

**LAKE BLUFF PARK DISTRICT
FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 10, 2016**

The Special Facilities and Programs Committee Meeting of the Lake Bluff Park District, Lake County, Illinois, was held at the Recreation Center, 355 W. Washington Avenue, Lake Bluff, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Commissioner Gronau.

The following Commissioners were present: Chris Mosbarger and Kurt Gronau.

Committee Member Niki Walsh was present.

Staff members present were: Ron Salski, Executive Director, Ed Heiser, Superintendent of Facility Services and Eric Moran, Racquet Sports and Facility Services Manager.

Also present was Rob Douglass, President, Brock Gordon, Vice President, Bob Wallace, Treasurer, George Russell, Committee Member / Resident and William Summers, Resident.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Mosbarger moved, seconded by Member Walsh to approve the May 10, 2016 Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Statement of Visitors – None

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION

Paddle Club – Fourth Court Project

Superintendent Heiser presented changes to a league rule within the Chicago Platform Tennis Charities (CPTC) Men's Paddle League that would restrict the number of men's teams the Lake Bluff Paddle Club could field beginning with the 2017-18 season. Currently, the Paddle Club fields nine men's teams and with implementation of the rule, the club would be restricted to six teams. Superintendent Heiser estimated this would have an unfavorable impact on revenues of \$30,000 and a negative net operating impact of \$80,000 over the next five years.

Director Salski provided an update on a recent meeting with the CPTC and Executive Directors of Park Districts with platform tennis facilities. The CPTC presented two rule changes recently approved. The first was a restriction on any club within the CPTC to not add any additional teams for the 2016-17 season. The second was a restriction of three teams per the even number of courts per club beginning with the 2017-18 season. A second meeting was scheduled for May 30, between the Park Districts and the CPTC.

Commissioner Mosbarger asked staff assuming the Paddle Club was able to become a four court facility, did the CPTC provide any indication that a future rule change might restrict the club from expanding from nine teams to twelve. Director Salski stated that question was asked directly to the CPTC and they indicated no future rule change would impact the club in this scenario. Member Walsh inquired about the location of a potential fourth court. Superintendent Heiser noted the fourth court location was an original site plan for the club and would be directly south of the Paddle Hut.

Superintendent Heiser presented cost estimates for the purchase and installation of an additional court at the Paddle Club. The Park District currently estimates a new court would cost \$124,300, but staff was investigating the opportunity to purchase a used court from Five Seasons Sports Club in Northbrook, Illinois, that could reduce the overall project costs to \$100,000. Superintendent Heiser also provided an update that current fundraising for the court was \$62,000. In addition, staff anticipated up to \$15,000 in funding from grants provided by the CPTC and the American Platform Tennis Association (APTA).

Commissioner Mosbarger inquired about the risks of purchasing a used court regarding the lifespan and condition of the courts and mechanicals. Staff responded that there was very little. The playing surface is typically resurfaced every other year and staff had included purchasing new mechanicals in the overall project estimate. Member Walsh asked how frequently used courts are available for purchase. Superintendent Heiser stated this was a fairly unique situation to have used courts available in a close proximity to the Park District.

Director Salski noted that during fundraising for the paddle lights project, when the Park District committed to fund half the project (\$8,225), the remainder of the project was fundraised in two days. Commissioner Mosbarger suggested providing Park District funding for half the cost of a used court not to exceed \$7,500. He also noted the Park District was contributing to the project by accounting for the additional operating expenses of a fourth court and utilizing staff time to arrange for the potential grant funding and purchase of a used court to reduce the overall project cost. Commissioner Gronau commented that private donation and a one time member assessment provide the additional funding for this project.

Commissioner Mosbarger made a motion to recommend to the Finance, Administration and Future Planning Committee and Board of Commissioners to approve the Park District funding fifty-percent of the cost of acquisition of a used court up to a maximum of \$7,500 for purchase, removal, transportation and storage of the court from Five Seasons. The motion was seconded by Member Walsh and carried unanimously by voice vote.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

Staff – None

Chairperson – None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made by Commissioner Mosbarger, seconded by Member Walsh, to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Approved this 3rd day of August, 2016
Lake Bluff Park District