

Lake Bluff Park District & Lake Forest Parks & Recreation
Joint Task Force
Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2014

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Lake Bluff Park District & Lake Forest Parks & Recreation Joint Task Force Meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman Tighe Magnuson at 7:22 am. The following were present:

Mr. Tighe Magnuson, Co-Chairman, Lake Forest
Mr. Chris Mosbarger, Co-Chairman, Lake Bluff
Mr. Mike Adelman, 4th Ward Alderman, Lake Forest
Mr. Dan Jasica, Board Member, Lake Forest Parks & Recreation Board
Mr. Brock Gordon, Commissioner, Lake Bluff Park District Board of Commissioners
Mr. Pete Schaefer, Lake Forest
Mr. Al Trefts, Lake Bluff
Mr. Ed Heiser, Superintendent of Facility Services, Lake Bluff Park District
Ms. Sally Swarthout, Superintendent of Recreation, Lake Forest Parks & Recreation

II. Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes of the March 12, 2014 Joint Task Force meeting were presented.

Task Force Co-Chairman Magnuson called for approval of the minutes. Task Force Member Al Trefts made the motion for approval and Task Force Member Jasica seconded. The Task Force meeting minutes of the March 12, 2014 meeting were then unanimously approved.

III. Opportunities for the Public to Address the Joint Task Force on the Items Not Listed on the Agenda

There was no public in attendance.

IV. Sub-Committee Status Updates

Co-Chairman Magnuson distributed a draft of the final report for the Task Force. He explained that this document would be a working document, building on overall recommendations from the group and the positives and negatives. A conversation followed.

Beach Update

Member Trefts updated the group on the beach. He shared that the biggest problem at both beaches is parking. In order to open the beaches to both communities there would have to be some discussion on parking. Also he shared that if this was to happen there would be a loss of non-resident fees. Some of the areas that were discussed were combining the training of lifeguards, concession sales, boat rentals, boat launch permits and boat storage. A conversation followed regarding reciprocity between the two communities. Member Trefts added information regarding the beach pavilions, dogs on the beach, dredging equipment, and the sharing of a beach sweeper. He also shared that some thought should be given to days that one of the beaches is closed and sharing the other beach with residents on those days for a goodwill opportunity. Member Jasica noted that maybe looking at the programming aspects of both communities at the beach where there could be some reciprocity.

Golf Course Update

Superintendent Heiser gave an update on the community golf courses. He explained that the biggest take away from this was keeping the rounds inside of the two communities. He also talked about eliminating the non-resident fees at the Lake Bluff Golf Course for Lake Forest residents. However, he felt that this would be a bigger project and not for the Task Force. He felt that maybe there should be a third party brought in to look at both operations and the potential of combining. Superintendent Heiser added that there are other municipalities and the Lake County Forest Preserve that deal with the same thing – one operation – two facilities.

On a short term interim there are some things that were looked at such as, the creation of a 10 play pass that would provide access to both courses. The other is to tap into the membership base at both facilities and trying to keep them within the communities. Superintendent Heiser then shared that the discussion of the courses being reciprocal led to another discussion about selling joint memberships. A conversation followed regarding joint memberships between Lake Forest/Lake Bluff and potentially another neighboring course, including a 10-punch pass. Commissioner Gordon added that he would like to see this move forward this year. A conversation followed. Commissioner Gordon then asked that some numbers and actions be put together to bring these recommendations to the respective boards. A conversation followed. A brief discussion occurred regarding the communities separating from their respective courses and both communities owning both courses 50/50.

Co-Chairman Magnuson asked that the respective sub-committees to put together an outline of their information and send it to him to put all together into a final draft of recommendations. The next meeting will be held at 7:15 a.m. on Monday, May 12th in Lake Bluff.

V. Comments by Task Force Members

No comments.

VI. Adjournment

Member Jasica moved to adjourn the meeting. Co-Chairman Mosbarger seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 am.