

**LAKE BLUFF PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL JOINT PARK BOARD MEETING
WITH SUNRISE PARK AND BEACH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MAY 6, 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 6:30 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: S. Christensen, P. Falligant, J. Danly, B. Hermann, T. Terrill, and S. Twichell, and B. Wallace. G. Surkamer arrived at 6:36 p.m.

Staff members present were Rich Grodski, Consultant; Jim Lakeman, Superintendent; Ed Heiser, Superintendent of Facility Services & Head Golf Professional; and Rob Foster, Superintendent of Golf & Parks Maintenance.

Also present were residents Bill Nordeen, Al Trefts, Jerry Hosten, David Barkhausen, and Nels Leutwiler; and Michelle Kelly and Maria Soyan from Upland Design.

Approval of Agenda

Member Hermann added the following item to the Agenda:

Item B. Final Draft Report under New Business

Member Hermann moved, seconded by Member Terrill, to approve the May 6, 2013 Agenda as amended. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes of April 22, 2013 Special Joint Board Meeting

Commissioner Gronau moved, seconded by Commissioner Douglass, to approve the Minutes of April 22, 2013 Special Joint Board Meeting. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Statement of Visitors – None

NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION ITEMS

President Considine reminded everyone that two final concept plans should be decided upon at the end of this meeting for presentation to the citizens at the public meeting on May 15, 2013.

Upland Design

Michelle Kelly, Principal from Upland Design Ltd., gave a recap of the April 29th Joint Board Meeting. She displayed full renderings of two concept design plans for Sunrise Park and Beach, and described each of them.

Concept A highlights included: Dog Beach moved further north, added stone groin and created more beach, took out steel groin and added an island and swimming platforms, new restroom building/lifeguard station/deck area, new accessible paths, rebuilding of playground area, rebuilding of stairs and entryways to the beach and add an overlook deck. The south beach was untouched except for adding a rocky area to separate people from the boaters. The tableland had more plants and a bike rack, and stairs would be rebuilt. There would be an entry arch with Sunrise identification sign.

Concept B highlights included: Trail along the ravine, two entrances and two sets of stairs, building in the center of the two beaches, rip rap in the water that people can walk on, Dunne Grass plantings. The sensory garden area was removed and native plantings were added around the trees. NSSD Building would be remodeled or green screen used to hide.

Ms. Kelly asked those in attendance to come forward to view the two concepts closer and ask questions or give comments. After approximately thirty minutes, President Considine called the meeting back to order.

Ms. Twichell asked about an analysis of net grain of sand or impermeable surface, and Ms. Kelly said she will have this information for the next meeting.

Commissioners and members had concerns about changes that NSSD will make in the future and how that will impact the beach project. Commissioner Douglass suggested that Phase I consist of improvements from the NSSD Building to the north. President Considine said it is important to meet with NSSD and coordinate both projects.

Other items of concern or ideas were: make steel groins accessible, access to water is not good because of large chunks of concrete, what happens if retractable bollards do not work, have a viewing point from the NSSD Building, would like to see more detailed images of concepts, need a better idea of what paths will look like, stairway by Sunrise and Mountain should have an overlook or viewing area.

The idea of a boat ramp was discussed and everyone agreed that they did not want a boat ramp because changes could get complicated.

Pathways were a sensitive issue and everyone felt there should be more information provided on type and material used. Ms. Kelly said she would describe them as being made out of a very stable and slip resistant material.

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Commissioner Ehrhard said that, in the past, residents had concerns with line of sight with a new building and asked if the picnic area and trellis were really needed on the south side. Two thoughts were to either take off the trellis on one of the concepts, or leave it in on both concepts and see what comments the residents make.

A discussion followed about the possible trail along the ravine, and consensus was not to have it because it would be costly, would involve a lot of privately owned property, and residents don't want it. President Considine said it could be placed on a separate list as something to discuss again in the future, along with concessions/vending machines.

Ms. Kelly discussed the agenda for the public meeting and said she will give a 15 minute presentation and go through both Concept A and Concept B. She will then open the meeting for 15 minutes of questions and comments. A recap will then be given of both concepts and the meeting will be opened again for more questions. She said there will be a lot of public interaction.

Ms. Kelly said that all information from the public meeting will be brought to the Board and Committee and it will be merged into one plan. A second public meeting will take place in early June.

Final Draft Report

There was discussion as to how to handle the Final Draft Report and there was consensus for the Sunrise Park and Beach Advisory Committee to complete the report and submit it to the Park Board at their next meeting on May 20, 2013, for review and final approval.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Considine, President

Ron Salski, Secretary

Marcia Jendreas, Recording Secretary

Approved this 20th day of May 2013
Board of Commissioners
Lake Bluff Park District