

**LAKE BLUFF PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MAY 18, 2009**

The Regular 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: Conroy, Ehrhard, Gronau, Hart, Nickels, Engelhard, and President Meierhoff

Visitors: Ron Salski (Executive Director), Dave Peterson (Director of Business and Facility Services), Janice Schnobrich, Rob Douglass, Kauri McKendry, Glenn Mordini, Christie Carey (Guest Services Manager), Tom and Karen Zarse, Tom Schweitzer, and Sue Douglass.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioner Meierhoff called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

The following Commissioners were present when the roll was called:

Commissioners Conroy, Ehrhard, Gronau, Hart, Engelhard, Nickels, President Meierhoff

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Gronau, seconded by Commissioner Conroy to approve the agenda of May 18, 2009. By unanimous voice vote, the agenda was approved as presented.

**Ayes:** Commissioners Conroy, Ehrhard, Gronau, Hart, Engelhard, Nickels, President Meierhoff

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**4. STATEMENT OF VISITORS:**

Tom Zarse, 500 Sunrise, introduce Karen, wife. He mentioned that he is one of the closest to the pump station. He mentioned NSSD has plans to do additional work. He has prior paperwork and deed which states the purpose of the current facility. He mentioned the facility does not extend into Park District land. The land the facility is located is a 99 year lease. When the land south of sunrise was donated to the Park District in 1900, it was stipulated it could only be used for the Park. In 1969, it was litigated and forced not to put it on Park District land but put on Village land. The NSSD meeting last Wednesday discussed the current land and to put the facility on Park District land. He mentioned Mr. Dorn knows and has a copy of the deed. Therefore, he met with Park District staff and Village administrator. He mentioned there are smarter, cheaper and better ways to do this. He mentioned everyone he knows agrees the purpose is to keep the excess water going into the lake. He mentioned there is no need to put on Park District land. He did have a back up position that NSSD would have to convince him and other neighbors only possible plan. In addition, he would have to convince another resident and willing to give his resume. This resident works with every other treatment plant in the country even New Orleans because of Hurricane Katrina. He mentioned this is a potential problem and wanted to make the Board aware of it.

President Meierhoff mentioned there is going to be considerable discussion with NSSD. He mentioned that we are reacting to their proposal. He mentioned to continue with his efforts with his colleagues. He mentioned that it will be discussed with a position but residents will have an opportunity to discuss. Commissioner Ehrhard mentioned it is raw sewage and not just water.

Tom Schweitzer, 112 E. Sheridan House, which is right next door to the Rosenthal Field. He mentioned his family. He wanted to address a community concern due to baseballs being flown all over the place at Rosenthal Field. It is not only the field but down the pathway where people walk and Sheridan Place. He believed to consider is the changing of environment of baseball as it is very competitive. When the fence was put up during the time but it is not doing its job. He doesn't know if someone has been hit. He is concerned about this family getting hit. When he was at 118, he mentioned when his daughter was playing on floor and a ball went through the window. He did not report and paid for the window. He thinks there are more games and the kids are big. He mentioned they are 6' 3" and they are swinging \$450 bats. This is his concern. He would like to see protection for the people on the path and his family.

He believes it could be done easier by putting up some screening or barrier. He doesn't think we need to do a large renovation. He mentioned to look at the fences put up today such as Rt. 60 and its protective fence. It may be overkill. He believes we can do it so it still looks nice, blends into the community but also protects the community. His other thought was to move back home plate into the pocket. He mentioned to go out and watch games that it is a matter of time a person is injured. With his profession, he sees a lot of face injuries and they are difficult to repair. Due to this sport, he would hate to see someone go through this. He wanted to thank Ron for keeping him in the loop and good discussions. He let me know about the meeting. He appreciates the Board hearing him out.

President Meierhoff appreciated him for letting the Board know. He mentioned there are emails about what we can do and Ron and his staff will spend the time to review it.

Mr. Schweitzer mentioned if people can practice parallel to the path would solve some issues. He mentioned when they are in the outfield to throw the balls parallel to the path rather than perpendicular. They are practicing off the first base line and a lot of people walking.

