

**LAKE BLUFF PARK DISTRICT
FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2017**

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 8:04 a.m. by Commissioner Gronau.

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

The following Committee Member was present: Niki Walsh.

Staff members present were: Ron Salski, Executive Director, Ed Heiser, Superintendent of Facility Services, Rob Foster, Superintendent of Golf, Park and Facility Maintenance and Tim Rochford, Fitness and Healthy Lifestyle Services Manager.

Visitors present were: Lauren Kuetemeyer.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Mosbarger moved, seconded by Member Walsh to approve the January 10, 2017 Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Statement of Visitors

Lauren Kuetemeyer addressed the Committee requesting the Park District Board of Commissioners consider a discounted student rate for rentals of the dance studios at the Recreation Center.

MINUTES

Approve Minutes of November 9, 2016 Facilities and Programs Committee Meeting

Commissioner Mosbarger moved, seconded by Member Walsh to approve the minutes of November 9, 2016 Facilities and Programs Committee meetings. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION

Golf Cart Purchase/Lease – Recommendation

Superintendent Heiser presented three options for the purchase or lease of a new fleet of golf carts for the golf operations. He noted the existing fleet of carts had reached the end of their current life expectancy.

As a result, staff has received quotes from Club Car, EZGo and Yamaha for a replacement fleet of 60 golf carts. Quotes for the purchase price for a replacement fleet ranged between \$260,000 and \$300,000.

The first option presented was a 24-month lease option to provide the Park District with an option that did not require a long term financial investment. This option has the highest monthly price per cart compared to all options presented.

The second option presented was a 48-month lease option provides the Park District with the lowest monthly price per cart compared to all options presented. This option would require a four year commitment to payments with potentially no options for breakage.

The third option presented was a purchase with 60-month financing. This options has the middle monthly price per cart compared to all options presented and would provide the Park District with outright ownership of the fleet at the end of the financing term providing the opportunity to utilize the fleet beyond the terms of financing.

The Committee discussed the impact of a gasoline fleet compared to an electric fleet of golf carts on guests and the operations. The Committee commented noise and acceleration as possible negative impacts on guests. Staff noted that both concerns have been addressed recently by cart manufacturers when engines were converted to fuel injection.

Commissioner Mosbarger requested staff fully investigate the investment required to refurbish and keep the current fleet of golf carts by replacing all batteries and accelerator boxes and making other necessary repairs to make the fleet functional for the upcoming season.

Staff indicated they would coordinate with a local distributor to evaluate the existing fleet of carts and provide the Committee with pricing for refurbishment.

Fitness Center Business Plan – Discussion

Superintendent Heiser request the Committee to provide key areas of the Fitness Center where Committee members would like staff to focus attention while developing the upcoming business plan for the operations.

Member Walsh indicated she would like to see staff focus on marketing. Commissioner Mosbarger wanted staff to focus on the identity of the Fitness Center within the community. The Committee discussed the benefit a complete market analysis would have for the Committee and Board regarding future decisions.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

Staff – None

Chairperson – None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made by Member Walsh, seconded by Commissioner Mosbarger, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 a.m. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Approved this 16th day of February, 2017
Lake Bluff Park District