



**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Village Hall Morris Conference Room
675 Village Court
Thursday, May 21, 2026 – 5:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Glencoe was called to order by the Village President of the Village of Glencoe, Illinois, at 5:30 p.m. on the 21st day of May, 2026. The following were in attendance:

| Attendee Name | Title | Status |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Village Board | | |
| Howard Roin | Village President | Present |
| Joe Halwax | Trustee | Present |
| Georgia Mihalopoulos | Trustee | Present |
| Dudley Onderdonk | Trustee | Present |
| Michael Rosenblat | Trustee | Present |
| Gary Ruben | Trustee | Present |
| Hilary Scott | Trustee | Present |
| Village Staff | | |
| Philip Kiraly | Village Manager | Present |
| Nikki Larson | Deputy Village Manager/CFO | Present |
| Taylor Baxter | Development Services Director | Present |
| Katy Darr | Human Resources Manager | Present |
| Adam Hall | Assistant Village Manager | Present |
| Sean Loughran | Public Safety Director | Present |
| Jen Maddux | Public Works Management Analyst | Present |
| Stella Nanos | Glencoe Golf Club General Manager | Present |
| Monica Sarna | Public Works Director | Present |
| Margaret Schwarz | Assistant CFO | Present |
| Matt Siegel | IT Director | Present |

II. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE DRAFT GLENCOE STREETScape AND PARKING STUDY

Development Services Director Taylor Baxter and Jodi Mariano from Teska Associates were present to outline the draft Glencoe Streetscape and Parking Study.

Development Services Director Baxter provided background, reporting that the Village commenced a Streetscape + Parking study in the Glencoe's Central Business District in November 2024. While the area

continues to thrive with vibrant shops, restaurants and services, parking availability has historically been a challenge.

Director Baxter explained that the planning process was intended to develop viable options for improving parking usage and management, pedestrian access and improvements to streetscape elements. Proposed parking solutions consider both physical and other improvements to expand the efficiency of the overall parking system. This draft plan builds on prior planning work, including the Village's 2024 Comprehensive Plan and 2016 Downtown Plan.

Director Baxter advised that the Village Board recently discussed the Study at its January Committee of the Whole meeting, where they provided feedback and direction to the planning team. Following that meeting, a draft plan was subsequently reviewed by the Plan Commission. Comments from these reviews were incorporated into a revised draft and the team will incorporate Village Board feedback provided this evening into a final draft for consideration at a future meeting.

Director Baxter then presented the draft, noting that several strategies for encouraging visitors to use the less-trafficked lots east of Green Bay Road are recommended, including making bicycling, walking and transit access more inviting and improving the experience of crossing Green Bay Road. Specifically, the Study recommends prioritizing a comprehensive analysis of potential improvements to the Park Avenue/Green Bay Road intersection, the Hazel Avenue underpass and a potential mid-block crossing of Green Bay Road south of Park Avenue.

The draft also identifies targeted locations throughout the Central Business District that could accommodate new on-street parking spaces. Considering the January Committee of the Whole discussion, the Study does not recommend any of the three previously proposed reconfigurations of Vernon Avenue (the min, mid, or max options) presented during public outreach. Director Baxter noted that the study acknowledges the significant cost associated with those reconfigurations and recommends revisiting that discussion once additional planning for Village Court and the south part of the Central Business District has been completed.

Jodi Mariano, from Teska Associates, reported that the team is rethinking some of the action items, grouped by relative cost. Proposed actions include preparing a Green Bay Road/Park Avenue/Hazel Avenue Corridor Plan and cost estimate; reallocating existing underutilized on-street parking and adding ADA accessible spaces in high-demand areas; promoting underutilized parking through improved marketing and outreach; establishing updated sidewalk café policies and piloting a sidewalk café railing program in partnership with business owners at outdoor cafés.

Ms. Mariano then summarized the study's lower- and higher-cost infrastructure projects, ranging from bike parking, planter and tree improvements and parking signage on the lower-cost side, to the Park Avenue connector roadway, Central Business District intersection improvements, the Green Bay Road mid-block crossing, the Village Court Parking Lot reconfiguration and Metra Station improvements on the higher-cost side. A full list is included in the draft Study.

Ms. Mariano suggested developing solid cost estimates and then pursuing grant funding. She addressed the idea of sidewalk optimization and explained that railings can create space for dining while preserving a clear walking area and providing strong visual articulation. She asked Trustees for their input on priorities.

Trustee Onderdonk noted concerns about the Park Avenue crossing on Green Bay Road because of grade changes and the train crossing and said it needs to be made safer for pedestrians. He noted that he would endorse any of the ideas on a temporary basis to get that outcome. Village Manager Kiraly noted that improved crosswalks and staff will review possible locations where this could help. He also noted that this idea would need further study because it may be an expensive change.

President Roin emphasized that the focus should be on the Green Bay Road/Park Avenue/Hazel Avenue Corridor Plan and Cost Estimate. He noted that the idea of changing timed parking spots from fifteen minutes to two hours is an easy change.

Trustee Mihalopoulos felt that Green Bay Road and Park Avenue should be focused on first.

Village Manager Kiraly suggested that Hazel Avenue underpass could benefit from better lighting and possibly a Glencoe-specific mural program. He noted that re-landscaping the existing raised stone planters and adding parkway trees throughout the central business district would be high impact and relatively easy to accomplish. He also recommended prioritizing bike parking and organizing it in a more deliberate way, observing that channeling pedestrians has long been a challenge.

