

**LAKE BLUFF PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2013**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Lake Bluff Park District, Lake County, Illinois, was held at the Shields Township Office, 906 Muir Avenue, Lake Bluff, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Considine.

The following Commissioners were present when the roll was called: R. Douglass, S. Ehrhard, K. Gronau, B. Gordon, R. Wallace, and President K. Considine.

Commissioner K. McKendry was absent.

Staff members present were Ron Salski, Executive Director; Jim Lakeman, Superintendent of Recreation, Safety, and Outreach Services; Ed Heiser, Superintendent of Facility Services & Head Golf Professional; and Rob Foster, Superintendent of Golf & Parks Maintenance.

Also present were residents Al Trefts, Carol Russ, Bill Nordeen, and Tom Zarse.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Ehrhard moved, seconded by Commissioner Douglass, to approve the October 14, 2013 Agenda as submitted.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: R. Douglass, S. Ehrhard, K. Gronau, B. Gordon, R. Wallace, K. Considine

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: K. McKendry

Motion carried.

Statement of Visitors - None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

10 Year Capital Plan

Executive Director Salski gave a recap of discussion at the last meeting on October 7, 2013. He pointed out to the Commissioners that if a tax referendum is considered, it is important to have a unanimous decision of the Board so everyone works together.

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Commissioner Wallace reiterated President Considine's comment from the last meeting that for a community the size of Lake Bluff, the Park District has too many assets. He wondered if it would be a good idea to put a question out to the residents, or just make it a Board decision as to whether any assets should be closed.

Commissioner Wallace explained details of a spreadsheet he created and said if only the critical items are taken care of, the Agency can get through the year 2014 on existing funds.

Director Salski posted three Options that were created by staff:

Option 1

\$3.4 million Referendum (approximately \$113.25/year, per resident, for 10 years)

ADA (November 2014)

Close a few assets (skate park, Blair tennis courts, one playground)

Seek grants/donations

No Property and Land Task Force or Advisory Committee with recommendations in 2015

Option 2

Aquatic Facility Only - \$1.6 million Referendum (approximately \$53.30/year, per resident, for 10 years)

Site development

Wading pool

Main pool

Locker/guard room

Concession

Fees

Prioritize \$1.3 million reserves

Replace asset with grants/donations

Assess outcomes of Property Only/Land Advisory Committee

Research areas to close/privatize

Reduce operational reserves

ADA?

Option 3

Fund parts and Aquatic Facility from reserves (liner, leak and roof)

Prioritize remaining Capital Reserves - \$1 million

No Referendum

Anticipate operational losses and take out of reserves

Close areas/assets – privatize

Not replace, even with grants

Seek grants/donations

ADA?

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A lengthy discussion ensued about the three options. Comments and ideas included: take wading pool totally out of the picture; problem with having a referendum to fix the pool and then not have enough money to fix leaking roof; if Board goes with Option 1, which will last for ten years, will it have to go for another referendum for the next ten years; if the Park District remains the same size, will the next Board have the same problems; close the driving range and sell the land, set up task force to determine which Park District properties can be sold; time line for selling any properties is lengthy and would not be a quick fix for the budget problems; reach out to the Capital Task Force for more information.

President Considine asked if everyone present was in agreement to remove the wading pool from Option 1, and the consensus was yes. Removing the wading pool brought the referendum amount down to \$2.7 million.

President Considine called for a short break at 7:42 p.m. He reconvened the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Commissioners agreed that residents expect the Board to come up with the best option to provide the current level of service. They also agreed that they could not come up with a firm decision tonight without Commissioner McKendry's input. President Considine will meet with her and provide highlights of tonight's meeting. He said that from discussion tonight, the choice so far is Option 1 without the wading pool.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, November 4, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., at Shields Township, 906 Muir Avenue, 2nd Floor, Lake Bluff, Illinois.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made by Commissioner Gronau, seconded by Commissioner Ehrhard, to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Considine, President

Ron Salski, Secretary

Marcia Jendreas, Recording Secretary

Approved this 21st day of October 2013
Board of Commissioners
Lake Bluff Park District