

**LAKE BLUFF PARK DISTRICT
PARKS AND BEACH COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2016**

The Parks and Beach 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 7:34 a.m. by Commissioner McKendry.

The following Commissioners were present when the roll was called: K. McKendry and S. Ehrhard.

Committee Member present was G. Russell.

Staff members present were Ed Heiser, Superintendent of Facility Services, Rob Foster, Superintendent of Golf, Park and Facility Maintenance and Noah Mach, Park Services Manager.

Also present was Rob Douglass, Park Board President and Brock Gordon, Park Board Vice-President.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner McKendry moved, seconded by Member Russell to approve the August 10, 2016 Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Statement of Visitors – None

Approval of Minutes

Member Russell moved to approve the meeting minutes of the Parks and Beach Committee for May 15, 2015, August 10, 2015, March 9, 2016 and June 2, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Ehrhard. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION

Artesian Park / Blair Park Bid – Recommendation

Superintendent Heiser presented the results of the Artesian Park / Blair Park Bid. The most favorable bid was received from Clauss Brothers with a base bid of \$373,585.25. Superintendent Heiser noted the Park District also included nine alternate bids; seven add alternates and two deduct alternates. Superintendent Heiser provided the committee with a complete budget overview of the project with the updated numbers received in the bid from Clauss Brothers.

Member Russell asked staff why replacement of the roof at the Artesian Park fieldhouse had been removed from the overall project budget. Staff responded that the current roof is in need of some minor repairs, but has an estimated current life expectancy to be eight years, thus moving that item outside the scope of the current project.

Member Russell noted the asphalt replacement work in the bid for Blair Park left a section of existing asphalt incomplete near Green Bay Road. The Committee recommended staff add that section of work through a change order with the contractor.

Member Russell recommended accepting the base bid with alternate bids #2, #5, #8 and #9. Commissioner McKendry echoed Member Russell's recommendation and also recommended staff and the Committee consider installing a poured-in-place play surface at either both or only at Artesian Park in place of the engineered wood fiber play surface included in the base bid. Superintendent Heiser stated staff received a quote of approximately \$180,000 to install poured-in-place play surface at both playgrounds. Member Russell stated that while poured-in-place play surface was great, the project is currently \$26,000 over budget and additional funding for play surface would be a challenge.

Commissioner Ehrhard stated the Friends of Lake Bluff Parks Foundation is interested in fundraising for the purchase and installation of a large spinner at Artesian Park. These funds could offset some of the project cost overages. The Committee discussed continuing with approving the alternate bid that would include the spinner so all playground equipment installation would occur simultaneously and the playground surface would not need to be disturbed in the future with the installation of the spinner. The Committee also discussed that fundraising efforts on the part of the Friends of Lake Bluff Parks for the spinner could continue and those funds could be applied to the project at a later date.

Member Russell moved to recommended to the Park District Board of Commissioners to accept the Base Bid, Alternate #2, Alternate #5, Alternate #8 and Alternate #9 and reject Alternate #1, Alternate #3, Alternate #4, Alternate #6, Alternate #7 from Clauss Brothers with funding from 2015 Bond proceeds and the Special Recreation Fund and recommend staff evaluate the progress of the project and consider the work included in Alternate #6 at a future date, seconded by Commissioner McKendry. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner McKendry recommended staff consider salvaging two pieces of equipment currently at Blair Park playground for repurposing at the pool. Superintendent Heiser noted that liability coverage for reassembled public playground equipment is difficult to secure. The Committee requested additional consideration of this recommendation at the upcoming Regular Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made by Commissioner McKendry seconded by Commissioner Ehrhard, to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 a.m. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Approved this 15th day of September, 2016
Lake Bluff Park District