

**LAKE BLUFF PARK DISTRICT
PARKS AND BEACH COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 18, 2017**

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 1:33 p.m. by Chair McKendry.

The following Committee Members were present when the roll was called: Susan Ehrhard, Kauri McKendry and George Russell.

Staff member present was Ron Salski, Executive Director.

Approval of Agenda

Member Russel moved, seconded by Member Ehrhard, to approve the May 18, 2017 Agenda.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: S. Ehrhard, G. Russell, K. McKendry

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Statement of Visitors – None

Approval of Minutes

Executive Director Salski said there were some minor grammatical corrections to be made to the minutes and he asked if any members had changes or additions and they did not.

Member Ehrhard moved, seconded by Chair McKendry, to approve the meeting minutes of the Parks and Beach Committee Meeting of February 7, 2017, as amended by Executive Director Salski.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: S. Ehrhard, G. Russell, K. McKendry

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

Safe Haven School - Request

Executive Director Salski explained that Safe Haven School is located in the building formerly occupied by West School and they have a lease until 2024. He received an inquiry from their Director about changing the name of the park from West Park to Safe Haven Park. He informed her to write a letter to the Board outlining her request.

Member Russell said that the Park District should not promote private enterprise and the name of the park should remain West Park. All members agreed.

Executive Director Salski noted that the park has always been referred to as West Park, but no formal adoption is in place. He said the Board might want to formally adopt the name as West Park.

Member Russell moved, seconded by Member Ehrhard, to recommend to the Park Board of Commissioners that they refuse the request to rename West Park.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: S. Ehrhard, G. Russell, K. McKendry

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Blair Park – Recreation Center Lighting - Discussion

Executive Director Salski said he and Member Russell met to discuss the possibility of adding another light fixture to several of the existing light poles, excluding the north end pole. He said staff looked into this idea and determined that the light poles had the capability of handling another light fixture. Staff will now gather cost estimates and get back to the Committee. There is \$950,000 in the Capital Plan Budget, which includes the OSLAD Grant and Executive Director Salski will provide a breakdown for members so it can be determined what amount is available for additional light fixtures.

Member Ehrhard asked when the lights would be installed and commented that this is a safety issue. Executive Director Salski said it would be installed before fall.

Executive Director Salski noted that the idea of a solar/wind light was expensive and adequate information about it could not be found.

Sunrise Park and Beach – Short and Long Term Breakwater and Shoreline Erosion Control Plan – Proposal - Discussion

Executive Director Salski described the site plan of the area and explained what was being proposed. He felt it was important to have W. F. Baird and Associates attend a Committee meeting and have them explain if they felt the current proposal was adequate, or if it should be revisited. Members agreed.

Members asked about status of sand for the beach. Executive Director Salski said they are still waiting for the permit. Members felt the sand should be put down as soon as possible, especially on the south end. Executive Director Salski said they might be dealing with a timing issue if the permit is not received until July. He didn't think it would be a good idea to disrupt the beach by closing it down for a day in the middle of the season and questioned if it would be cost effective by spending \$10,000 for sand for half of the beach season. He said he would call all Committee Members for their opinions when the permit is issued.

Chair McKendry noted that if the permit is received soon, it would be preferable not to close the beach on June 16th, which is the last day of school. She said anytime between Monday and Thursday would work out best.

Property and Public Land Use Recommendations - Discussion

Executive Director Salski commented that there are about fifteen items in the report that can be rectified fairly easily and staff will try to address at least one item each month. He and Member Russell discussed this and will review it again after June 1st. He will keep the Committee updated.

Lake Bluff Yacht Club - Discussion

Executive Director Salski said he spoke to members of the Yacht Club Board regarding residents' concerns about lack of boat/paddle/kayak slips. He advised them to have more transparency regarding the waiting list and then people would know approximately how long of a wait they will have. He said they plan to open 12 slips after their next board meeting. He noted that 86% of their membership consists of residents of Lake Bluff.

Member Russell brought up the following concerns at Artesian Park: one dead and three dying ash trees near the new swing sets, new trees shown on site plan on the south side of the playground were not planted and the drain that was supposed to be installed on the north side of the path is not there. Executive Director Salski said he would check on these items and get back to Member Russell.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made by Commissioner Ehrhard, seconded by Chair McKendry and passed by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Approved this 31st day of August, 2017
Lake Bluff Park District