Ice Center?

There are 3,458 unique residents and 1,198 unique non-residents using the Ice Center.

27. What is the breakdown between residents and non-residents using the Ice Center?

Statistics show a favorable record of 74% resident participation (3,458 out of 4,656 program participants). Following are details of the percentage of residents participating in various programs at the Ice Center:

Park District

- 71% of Youth Hockey League
- 72% of Hockey programs
- 85% of Figure Skating programs
- 81% Glenview Blades Synchronized Skating Teams
- 70% of Public Session Season Passes

Recognized Organizations

- 95% of Glenbrook South Titan Hockey Club
- 59% of Glenview Stars Boys
- 54% of Glenview Junior Stars - Mites (formerly Generals)
- 24% of Glenview Stars Girls

28. Who would be impacted by the Ice Center improvements?

A new or improved ice center in our community would directly impact participants in Youth Hockey leagues, Youth Hockey programs, Figure Skating programs, Glenview Blades synchronized skating teams, public skating participants, Glenview Stars, GBS Titan Hockey Club, Glenview Junior Stars (formerly the Generals), and martial arts participants.

The proposed improvements include the addition of an indoor walk/jog track and indoor adventure play area, positively impacting an even larger number of residents.

GPD's amenities and services also have an indirect impact on all residents' quality of life and property values.

29. How many residents skate elsewhere?

GPD does not have the capability to track usage at non-district facilities.

30. How many children visit the Ice Center and The Grove each year?

At the Grove, last year we had approximately 28,813 children visit for school field trips and scout groups. Another 6,351 attended recreation programs for a total of 35,164. We don't keep track of numbers of children vs. adults for events and drop-in visitation.

At the Ice Center in 2015-2016, 1,651 of our 1,671 Figure Skating program registrations were children under 18 years old and 1,702 of our 1,724 Hockey program registrations were children under 18 years old. Combined, the programs were 98.8% children under 18 years old. 460 of our 810 season passes were sold to children under 18 years old. We do not keep track of children vs. adults for spectators, daily admissions, contracted programs and rental use.

31. What is the number of children in each sport at the Glenview Park District?

Ice Programs

- Public Skate Passes - 782 (70% Resident)
- Youth Hockey League - 394 (71% Resident)
- Rec Hockey Program - 1,638 (72% Resident)
- Rec Figure Skating - 1,531 (85% Resident)

Non-Ice Programs held at Ice Center

- Martial Arts - 453 (82% Resident)

Recreation Leagues

- Basketball, Boys/Girls - 735 (97% Resident)
- Softball, Girls - 212 (98% Resident)
- Co-Ed Flag Football - 371 (98% Resident)
- Co-Ed Volleyball - 75 (80% Resident)
- Lacrosse, Boys - 23 (91% Resident)
- Lacrosse, Girls - 66 (98% Resident)

Recognized Organizations

- Glenview Stars Boys - 196 (59% Resident)
- Glenview Junior Stars - Mites (formerly Generals) - 41 (54% Resident)
- Glenview Stars Girls - 74 (24% Resident)
- GYB - *1,504 (59% Resident)
- AYSO - 1,067 (Not Available)
- GYS - 770 (63% Resident)

*GYB - 552 - Fall Ball included in the 1,504 but not R/NR totals as fall ball does not track residency status.

32. How will ADA issues be addressed?

Any new or substantially renovated public facility (including an Ice Center) is required to be in full compliance with the requirements of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) and the Illinois Accessibility Code. Specific examples of components and areas that will comply with current accessibility codes and regulations, and best practices, include:

- adequate number of accessible parking spaces
- accessible curb ramps at pedestrian areas with detectable warning surfaces
- automatic door operators at main entrances,
- service, rental, and concessions counters at accessible height
- fully-compliant restroom and changing room facilities
- a fully ADA-compliant elevator capable of housing a stretcher and emergency personnel
- areas for wheelchair accessible seating in the ice rinks
- accessible play elements in the proposed Indoor Adventure Play area
- wider walking/running track lanes to accommodate persons in wheelchairs and those with mobility limitations
- at new ice rink(s), the ability to move onto the ice without a change in level

33. Is a banquet-size room proposed for the Ice Center?

No.