Regarding improvements to the streetscape elements around the Metra Train Station, Village Manager Kiraly advised that staff have begun the preliminary review process of improvements with Metra and that the platform is on a list to be replaced, along with associated paving and landscaping improvements. He noted that Metra-led improvements are typically not completed in paver brick, the current configuration, but rather in asphalt, which can be colored and stamped to achieve a similar aesthetic.

President Roin was hesitant to make any changes to Village Court until after the Glencoe Library completes their construction.

Ms. Mariano then presented a series of projects requiring coordination with future planning efforts: Wyman Green improvements and the Village Court Streetscape (in partnership with the Library expansion); Park 15N improvements (with the Park District and Writers Theatre); the walkway to Tudor Court (with the property owner and Writers Theatre); and the Vernon Avenue Streetscape (with local businesses).

Trustee Onderdonk asked about grants or MFT funding. Public Works Director Monica Sarna reported that there is a possibility for some MFT funding to be used as a supplement.

Trustees questioned the idea of additional on-street parking. Ms. Mariano listed the following areas that were possible for added parking: Vernon Avenue in front of Friends Park Park Avenue and Hazel Avenue.

President Roin asked how additional parking would be affected if it was parallel parking. Ms. Mariano said that one-half of the spaces would be lost, reducing 52 new spaces to about 25. Village Manager Kiraly reported that the Park District has plans to improve Friends Park, so staff will review their plans. Trustee Onderdonk noted that side yard parking is less impactful than front yard parking in residential areas. Village Manager Kiraly suggested putting together some design concepts and then talking to the neighbors.

The Board concluded their discussion. Staff noted that additional changes would be integrated into the plan and it would be presented at a future date.

B. PROGRAM UPDATE AND DISCUSSION OF THE VILLAGE'S SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN

President Roin asked Public Works Director Monica Sarna and Management Analyst Jen Maddux to present an update on the Village's Sustainability Action Plan.

Director Sarna reported that the Sustainability Vision Plan, drafted by the Sustainability Task Force and completed in October 2023, is the most comprehensive articulation of the Village's future sustainability plans, building on work stretching back to 2009. Given the community's favorable view of sustainability initiatives, the Village commenced a Sustainability Action Plan in 2025. Director Sarna advised that the Sustainability Action Plan will set measurable, time-bound goals and practical actions to mitigate climate

change and strengthen Glencoe's resilience. The Plan will measure where Glencoe stands today, set actionable targets and translate the Vision Plan's objectives into an implementation guide.

Public Works Director Sarna explained that the Vision Plan articulates where the Village wants to go, while the Action Plan provides the roadmap for how to get there. The original draft recommended 28 goals across nine sectors: Transportation and Land Use, Building and Energy, Waste Management, Water, Local Food and Agriculture, Greenspace and Ecosystems, Climate Resilience, Economy and Implementation. These sectors and action items drive towards the ultimate vision of becoming a net-zero emissions community by 2050.

A prioritization exercise based on impact and feasibility surfaced ten priority goals, including improving Village-wide building energy efficiency by 5% and reducing natural gas use 10% by 2025; converting 50% of non-emergency municipal vehicles to electric by 2035, with 100% conversion by 2040; increasing organics and compostable diversion from 4% to 12% and decreasing total municipal solid waste 10% by 2035; achieving 5% reductions in water consumption and wastewater generation by 2035 and replacing 10% of turf with native grasses and wildflowers Village-wide by 2035.

Management Analyst Maddux reported that during staff review, a concern emerged that the breadth of 28 goals may exceed current resources and did not fully reflect the community's character. Rather than adopt a document that risked becoming aspirational without accountability, staff and the Planning Team paused to restructure the plan around broader vision statements supported by strategies, specific actions, and metrics, ensuring progress is visible, accountability is built in and the Village retains flexibility to adapt when strategies are not delivering results.

She reported that the restructured plan will follow a deliberate sequence, beginning with what the Village controls directly with a focus on facilities, infrastructure, fleet and public spaces. Subsequently building outward toward community-level engagement. She noted that sustainability goals will be integrated into the ten-year Community Investment Program (CIP) so that capital projects are evaluated through a sustainability lens and internal policies, procurement standards and operational practices will be updated to reduce the Village's environmental footprint and model the standards the Village hopes to encourage more broadly.

Regarding electric vehicles (EVs), Public Works Director Sarna advised that the Village currently has seven EVs and additional vehicles could be replaced in the future with EVs as available. She noted that charging stations have also been installed throughout the Village.

Trustee Halwax questioned how vendors are evaluated regarding sustainability. Public Works Director Sarna said that staff must be careful and diligent in the questions asked and in developing specifications. Village Manager Kiraly noted that information can be provided during the Request For Proposals (RFP) process so vendors know they will be held accountable.

Trustee Mihalopoulos questioned how groundwater is measured. Director Sarna explained that staff is required to take samples and have them tested. She noted that much of this involves pollution prevention through the required NPDES program and staff looks at the results and does whatever is necessary to correct the inconsistency.

Management Analyst Maddux advised that rather than creating a separate reporting infrastructure, the plan plans to integrate progress tracking into the annual budgeting process, which is the Village's most consistent and public planning cycle. This approach ensures that sustainability goals are funded, monitored and adjusted alongside all other Village priorities and that the Board and community should receive regular, transparent progress updates. The result will be a tighter connection between long-range financial planning and sustainability commitments, so that every dollar the Village spends moves it closer to the sustainable future that has been envisioned.

In conclusion, Management Analyst Maddux advised that the team would continue to work on finalizing the Sustainability Action Plan and will present a draft to the Board in September.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

IV. ADJOURN

Trustee Halwax moved, seconded by Trustee Mihalopoulos, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

APPROVED

AYES: Halwax, Mihalopoulos, Onderdonk, Rosenblat, Ruben, Scott (6)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)