

Gaming & Leisure Properties, Inc.
Form 8-K
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 31, 2016

GAMING AND LEISURE PROPERTIES, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

PENNSYLVANIA
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

001-36124
(Commission
file number)
845 Berkshire Blvd., Suite 200

46-2116489
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

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Wyomissing, PA 19610

(Address of principal executive offices)

610-401-2900

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (See General Instruction A.2 below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On March 31, 2016, Gaming and Leisure Properties, Inc., a Pennsylvania corporation (the Company), announced that it has priced and upsized its previously announced underwritten public offering (the Offering) from 19,000,000 shares of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the Common Stock), to 25,000,000 shares of its Common Stock (the Shares). A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

In connection with the Offering, the Company entered into an underwriting agreement (the Underwriting Agreement) with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, as representatives of the several underwriters listed on Schedule I thereto (the Underwriters), pursuant to which the Company agreed to issue and sell to the Underwriters the Shares, at a public offering price of \$30.00 per share. The Underwriting Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and covenants by the Company. It also provides for customary indemnification by the Company for losses or damages arising out of or in connection with the sale of the Shares.

The Company also granted the Underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to 3,750,000 additional shares of its Common Stock. The Offering is expected to close on April 6, 2016, subject to customary closing conditions, with estimated net proceeds to the Company expected to be approximately \$718 million (or \$826 million if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional shares in full).

The Offering was made pursuant to a prospectus supplement and an accompanying prospectus related to the Company's effective shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-210423), each of which has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The foregoing is a summary description of certain terms of the Underwriting Agreement and is qualified in its entirety by the text of the Underwriting Agreement attached as Exhibit 1.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

This Current Report on Form 8-K does not constitute an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any of the Company's securities, including, without limitation, those securities proposed to be offered and sold pursuant to the preliminary prospectus supplement, final prospectus supplement and registration statement described above.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 1.1 | Underwriting Agreement dated March 31, 2016, among the Company and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, as representatives of the several underwriters named therein. |
| 5.1 | Opinion of Ballard Spahr LLP. |
| 23.1 | Consent of Ballard Spahr LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1). |
| 99.1 | Press release of Gaming and Leisure Properties, Inc. dated March 31, 2016. |

Forward-Looking Statements

This communication includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including, but not limited to, statements regarding the proposed public offering, the expected net proceeds of the offering, the anticipated use of proceeds of the offering and the timing of completion of the offering. These statements can be identified by the use of forward looking terminology such as expects, believes, estimates, intends, may, will, should or anticipates or the negative variation of these or similar words, or by discussions of future events, strategies or risks and uncertainties. Such forward looking statements are inherently subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions about the Company and its subsidiaries, including risks related to the following: the ability to receive, or delays in obtaining, the regulatory approvals required to own and/or operate its properties, or other delays or impediments to completing the Company's planned acquisitions or projects; the ultimate timing and outcome of the Company's proposed acquisition of substantially all of the real estate assets of Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. (Pinnacle), including the Company's and Pinnacle's ability to obtain the financing and third party approvals and consents necessary to complete the acquisition; the ultimate outcome and results of integrating the assets to be acquired by the Company in the proposed transaction with Pinnacle; the effects of a transaction between the Company and Pinnacle on each party, including the post-transaction impact on the Company's financial condition, operating results, strategy and plans; the

Company's ability to maintain its status as a REIT; the availability of and the ability to identify suitable and attractive acquisition and development opportunities and the ability to acquire and lease those properties on favorable terms; our ability to access capital through debt and equity markets in amounts and at rates and costs acceptable to the Company; changes in the U.S. tax law and other state, federal or local laws, whether or not specific to REITs or to the gaming or lodging industries; and other factors described in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 and subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. All subsequent written and oral forward looking statements attributable to the Company or persons acting on the Company's behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements included in this press release. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward looking statements contained or incorporated by reference herein, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the forward looking events discussed in this press release may not occur.

Additional Information

This communication shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended. In connection with the proposed transaction between GLPI and Pinnacle, GLPI has filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-206649) that was declared effective by the SEC on February 16, 2016 and includes a definitive joint proxy statement of GLPI and Pinnacle that also constitutes a prospectus of GLPI, which was mailed to shareholders of GLPI and stockholders of Pinnacle on or about February 16, 2016. This communication is not a substitute for the joint proxy statement/prospectus or any other document that GLPI or Pinnacle may file with the SEC or send to their shareholders in connection with the proposed transaction. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE FORM S-4, INCLUDING THE DEFINITIVE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS FILED AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS THAT WILL BE FILED WITH THE SEC IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. You may obtain free copies of the preliminary joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant documents filed by GLPI and Pinnacle with the SEC at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by GLPI are available free of charge on GLPI's investor relations website at investors.glpropinc.com or by contacting the GLPI's investor relations representative at (203) 682-8211. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Pinnacle are available free of charge on Pinnacle's investor relations website at investors.pnkinc.com or by contacting Pinnacle's investor relations department at (702) 541-7777.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: April 1, 2016

GAMING AND LEISURE PROPERTIES, INC.

By: /s/ William J. Clifford
Name: William J. Clifford
Title: Chief Financial Officer