## **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2009 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

A motion was made by Commissioner Ehrhard and seconded by Commissioner Gronau to approve the April 20, 2009 minutes as presented.

**On the roll call, the vote was as follows:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Nickels, Ehrhard, Engelhard, Hart, Gronau, President Meierhoff

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** Commissioner Conroy

**Absent:** None

## **6. FINANCE**

**APPROVE INVOICE SCHEDULE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MAY 4 & 18, 2009:**

- A. Commissioner Hart had a question about the trailer rental. Director Peterson mentioned the Park District no longer has a trailer for Platform Tennis as it was used during the winter months. Commissioner Hart had a question about two bills from two different vendors for the diving boards. Director Peterson mentioned there are two vendors, concrete and welding, involved with diving boards.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ehrhard and seconded by Commissioner Hart to approve the bills payable schedule period May 4, 2009 in the following amounts:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 9,284.94
RECREATION FUND	\$ 2,484.28
LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND	\$21,745.00
PADDLE FUND	\$ 2,586.35
GOLF COURSE FUND	\$30,864.70
FITNESS CENTER	\$ 1,814.23
MASTER PLAN/CAPITAL FUND	\$ 4,598.22
FOR A TOTAL OF	\$ 83,795.79

**On the roll call, the vote was as follows:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Ehrhard, Nickels, Conroy, Gronau, Hart, Engelhard, President Meierhoff

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

- B. Commissioner Hart mentioned there are invoices across several funds for G2 which were awesome brochures. She asked if this is the total cost? Director Peterson mentioned the invoice was related to the printing and the April invoice was for typesetting. Commissioner Hart asked how many were printed. Executive Director mentioned they were spread across different areas. Commissioner Hart asked if there is enough to go around. Executive Director said, "yes." Commissioner Hart mentioned G2 did a great job.

President Meierhoff asked about the Workmasters check. Director Peterson mentioned there is \$5,000 left. President Meierhoff asked if it was for the sidewalk and landscaping. Executive Director Salski mentioned the sidewalk and landscaping was not part of the contract which is beyond the scope of work.

A motion was made by Commissioner Engelhard and seconded by Commissioner Gronau to approve the bills payable schedule period May 18, 2009 including the Workmasters check in the following amounts:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 7,489.15
RECREATION FUND	\$12,643.09
PADDLE FUND	\$42,365.89
GOLF COURSE FUND	\$ 97,465.13
SWIMMING POOL FUND	\$ 2,789.99
FITNESS FUND	\$ 3,165.44
FOR A TOTAL OF	\$165,918.69

**On the roll call, the vote was as follows:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Ehrhard, Nickels, Conroy, Gronau, Hart, Engelhard, President Meierhoff

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**MONTHLY BUDGET SUMMARY REPORT/TREASURER'S REPORT**

President Meierhoff mentioned there is a cash balance of \$450,000. Director Peterson mentioned there is an ending cash balance of \$426,000 compared to a year ago of \$546,000. This is a consolidated statement which includes all funds. Director Peterson mentioned that the Treasurer's Report will look a little different. President Meierhoff believes David and Park District is doing a good job. The cash flow is being compared to last year and if reserves are too low, the Board needs to address. The reserves are at \$450,000 which is sound and consistent. At some points, it is at \$900,000. He thanked the staff and work hard to keep the operations solvent.

**7. UNFINISHED OR CONTINUING BUSINESS**

**A. Business of the 2008-2009 Board**

President Meierhoff would like to give good and bad news. The good news is that we had tremendous service from Commissioners Krina Conroy and Paul Engelhard. They both served for over 10.5 years. Commissioner Conroy served for four years honorably. Paul served two years and another term for a total of 6.5 years. He mentioned that he took a break and means he might be back.

He mentioned that we need good Commissioners. On behalf of the Board, Executive Director Salski presented information. Applause.

Commissioner Conroy mentioned she was honored to be elected and serve on the Board. There were many great changes happening and she was happy to be a part of it and all the changes to come. She is excited to see the future of the Park District. She really enjoyed herself and made great friends.

