

**LAKE BLUFF PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 2, 2009**

The Special Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Lake Bluff Park District, Lake County, Illinois, was held at the Recreation Center, 355 W. Washington Avenue, Lake Bluff, Illinois.

Present: Commissioners: Douglass, Ehrhard, McKendry, Nickels, Hart, Meierhoff, President Gronau

Visitors: Dave Peterson (Director of Business and Facility Services),

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

President Gronau called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

The following Commissioners were present when the roll was called:

Commissioners Douglass, Ehrhard, McKendry, Nickels, Hart, Meierhoff, President Gronau

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner Meierhoff to approve the agenda of November 2, 2009.

**Ayes:** Commissioners Douglass, Ehrhard, McKendry, Nickels, Hart, Meierhoff,  
President Gronau

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**4. STATEMENT OF VISITORS:**

None

**5. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Bond Ordinance 2009-I**

This annual rollover bond issue is the payment of debt service on the recreation center and any other land improvements within the District. Eric Anderson (BMO Capital) had provided information at the October 5 meeting indicating a multi year rollover would be cost effective. Significant discussion ensued and the conclusion was reached that the Park District would continue the annual rollover for this year since the timing was too short to research and understand the proposed new rollover method. A Public Hearing was held on October 19 with no additional comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner Meierhoff to Approve Ordinance 2009-I: An ordinance providing for the issue of \$325,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2009, of the Lake Bluff Park District, Lake County, Illinois for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds.

**Ayes:** Commissioners Douglass, Ehrhard, McKendry, Nickels, Hart, Meierhoff, President Gronau

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

### **B. Meeting Schedule for 2010**

Tentative schedule of meeting dates for the Regular Board and the Committee of the Whole for 2010 were presented. Approval of these meeting dates is requested at the November 16 meeting. A budget workshop date needs to be scheduled since the December 7 date does not work for all Commissioners. The budget must be approved at the December 14 meeting. A new date of December 8 at 5pm has been set for the budget workshop. In order for all Commissioners to understand the budget process, Director Salski and Dave Peterson will have the budget to Commissioners one week earlier so that they may answer any questions before the workshop.

### **C. Blair Park Pools**

Public presentation of the pool audit will be held on November 3 & 4 by Executive Director Salski, John Dzarnowski (FGM Architects) and Rich Klarck (Aquatic Excellence). This meeting will allow residents to voice their concerns and ask questions relating to needed pool repairs. Commissioners are encouraged to attend. Public questions and comments will be gathered and presented to the Commissioners at the November 16 meeting for review. Executive Director Salski was asked if there is a candidate for a second opinion if Commissioners decide one is needed; he indicated he does have another firm in mind and the Park District would be required to spend additional dollars. Staff will provide a 5-year financial projection to the Commissioners enabling a clearer picture of current finances. A decision on the Blair Park pools is requested at the December meeting.

### **D. 2010 Lake Bluff Fourth of July Committee Request**

At the November 2 Regular Board meeting, the Board approved a \$5,000 in-kind/cash assistance to the Lake Bluff Fourth of July Committee, of which they are extremely appreciative. The Fourth of July Committee is requesting Park District assistance with logistics or coordination of the fireworks. Staff has contacted the Village in regards to establishing a team to recommend and coordinate the fireworks display. This is a great opportunity for the Village and the Park District to work together and become Community Partners.

### **E. Tunnel Project**

School District 65 held a meeting to review the tunnel project and to receive public input. Currently, the cost is expected to be shared by the Village, Park District, and School District 65, amounting to approximately \$27,000 per year for 20 years. A decision needs to be reached by December 31 in order to use the \$400,000 grant money. Commissioners agreed that the Park District should not be afraid to make an intelligent decision. In light of the

current Blair Park Pool issues, Commissioners need to determine how much debt to carry. The Village is a strong advocate of the program and has borrowing ability

**6. VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Staff

Director Peterson indicated the display monitor approved in June has been delayed. Staff is currently researching a new company to provide the monitor to us.

B. Executive Director Report

Executive Director Salski mentioned the tax appeals have been received from the Attorneys in the amount of \$10,000. The Board of Appeals meets on November 10; the Attorneys recommendation is not to fight the appeals.

C. President's Report

None

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Meierhoff and seconded by Commissioner McKendry to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approved this 16 day of November 2009  
Board of Commissioners  
Lake Bluff Park District