

**LAKE BLUFF PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2013**

The Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Lake Bluff Park District, Lake County, Illinois, was held at the Lake Bluff Park District Recreation Center, 355 W. Washington Avenue, Lake Bluff, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by President Considine.

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

The following Commissioners were absent: S. Ehrhard, K. McKendry, and R. Wallace.

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

Also present were residents Jack Sheppard, Doug Warren, Al Trefts, George Russell, Carmen Hammond, Tim Flentye, Steve Ryan, and Helen Graft.

Approval of Agenda

President Considine removed Item II. D. Facility and Program Fees.

Commissioner Gronau moved, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, to approve the September 9, 2013 Agenda as amended.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: R. Douglass, K. Gronau, B. Gordon, K. Considine

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: S. Ehrhard, K. McKendry, R. Wallace

Motion carried.

Statement of Visitors - None

DISCUSSION

North Shore Sanitary District (NSSD) – Pumping Station Storage Basin

Director Salski explained that over the past four years, he and Brian Dorn, from NSSD, met several times to discuss the Park District's Master Plan process and NSSD's Pumping Station Storage Basin.

Brian Dorn gave a brief overview of what NSSD does, which is providing sewage treatment for the eastern part of Lake County, Illinois.

Commissioner Wallace now present at 6:40 p.m.

Mr. Dorn explained the proposed construction project, which would reduce the potential for sewage overflows to Lake Michigan. There would also be aesthetic improvements to the generator housing, and the access roadway would be restored. The timeline for construction is 18 months to two years. The south beach would probably be closed for one summer, and the Yacht Club would have to be relocated. Mr. Dorn said that NSSD wants to work together with the community, Village of Lake Bluff, and the Lake Bluff Park District on this project.

Commissioners were concerned with how NSSD's project could be coordinated with the Park District's beach project. Director Salski suggested listing all concerns in an official letter directed to NSSD officials, and also having a joint meeting with the Yacht Club, NSSD, Upland Design, and the Park District Board.

Larry Harmon, resident, expressed his concerns about construction hours.

Steve Ryan, resident, expressed his concerns about a feasibility study.

2013 Tax Levy

Director Salski said that the 2014 Proposed Budget process has started and the Tax Levy discussion is an important component to developing this Budget. It is important for the Board to decide whether to capture the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which is 1.7%. The CPI was captured for the 2012 Tax Levy Year, but not for 2011. Director Salski listed four options: Option 1 - approve the tax levy with growth, discuss 2013 Tax Levy allowable CPI increase in January/February, then decide whether to abate none, some or all 2013 Tax Levy CPI, 1.7%, based on anticipated 2014 Tax Levy CPI; Option 2 - approve the tax levy without CPI increase; Option 3 - approve the tax levy with a lesser amount than CPI with growth; and Option 4 - approve the tax levy with CPI, 1.7%, and growth.

A discussion ensued among Commissioners, and there was consensus to go with Option 1, because of the flexibility to abate some, all or none of the Tax Levy CPI, in the future.

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NSSRA – Capital Plan

Director Salski showed a video that explained NSSRA’s Mission which is to enrich the lives of people with disabilities in partner communities through quality recreation services. He reviewed the Capital and Facility Acquisition Plan, and said their goal is to find the most suitable permanent location for NSSRA with a partner agency. The current facility has no meeting space, no programming space, and no safe drop-off spot. This facility would be sold when a new location is found. He said NSSRA has 13 members throughout the north shore and all must agree on any future decision. Director Salski will update the Board on any future plan activity.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Director Report: Director Salski informed Commissioners that the Facilities Committee will meet on September 12, 2013 at 4:20 p.m., to discuss program fees.

Board President Report: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made by Commissioner Gronau, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Approved this 16th day of September 2013
Board of Commissioners
Lake Bluff Park District