

**LAKE BLUFF PARK DISTRICT
PARKS AND BEACH COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 2, 2016**

The Beach and Parks 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 6:32 p.m. by Commissioner McKendry.

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

Committee Member present was G. Russell.

Staff members present were Ron Salski, Executive Director, Ed Heiser, Superintendent of Facility Services and Jim Lakeman, Superintendent of Recreation, Safety and Outreach Services.

Also present was Eric Hornig, Hitchcock Design Group.

Approval of Agenda

Member Russell moved, seconded by Commissioner McKendry to approve the June 2, 2016 Agenda with the addition of Discussion Item E, Drone Ordinance and Discussion Item F, Meeting Minute Approval - Discussion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Statement of Visitors – None

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION

Finalize Design Development – Artesian and Blair Park Playgrounds

Eric Hornig, Hitchcock Design Group, presented final designs for Artesian and Blair Park playgrounds. Member Russell requested staff consider utilizing poured-in-place instead of concrete for the platforms where children would exit the playground equipment at Artesian Park. The Committee discussed presenting two color options for each playground to the community for feedback. In addition, the Committee suggested several changes to specific play elements presented.

Sunrise Beach Kayak/Paddleboard Launch – Discussion

Superintendent Lakeman presented current policies and procedures regarding kayak and paddleboard launches at Sunrise Beach. Currently, resident and non-residents are allowed to launch their own kayaks and paddleboards at south beach. There is no current policy restricting non-residents from launching at south beach. The Committee recommended developing a policy restricting non-residents from launching their own kayaks and paddleboards at Sunrise Beach.

Metal Detectors Use at Sunrise Beach – Discussion

Director Salski noted that in recent years, staff has had numerous requests to utilize metal detectors in the parks including Sunrise Beach. The Committee recommended tracking the number of individuals who utilize metal detectors in the parks before changing any policies restricting their use.

Recreation Center Parking Lot Lights – Discussion

Superintendent Heiser updated the Committee that staff was looking to provide a plan to the Board before the upcoming winter months. He requested the Committee provide goals to be accomplished by the parking lot lighting study. Member Russell noted it's very dark at night in the southwest and northeast sections of the parking lot in addition to the middle bay of parking spaces. The Committee recommended improving lighting conditions in high impact areas of the lot.

Drone Ordinance – Discussion

Director Salski reported that the District had received two requests to fly drones over Park District property within the past week. He recommended the Board develop a policy regarding drones. Member Russell recommended developing a policy where an individual has to obtain a permit from the Park District before flying a drone over District property, giving staff the flexibility to approve usage when it would have little to no impact on others. The Committee recommended continuing to draft a workable ordinance regarding drone usage.

Meeting Minute Approval – Discussion

Member Russell requested staff consider having meeting minutes approved by the Board or Committee which conducted the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made by Member Russell seconded by Commissioner McKendry, to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Approved this 10th day of August, 2016
Lake Bluff Park District