

**LAKE BLUFF PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
JANURY 13, 2014**

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 Golf Clubhouse, 365 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, K. McKendry, R. Wallace, and President K. Considine.

The following Commissioners were absent with prior notice: B. Gordon, K. Gronau

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, and Ed Heiser, Golf Operations Manager.

Also present were residents Carol Russ, Al Trefts, George Russell, Bill Nordeen, Perry Walcott, Mike Barrett, Tim Fleatre, Sandy Hart, and Larry McCotter.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Douglass moved, seconded by Commissioner McKendry, to approve the January 13, 2013 Agenda as submitted.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: R. Douglass, S. Ehrhard, K. McKendry, R. Wallace, and K. Considine

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: B. Gordon and K. Gronau

Motion carried.

Statement of Visitors - None

DISCUSSION

Sunrise Park and Beach Waterfront Master Plan – Upland Design Presentation - Recommendation

Director Salski explained that in 2013, the Board approved a Sunrise Park and Beach Concept Plan and not a Master Plan. A Master Plan provides estimated costs and potential timeframe pending available funding. He said the next step is presenting estimated construction costs and finalizing the Master Plan. Once questions and revisions are finalized, the Board can adopt the

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Master Plan at a future Regular Board Meeting. Adopting the Plan does not guarantee actual construction, because significant funding is necessary which is not available at this time.

Michelle Kelly, from Upland Design, presented the Waterfront Master Plan. She said a three-phase approach was delineated to creating the Plan:

Phase I – Site and Building Analysis

Phase II – Site Programs & Community Input; Meetings & Open House

Phase III – Master Site Plan

Ms. Kelly listed the improvements in each phase and highlighted the timeframe:

Phase I – 1 to 3 years

Phase II – 4 – 9 years out

Phase III – 10 – 19 years out

Phase IV – 20 – 30 years out

She explained the Budget and Phasing Strategy for each phase, and said the Park District continues to work with private donors and public agency funding sources to implement the master plan vision for Sunset Park and Beach. She said the total cost of the project is \$4.1 million, and by being phased out, the cost would rise to around \$6 million.

Ms. Kelly pointed out that this Master Plan is just a guide and changes can be implemented at any time.

Commissioners felt the Master Plan was a great document for future use, and were in favor of placing it on a future Board Meeting agenda for approval. Commissioner Douglass said that this Plan defines the scope of the project, and each phase will have its' own discussion in the future.

Residents in the audience expressed their comments about breakwater material, numbers for boat storage, number of stairs, and design and location of the boat compound.

10 Year Capital Plan Funding - Recommendation

Director Salski said that the Board has outlined and agreed to a 10 Year Capital Plan, and informally agreed to move forward with a maximum \$3.1 million referendum in November, 2014. He said there are a few outstanding details to finalize and clarify so the Board and staff can effectively communicate accurate information to the residents.

After discussing Capital Plan and referendum issues, Commissioners clarified the following:

- The bluff stairway renovation should be left in the Capital Plan, but the restrooms should be taken out because the Foundation has committed to raising \$50,000 for restroom renovations.
- Golf Course clubhouse renovations should be left in because the building will still need maintenance until the long range plan is determined.

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- The Referendum total should be \$3.1 million and all Commissioners were in favor of a ten-year payoff on residents tax bills. (Approximate homeowner cost for a \$700,000 house would be \$160 per year for ten years.)

Property and Public Land Use Advisory Committee - Recommendation

Director Salski explained that in November, 2013, the Board agreed informally to establish an Advisory Committee focusing on Park District property and public land. As the Park District is attempting to solve Capital issues and develop a long term sustainability plan, the Board has been focused on strategically getting smaller as an agency. He reviewed draft Resolution 2014-A which would establish this Advisory Committee, and Commissioners agreed to move forward to place this item on the January 27th Board Meeting Agenda.

School District 65 – Agreement – Amendments – Recommendation

Director Salski explained the outstanding issue which originated in 2007, with School District 65, involving a land swap and payment by the School District to the Park District of \$60,000 for a parking lot. Staff recommends not constructing a parking lot as it may not be the best use of public land, but can utilize the \$60,000 for park system purposes, and the School District Board is in agreement with this. Commissioners were in favor of closing the books on this matter and accepting a \$60,000 check from School District 65.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Director Report: None

Board President Report: None

Resident Carol Russ thanked the Park District for the Winter Solstice Beach Bonfire event, and said the Work Day at the Bluff on December 28th was a huge success.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Considine, President

Ron Salski, Secretary

Marcia Jendreas, Recording Secretary

Approved this 27th day of January 2014
Board of Commissioners
Lake Bluff Park District