

**LAKE BLUFF PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2010**

The Special Committee of the Whole 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, President Gronau
Absent: Commissioner Meierhoff

Visitors: Ron Salski (Executive Director), John Dzarnowski (FGM Architects), Micah Kamin (Facility Maintenance Services Manager), Rob Foster (Director of Golf and Park Maintenance, Lesley Rudolph, Michael Annin, Dale Lomax, Erica Abaghan, Drew Irwin, Mike Behring, Pam Russell, Beth Keepper, Randy Eapls, Barbara Annin, Jim Marrone

1. CALL TO ORDER:

President Gronau called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

The following Commissioners were present when the roll was called:

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner Ehrhard to approve the agenda of January 9, 2010 as presented.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Meierhoff

4. STATEMENT OF VISITORS:

None

5. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

A. Wading and Main Pool – Review of Short Term Options

Executive Director Salski and John Dzarnowski (FGM Architects) presented an overview of the current pool situation for members of the community.

John Dzarnowski mentioned environmental “green” techniques include areas of filtration. Blair pool uses a DE filtration system which is the most environmentally friendly. This system could be reused in a new pool design. Executive Director Salski mentioned potential grants and/or partnerships are not included in estimated costs.

Wading Pool:

Option 1-No Cost: No repairs, remain open and be in violation of VGB Act / IDPH Pool Code

Option 2-\$511,000: Replace for 2010-swim season with late opening anticipated

Option 3-\$511,000: Close for 2010 and rebuild for 2011 season

Option 4-\$511,000: Close pool and determine long-term options with pool to open in 2012

Commissioners discussed that options 1 and 2 are not feasible and options 3 and 4 should be further explored before the January 18 meeting. Commissioners mentioned a master plan and concept design should be completed before a final decision is made. If the wading pool is closed for 2010, staff stated alternative ideas to ensure safe swimming in the main pool for the younger children. Executive Director mentioned options are being explored for easier access at the beach. A 2011 pool opening allows time for community input and proper design. A 2012 pool opening would allow extra time to research and consider financing with construction to begin at the close of the 2011 season.

Main Pool:

Option 1-\$5,000: Repair VGB and do nothing else

Option 2-\$90000: Repair VGB and replace surge tank

Option 3-\$105,000: Repair VGB, replace surge tank and repair water slides

Option 4-\$406,550: Make all recommended repairs

John Dzarnowski mentioned life expectancy of a newly built concrete pool is approximately 40-50 years with an estimated cost of \$5.2 million and includes all areas of the pool complex. He mentioned that a renovation of the existing pools would last approximately 20 years with an estimated cost of \$2 million. He mentioned the surge tank repairs are essentially a two-year bridge that allows the community input for design.

Executive Director Salski asked the Commissioners for recommendations at the January 18 meeting for wading and main pool options.

B. Strategic Planning Process

Executive Director Salski, Commissioners Hart and Nickels will begin interviewing firms to help with the strategic planning process.

6. VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Staff

B. Executive Director Report

No additional verbal communications recorded.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner Douglass to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approved this 18 day of January 2010
Board of Commissioners
Lake Bluff Park District