

**LAKE BLUFF PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL JOINT PARK BOARD MEETING  
WITH SUNRISE PARK AND BEACH ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
APRIL 22, 2013**

The Special Joint Meeting of the Board of Commissioners and the Sunrise Park and Beach Advisory Committee 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 6:35 p.m. by President Considine.

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

The following Committee Members were present when the roll was called: P. Falligant, J. Danly, B. Hermann, J. Salanty, T. Terrill, S. Twichell, and B. Wallace.

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

Also present were resident Bill Nordeen; Larry McCotter from LBOLA (Lake Bluff Open Lands Association); and Michelle Kelly and Maria Soyan from Upland Design.

**Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Ehrhard moved, seconded by Commissioner McKendry, to approve the April 22, 2013 Agenda as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Approval of Minutes of Sunrise Park & Beach Advisory Committee**

Member Hermann moved, seconded by Member Terrill, to approve the February 19, 2013 Minutes of the Sunrise Park & Beach Advisory Committee. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Statement of Visitors** – None

**NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Director Salski asked Board and Committee Members to introduce themselves.

Director Salski explained that Requests For Proposals (RFPs) were sent out seeking a landscape design/architectural firm to prepare a master plan for Sunrise Park and Beach. Five proposals were received and, after interviews by both Board and Committee Members, Upland Design Ltd.

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was chosen. He explained that the deadline for submittal for a matching OSLAD Grant for this project is July 1, 2013. A concept plan with the right elements is needed for this submittal, and work will then continue on more specific details. Staff will continue to keep in contact with Legislators and update them on project details.

Michelle Kelly, Principal from Upland Design Ltd., introduced Maria Sovan, Landscape Designer, and provided background information on herself and Upland Design. She reviewed the Meeting Agenda and provided a site plan of the proposed project area. She said it is important to figure out what is working, not working, and what will work in the future. Existing buildings are sturdy, but not accessible. There are challenges in regard to access and the rock and steel groins.

Ms. Kelly said the project will be done in three phases:

- Phase 1 – Research and Site Analysis
- Phase II – Schematic Design
- Phase 3 – Master Plan

Ms. Sovan passed out copies of a Program Survey to all Commissioners and Members. Ms. Kelly asked everyone to fill out the survey as she was explaining the Program Elements. This survey and the original Residential Survey about Sunrise Park and Beach, will be used in determining the two concepts which will be presented at the April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Ms. Kelly reviewed the Program Elements as follows:

**Sense of Entry** – Signage and lighting issues need to be improved.

**Pedestrian Access** – All access should be handicapped accessible and stairs need to be upgraded to Federal Standards. A determination should be made as to whether there should be a pedestrian connection between the north and south beaches; if there should be a trail along the ravine and connection to the north; and if there should be overlook stops/decks along access stairs. Access to restrooms needs to be improved.

**Vehicular Access** – Improve road width to accommodate two-way traffic. Determine whether to use retractable bollards and key pad or electric gate with key pad at the entrance.

**Recreational Opportunities** – Many things can be incorporated such as beach volleyball, nature playground equipment, maze garden, swim platform, dog beach, and sensory garden.

**Restore/Enhance Natural Areas** – Restore the bluff and maintain existing vistas. There should be understory plantings added, and possibly dune grass and trees planted along the beach.

**North Shore Sanitary District (NSSD) Building** – The building is City owned and NSSD has a 99 year lease. The building façade could be improved to make it more aesthetically pleasing, or it is possible to screen both the building and generator from view.

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**Restrooms, Shelters & Storage** – Determine if north restroom building is in an appropriate place and either rebuild or renovate; consider adding new restrooms at south beach. It might be possible to add restrooms and showers to the NSSD building.

New buildings or renovations should follow the architectural design in the Lake Bluff area.

**Technology** – Add emergency phones, key pad access, and possible wi-fi capabilities.

**Aesthetics** – Residents like the comfortable, simple feeling of the existing beach. When the idea of a boardwalk was brought up at previous public hearing about the beach, people were not very receptive.

Ms. Kelly stated that two different concepts will be presented at the April 29, 2013 Joint Meeting. The ideas for these concepts will be taken from the Program Survey filled out by Commissioners and Committee Members tonight, and also from a previous survey submitted to residents. Public Hearings will be held after Commissioners and Committee Members have reviewed the concepts and made appropriate adjustments.

Director Salski said that staff is working on an advertising plan to generate interest in the project. He noted that the Foundation is running the Block Party and any funds generated will be earmarked to the Sunrise Park & Beach project.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, motion was made by Commissioner Gronau, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kevin Considine, President

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Ron Salski, Secretary

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Geoff Surkamer, Chair

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Marcia Jendreas, Recording Secretary

Approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2013  
Board of Commissioners  
Lake Bluff Park District