

**LAKE BLUFF PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
JULY 12, 2010**

The Special Committee of the Whole 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: Considine, Douglass, Ehrhard, Hart, McKendry, Nickels, President Gronau

Visitors: Ron Salski (Executive Director), Dave Peterson (Director of Facilities and Recreation Services), Rob Foster (Director of Golf & Park Maintenance), Erica Abayhan, Dutch Wood, Dave McElvain, Frank Swanton, Janice Schnobrich, Steve Pedian, Bob Troyer, Lauren Jacobs, Scott Richardson

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:

Considine, Douglass, Ehrhard, Hart, Nickels, McKendry, President Gronau

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Commissioner Considine and seconded by Commissioner Douglass to approve the agenda of July 12, 2010 as amended.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. STATEMENT OF VISITORS:

Resident Dave McElvain (318 Ravine Forest Drive.) spoke in regards to his memorandum dated July 6, 2010 to the Lake Bluff Park District Board of Commissioners. Mr. McElvain stressed the importance of expanding the tax base that would help pay for the pool. A possibility is to partner with Lake Forest in a special "pool" taxing district. Mr. McElvain also feels the scope of the project should be scaled back to an affordable level.

Resident Janice Schnobrich (766 Mawman) asked whether there is an intergovernmental agreement with Great Lakes. Director Peterson indicated there is no formal agreement with Great Lakes; however, the Park District offers a discounted rate.

Erica Abayhan (917 West Woodland Rd.) spoke in regards to her letter dated July 6, 2010 to Executive Director Salski and the Lake Bluff Park District Board of Commissioners. Mrs. Abayhan stressed the importance of improving communication

between the Park District programs; Bright Beginnings Pre-School and summer camps; and parents. Lack of timely and accurate communication only causes frustration for all involved. Please find a solution to these recurring communication issues.

5. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

A. Blair Park Swimming Pool

President Gronau listened to input from all Commissioners on the size, design, cost, and referendum options. Commissioners agreed to scale back the cost of the pool. A sub-committee of Commissioners will meet with John Dzarnowski (FGM Architects) to discuss new design options within the proposed budget of \$6.5 million. A new design will be brought to the full Board of Commissioners at the July 26 meeting.

Commissioners agreed to move forward with a November referendum not to exceed \$10 million. Referendum will also include \$3-3.5 million for Capital Replacement and Improvement Projects.

B. Paddle Tennis Operation and Programs

Commissioner Nickels outlined the following:

- The Paddle Task Force has outlined the 2010 calendar and is working towards increasing membership for 2010.
- Pro Ray Murphy has resigned.
- Permission to begin the search for an Assistant Pro / Program Manager.

6. VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Staff

Director Peterson indicated the Open House has been rescheduled for Wednesday, July 14 from 3:30 – 7:00 p.m.

B. Executive Director Report

Executive Director Salski indicated the following:

- 1). Foundation Event: Saturday, August 21 6:30-10:00p.m. Cost is \$25 per person.
- 2). Foundation Board Members: Positions are open for two additional Board members.
- 3). Lake Forest Meeting: Commissioners Nickels and Gronau will attend the City of Lake Forest Parks & Recreation Board meeting to present the pool concepts.
- 4). Church Request: Fundraiser for a golf ball drop at Artesian Park.

C. Friends of the Lake Bluff Park District Foundation - None

D. Administration and Finance Committee

The Committee will be asking for a motion at the July 19 meeting to withdraw from IPARKS and enter into an agreement with PDRMA for the Park District Insurance needs. This change could result in a first year cost savings and will provide additional opportunities for the Park District.

E. Future Planning Committee

Executive Director Salski indicated Barbara Heller will meet with Staff this week in regards to the Strategic Plan.

F. Golf Committee - None

G. Paddle Committee - None

H. Parks, Recreation Programs & Facilities Committee - None

I. Tri-Advisory and Intergovernmental Committee

Executive Director Salski indicated the story boards for the Fort Sheridan/Lake County Forest Preserve golf course will be displayed in the lobby for community input.

J. President's Report - None

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Ehrhard and seconded by Commissioner Nickels to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approved this 16 day of August 2010
Board of Commissioners
Lake Bluff Park District