Commissioner Engelhard mentioned that it was a good time, effort, progress with Paddle which is all new. The Golf Course has changed in the six years and there is a lot to look forward to. He thanked everyone.

President Meierhoff mentioned being a good Commissioner is taking on a job and you can't be perfect. Their commitment to the community was great.

**8. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Administer Oath of Office to Newly Elected Board Member**

Executive Director asked newly elected Board Members to stand and raise his/her right hand. He asked him/her to read the statement on their handout.

B. Call to Order of the 2009-2010 Board

As Secretary, Executive Director Salski mentioned it is his responsibility to the Call the 2009-2010 meeting to Order. He called the 2009-2010 meeting to Order.

C. Roll Call

The following Commissioners were present when the roll was called:

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

D. Election of President

President Meierhoff mentioned he chaired the Nominations Committee for a slate of Officers. He recommends Kurt Gronau our senior Board Member become President. He asked for a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ehrhard and seconded by Commissioner Hart to have Commissioner Gronau become President of the Board for 2009-2011.

**On the roll call, the vote was as follows:**

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

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** Gronau

**Absent:** None

Commissioner Meierhoff mentioned President Gronau can continue with the meeting.

E. Election of Vice President

President Gronau mentioned the Nominations Committee recommend Commissioner Hart for the Vice President position for 2009-2011.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ehrhard and seconded by Commissioner Meierhoff to have Commissioner Hart become Vice-President of the Board for 2009-2011.

**On the roll call, the vote was as follows:**

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

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

F. Advisory Appointments

President Gronau provided a listed of appointments outlined in a memorandum which includes Commissioner Meierhoff as Treasurer, Ron Salski for NSSRA and Secretary and Attorney.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner Ehrhard to approved the Appointments.

**On the roll call, the vote was as follows:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Ehrhard, Nickels, Meierhoff, McKendry, Hart, Gronau, Douglass  
**Nays:** None  
**Abstain:** None  
**Absent:** None

G. Committee Appointments (June Appointments)

President Gronau provided instruction for Board Members to request their Committee preferences. He mentioned to turn into Executive Director Salski.

**9. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Director Peterson mentioned the pool and beach will open June 6. He mentioned the auditor will begin Thursday lasting 7-10 days. The auditor is expected to present in June or July.

**10. VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Manager Carey reviewed statistics from year to date 2008 to 2009.

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Swim Lessons	\$ 35,000	\$ 16,000
Camp	\$200,000	\$133,000
Pool	\$ 57,900	\$ 64,300

The year to date on-line registration average consists of Adult registration 5.4%, Early Childhood-11.4%, Youth-5%. She reviewed the beach reservations which consist of 16 for North Shelter and 42 for South Shelter. She reviewed the brochure dates.

Executive Director Salski mentioned the Golf Course Fuel Storage Tank project continues June 2 & 3. He mentioned there will be an East School Task Force presentation at the District 65 School Board meeting. He wanted to clarify that he was present for the meetings; however Village staff and he were not part of the Task Force recommendation despite a flyer indicating otherwise. Executive Director mentioned the Golf Course is holding a Taste of Lake Bluff under the tent on June 8.

Executive Director Salski mentioned that Drew Irvin and he met with NSSD for lunch today and clarified the project is not finalized despite newspaper articles. NSSD would like to meet with the Board in the near future. He mentioned NSSD would like put a new odor control system in the building; however the footprint would not change. They would need to go through the Village process and Executive Director asked if there were any concerns. Commissioner Nickels would like to know how many vehicles, how long is the project and what is involved. Executive Director Salski will obtain more details.

Executive Director Salski mentioned Commissioner Meierhoff sent a letter to the Lake County Forest Preserve regarding the Ft. Sheridan project. He mentioned the Forest Preserve is meeting to determine whether to go out to bid for a golf course. Commissioner Meierhoff mentioned the Park District is not favoring this project as it will take away from revenues.

President Gronau thanked the former Commissioners and looks forward to working with the new Board. Executive Director Salski mentioned the Community Wide Survey is being sent next week.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Nickels and seconded by Commissioner Meierhoff to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approved this 15 day of June 2009  
Board of Commissioners  
Lake Bluff Park District