34. The plan to add a sheet of ice to the Glenview Community Ice Center was previously shut down? Why did this happen?

A previous plan to add an additional sheet of ice was not approved by the GPD Board of Commissioners in 2014. Unlike the current proposal being considered, the 2014 plan simply involved adding another full-sheet of ice. The current proposal includes the new sheet of ice but also improvements to the existing facility to extend the buildings useful life, improve safety and security, address energy inefficiencies, address space needs and expand non-ice-related recreation opportunities for residents.

Questions Pertaining to Sleepy Hollow Park

35. What is the average number of fieldhouse rentals compared to the fieldhouse rentals at Sleepy Hollow Park?

Last year, GPD's average fieldhouse rentals was 35.8 per fieldhouse compared to 69 rentals for Sleepy Hollow Park. Renting of the Sleepy Hollow fieldhouse is almost twice the average.

36. Does GPD have programs and/or camps that operate out of the Sleepy Hollow fieldhouse?

Very few Park District programs are held at any of the District's fieldhouses. One or two camps only, and none at the Sleepy Hollow fieldhouse.

37. How is the fieldhouse at Sleepy Hollow Park used?

The fieldhouse at Sleepy Hollow has been previously permitted to the following groups: AA, NSSRA, OLPH, Scouts, Recognized Organizations and the Village of Glenview. There are also a few private (resident and non-resident) rentals of the facility each year.

38. Can GPD obtain grants from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District or the Village of Glenview address storm water improvements at Sleepy Hollow Park?

The District is planning to continue to look for grant dollars, especially for the storm water improvements that are needed.

39. Has GPD considered simply removing the fieldhouse at Sleepy Hollow Park?

Yes, it was discussed during our review of the Master Plan draft priorities. Although a final decision has not yet been made by the Board of Commissioners, there appears to be interest in retaining this asset.

40. Are exterior public restrooms part of the proposed improvements at Sleep Hollow Park? At present, the only persons who get to use the restrooms are those who rent the fieldhouse.

The District would like to provide public exterior restrooms. Access to restrooms rated high on community survey we conducted as part of the Comprehensive Master Plan process.

41. When Sleepy Hollow Park floods, is it rain or river water?

Both rain and river water are creating flooding at Sleepy Hollow Park. As water comes down river it collects from many areas and backs up. It rises over the river banks and comes into the park. Sleepy Hollow has had 3 heavy rain events over the past 10 years which have flooded the fieldhouse. Each time the fieldhouse floods, monies are allocated toward cleanup.

42. What is the proposed new location of the Sleepy Hollow fieldhouse?

GPD seeks to move the fieldhouse to higher ground in an area that is less flood prone.

43. How many fieldhouses does the Park District own and operate?

The Park District has a total of 13 fieldhouses.

44. Is flood mitigation part of the Sleepy Hollow Park proposal?

GPD's first priority at Sleep Hollow Park is to move the fieldhouse to higher ground and away from flood-prone areas. The District does plan to evaluate mitigation opportunities at Sleepy Hollow, however, any reclamation projects would require involvement of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) and the Village of Glenview.

45. Where would the water go if storm water mitigation was pursued at Sleepy Hollow Park?

The District would work closely with MWRD and the Village of Glenview in the development of a proper storm water plan. Details at this time are not available.

46. Does the Park District plan to build anything else at Sleepy Hollow Park?

There are no plans to build any new structures at Sleepy Hollow.

47. Would land that is eminent domain by the Village of Glenview be annexed into the Sleepy Hollow project?

The Village of Glenview owns the Pine Street properties, which is floodway, and it is not part of the Park District's proposal. The District's policy does not allow for acquisition or development of a floodplain/floodway with district dollars. But, we would not be opposed to being part of the solution down the road.

48. Who owns the Flood Way Buy-out properties?

The Village of Glenview owns this land.

49. Would the fieldhouse at Sleepy Hollow Park be moved where the baseball fields are located?

The baseball fields are on higher ground and this is one of the locations being considered for the fieldhouse.

Questions Pertaining to Open Space

50. Is there particular open space that GPD seeks to purchase?

GPD is looking at property at The Grove as well as other park areas. For example, the District is looking to purchase property to improve the access to various parks.

51. What are examples of how open space could be used for recreation-related purposes?

Open space purchases could be used for passive recreation such a walking trails, gardens or sitting areas. It could also be used for active recreation, sports activities or events.

52. Are there policies that would guide GPD's purchase decisions when it comes to open space?

GPD has a policy that guides the Board of Commissioners on the purchase of open space.