

**LAKE BLUFF PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING/WORKSHOP  
MAY 18, 2010**

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: Considine, Douglass, Ehrhard, Hart, McKendry, Nickels, President Gronau  
Absent: None

Visitors: Ron Salski (Executive Director), Dave Peterson (Director of Facilities & Recreation Services), John Dzarnowski (FGM Architects), Lynette Foss, Steve Potsic, Pony Swanton, Dale Lomax, Erica Abayhan, Jim Marrone, Dutch Wood, Carola, Nicole & Christine Tanner, Kathleen Tomei, Annie Pezza, Barbara Annin, Diane Grumhaus

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

President Gronau called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

The following Commissioners were present when the roll was called:

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

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Ehrhard and seconded by Commissioner Considine to approve the agenda of May 18, 2010 as presented.

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

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**4. STATEMENT OF VISITORS:**

*Lynette Foss stated:* The pool options to be considered should include all task force group wish lists. Please narrow the choices to 2 or 3 designs before presenting options to the community. There should be no design that takes away something the community already has – 50m pool. The stand alone 25yard design should be removed from the decision process for the same reasoning. Of the options presented before this meeting I would like to see design 4 or 5 put to the community.

*Kathleen Tomei stated:* As Assistant Principal of the Elementary School, I would like to offer the availability of the students for discussions of the pool options presented. The last day of school is Monday June 14.

*Annie Pezza stated:* I am representing the families with younger children. I believe this is a larger demographic within the Lake Forest and Lake Bluff community that should be heard. Options we would

like to see included in the new pool design: zero depth entry, waterslides that will serve all ages. Currently the pool is viewed by many as a sleepy “kiddie pool”, the opportunity exists to create a fun and unique pool that creates revenue. I have photos of the Centennial Pool (Wilmette) slides and signatures of those supporting what I have just outlined.  
(Items left with Executive Director Salski)

*Carola Tanna stated:* Please, no water slides. My concern with the slides relates to the extra staffing and related costs. Please present options with detailed costs for a design with and without slides to the community. The community should make the final decision.

## 5. **BLAIR PARK SWIMMING POOL**

Executive Director Salski thanked all of those who participated in the Task Force groups. The main objective of the Task Force was to identify the pool options/amenities that would meet community needs. Based on input from the May 5 meeting, two new conceptual drawings have been added for review tonight.

Executive Director Salski indicated the need to have a single conceptual plan by June 30 in order to make decisions relating to construction and pool repairs. The community will also need to be updated in regards to the wading pool for the 2011 swim season.

President Gronau indicated the goal for the Commissioners tonight is to narrow the concepts to 2 or 3 for presentation to the community. The Commissioners should provide the Architect direction on the features desired in order to finalize a conceptual plan.

John Dzarnowski presented the conceptual designs below based on input from the Task Force and from staff.

### **Existing Pool Replacement: 900 bathers \$6,756,000**

*Pros:* Least expensive option, updated bathhouse, separate water, lap swim separation

*Cons:* No 2-4 foot water, no leisure water, stroke judging, dive well usage

### **Concept 2A: 1030 bathers, \$8,048,000**

*Pros:* Includes all features, updated bathhouse

*Cons:* 1 body of water, poor pool access, ramp function, swim meet conflict, stroke judging, dive well usage

### **Concept 2B: 1107 bathers, \$8,495,000**

*Pros:* Includes all features, updated bathhouse, ramp function, good pool access

*Cons:* 1 body of water, swim meet conflict, stroke judging, dive well usage

### **Concept 3B: 1196 bathers, \$8,764,000**

*Pros:* Includes all features, updated bathhouse, 4 bodies of water, good pool access, lap pool flexibility, stroke judging, swim meet separate

*Cons:* Most expensive, bulkhead unknown

### **Concept 3C: 1155 bathers, \$8,204,000**

*Pros:* Includes all features, updated bathhouse, 3 bodies of water, great pool access, lap pool flexibility, swim meet separate

*Cons:* Stroke judging, dive well usage

**Concept 4A: 943 bathers, \$7,902,000 (Similar to 3C)**

*Pros:* Includes all features, updated bathhouse, 4 bodies of water, good pool access, lap pool flexibility, swim meet separate, stroke judging

*Cons:* No 50 meter

**Concept 5A: 943 bathers, \$7,798,000 (Similar to 4A – layout is different, less expensive)**

*Pros:* Includes all features, updated bathhouse, 4 bodies of water, good pool access, lap pool flexibility, swim meet separate, stroke judging

*Cons:* No 50 meter

Dave Peterson (Director of Facilities & Recreation Services), outlined the revenue, expenditures, and net profit/loss relating to each concept. The variation in expenditures between concepts is directly related to staffing requirements for safe pool operations.

Director Peterson supplied Profit/Loss Comparisons from neighboring Park District Pools. His research indicates that the initial years of a new pool have increased profit; however after 3 years the revenue begins to drop.

Board members discussed the 25 yard options (4A and 5A) and whether it should be presented to the community. The pro's and con's were discussed.

After a lengthy discussion of all Concepts, Commissioners were in agreement with the following:

- A replacement option should be included. The original 1961 plan and costs should be included for comparison only.
- Concept 3A and 3B should be eliminated based on the uncertainty of using bulkheads.
- A 50 meter option must be included – 3C.
- Concept 2B should be included with modifications to include some elements from Concept 2A.

Executive Director Salski indicated that the concepts will be posted on the Lake Bluff Park District website for a period of two to three weeks pending a timeline. The Community will be encouraged to rank each concept and to provide comments on these concepts.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Ehrhard and seconded by Commissioner Hart to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approved this 2 day of June 2010  
Board of Commissioners  
Lake Bluff Park District