

**LAKE BLUFF PARK DISTRICT
FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 16, 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 5:32 p.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 and Rob Foster, Superintendent of Golf, Park and Facility Maintenance.

Visitors present were: President Rob Douglass, Vice-President Brock Gordon, Treasurer Bob Wallace, Committee Member George Russell.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Mosbarger moved, seconded by Member Walsh to approve the January 16, 2017 Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Statement of Visitors - None

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION

Golf Cart Purchase/Lease – Recommendation

The Committee discussed feedback they received from conversations with residents regarding the utilization of an electric or gasoline fleet at the Golf Club. Member Walsh indicated the feedback she received strongly favored the utilization an electric fleet. Superintendent Heiser noted little difference in the unit price of electric and gasoline carts, but an electric fleet would be more expensive to lease due to residual values. Member Walsh also indicated that these residual values would impact resale of the fleet if the Park District elected to sell the carts at some point in the future.

Superintendent Heiser identified operational efficiencies with the utilization of a gasoline fleet, noting gas carts do not require a “charge” between uses and gas carts can go multiple rounds on a single tank of gas. Superintendent Foster noted that weekly maintenance on a gasoline fleet is significantly less than requirements for an electric fleet. Commissioner Mosbarger stated that guests would prefer an electric fleet, but the operational inefficiencies of an electric fleet were significant enough he believed a gasoline fleet was better for the overall operations.

Staff notified the Committee that the Park District has the opportunity to purchase a two-year old used fleet of gasoline golf carts. This purchase would reduce the overall cost of the project and could be financed similarly to the purchase of a new fleet. Additionally, the Park District is not required to bid a project for the purchase of used equipment, allowing the project timeline to be reduced and ensure a functional fleet of carts is on-site for the beginning of the upcoming season.

Commissioner Mosbarger asked staff and the Committee to consider replacing a percentage of the current fleet, refurbishing a percentage of the current fleet and eliminated a percentage of the current fleet. This option would allow the Park District to get on a schedule for replacement and eliminate the requirement for significant capital reinvestment every four to five years.

Superintendent Heiser presented the Committee with estimated expenses for several options of replacing a percentage of the existing fleet. One option was purchasing 20 2-year old used golf carts, leasing 20 new golf carts and refurbishing 20 carts in the existing fleet. The second option was purchasing 20 2-year old used golf carts, 20 5-year old used golf carts and refurbishing 20 carts in the existing fleet. Staff was unable to find any 5-year old used golf carts currently in the local market. The third option was purchasing 40 2-year old used golf carts and refurbishing 20 carts in the existing fleet. The final option was purchasing 60 2-year old used golf carts.

Superintendent Foster presented the idea of keeping an additional 10 carts in the current fleet to use as possible replacement carts and for parts to assist with extending the lifespan of the refurbished fleet.

The Committee agreed replacing 40 carts with 2-year old used golf carts and refurbishing 20 carts in the existing fleet was the strong option available. It provides a significant reinvestment in the golf carts while remaining fiscally responsible in the process.

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 6:28 p.m.. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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