

**LAKE BLUFF PARK DISTRICT
PARKS AND BEACH COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 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 1:20 p.m. by Chair McKendry.

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

Staff members present were Ron Salski, Executive Director; and Rob Foster, Superintendent of Golf, Park and Facility Maintenance.

Approval of Agenda

Member Ehrhard moved, seconded by Member Russell, to approve the December 14, 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

Member Russell moved, seconded by Member Ehrhard, to approve the meeting minutes of the Parks and Beach Committee Meeting of November 3, 2017, as submitted.

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

Sunrise Park & Beach – Short and Long-Term Priorities – Discussion

Executive Director Salski said that staff is getting close to completing the Capital Plan and there is no line item for any work or planning regarding the beach for the next five years. He said any preliminary design for the beach should come out of Operations. He estimated the cost to be around \$100,000.

Member Russell commented that some studies need to be started now in order to protect the beach for the future. He said some type of preliminary design is needed to establish costs in the event the Park District goes to referendum. He said he wasn't sure what the NSWRD was planning and Executive Director Salski said that they are waiting for the Park District to make the first move.

Member Russell said that beach erosion problems are severe and this project should be a high priority in the Capital Plan. He noted that in the Community Wide Survey, the beach was the number one priority.

Executive Director Salski said that he will inform Board Members and Sikich LLP, that the Parks and Beach Committee is requesting that \$100,000 be put in the Capital Plan primarily for preliminary design for erosion control at Sunrise Park and Beach. He will also note that the Committee would like the project done in 2018.

Member Russell asked about the plan at Waukegan Beach regarding sand. Executive Director Salski said that there is discussion about dredging sand from the Waukegan Harbor and placing it at Sunrise Beach. This is an unusual project that will be done by the Army Corps of Engineers and there will be a lot more research and testing done before a final decision is made. He said that the Park District would still have to pay something for the sand.

Knollwood Park System Projects – Discussion

Superintendent Foster said there is \$50,000 left in referendum money to do three projects: Knollwood Park – two pieces of playground equipment; walking path/drainage/mulch; and Sanctuary Park - shelter renovation. He said the drainage improvement would be done in-house and the shelter floor would be attempted in-house, but might have to be done by a contractor.

Chair McKendry commented that the walking path could also be considered a trail because it goes a long way and maybe, eventually it could be hooked up with another trail.

Superintendent Foster commented that Knollwood is the least used park. A discussion followed regarding what would make the most sense to replace in which park. Chair McKendry suggested replacing the basketball hoop/backboard at Knollwood Park. She thought this would bring more people to the park and spruce it up a bit.

Member Russell suggested contacting whatever company did the blacktop paths along Green Bay Road on the east side, because they did a great job on both the design and blacktop.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

Member Russell said that he was reading the report from WT Engineering regarding handicapped railings on both sides of the stairs at the beach. He commented that National Parks do not have handrails for every stair. Executive Director Salski said that this was just an opinion from WT Engineering and there is no money in the budget for this project right now. This project requires more research and maybe something can be done in 2019 through ADA.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made by Member Ehrhard, seconded by Member Russell, and passed by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kauri McKendry

Ron Salski, Secretary

Approved this 13th day of April 2018
Lake Bluff Park District