

**VILLAGE OF LAKE BLUFF
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2019**

APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING

The Village of Lake Bluff Board of Trustees met as a Committee-of-the-Whole (“COW”) in the Village Hall Board Room (40 East Center Avenue) on Monday, February 11, 2019. Village President O’Hara called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Village Clerk Joy Markee called the roll.

The following were present:

Village President:	Kathleen O’Hara
Trustees:	Barbara Ankenman Mark Dewart Paul Lemieux
Absent:	William Meyer Aaron Towle Eric Grenier
Also Present:	Joy Markee, Village Clerk Drew Irvin, Village Administrator Peter Friedman, Village Attorney David Belmonte, Chief of Police Glen Cole, Assistant to the Village Administrator

Non-Agenda Items and Visitors

President O’Hara stated the COW allocates 15 minutes for those individuals who would like the opportunity to address the COW on any matter not listed on the agenda.

Sandy Hart, Chair of the Lake County Board and the County Board member representing Lake Bluff, approached the podium. She announced that she anticipates Lake County will approve its \$100,000 financial contribution to the Village’s reconstruction of the Robert McClory Trail bridge at its meeting the following day. She also reported that Lake County is hosting a local government job fair on Saturday, February 16 from 9 a.m. to noon to connect candidates to full time, part time, and seasonal jobs with local agencies. President O’Hara thanked Chair Hart for her report and service to the community.

There were no further requests to address the COW.

Consideration of the Minutes from the January 28, 2019 Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting

Trustee Dewart moved to approve the January 28, 2019 COW minutes as amended. Trustee Lemieux seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

A Discussion Regarding Recommendations from the Ad Hoc Beach Parking Committee

Village Administrator Irvin stated that the purpose of this COW meeting was to review the

recommendations of the Ad Hoc Beach Parking Committee. He stated that the Committee held three public meetings, received resident feedback, and ultimately recommended the Village Board prohibit parking on Maple, Simpson, and Mountain Avenues south of East Scranton Avenue. The Committee also emphasized that the Village and the Park District need to enforce their current policies and obtain better data regarding Beach use and parking demand. Village Administrator Irvin presented a list of the policy alternatives considered by the Committee; the Committee's membership; the mission statement and shared values from the Village's 2023 Strategic Plan; and the Committee's objectives, initial recommendations, and process for decision-making. He noted that the Village had received considerable public feedback regarding the Committee's work, including its most recent recommendations, and that this feedback was transmitted to the COW in the agenda packet for review.

The COW discussed the recommendations and feedback, with an emphasis on public safety. In response to a question from President O'Hara, Village Administrator Irvin stated that the vehicular accident rate in the study area was not elevated and that there had been two accidents in five years. The COW discussed lane widths and clearance for emergency vehicles as it concerned their ability to navigate vehicles parked on-street. Trustee Ankenman stated that she supported an incremental approach by prohibiting parking on one side of the street. Trustee Dewart stated that he would not support any action without better data. Village President O'Hara suggested that the Village should comprehensively study streets for lane width and safety rather than make isolated decisions concerning streets near the beach. Trustee Lemieux stated that he supported the increment approach suggested by Trustee Ankenman. Continued discussion ensued regarding the study and Village Staff's scope of inquiry.

Village President O'Hara recognized Ron Salski, executive director of the Lake Bluff Park District. Mr. Salski thanked Village President O'Hara for the opportunity to speak and gave a presentation regarding the Park District's response to the Committee's work. He stated that the Park District's goals, while similar, were different from the Committee's as it desires to make efficient and convenient processes that do not penalize Park District residents or make it difficult for them to access the Beach. He presented policy steps the Park District had adopted, including:

- Elimination of non-resident beach memberships and resident business beach memberships; only daily fee access will be allowed.
- Raised daily fees from \$12 to \$15.
- Raised non-resident dog pass fees and require owners to pay the daily fee in addition.
- Reduce the hours of shelter reservations.
- Include pictures on beach passes and provide each family with additional beach passes.
- Add more beach attendants with a higher minimum age and additional training.

Village President O'Hara invited commenters from the audience.

Rose Logue, resident, came forward to address the Board. She stated that she had never seen an issue with emergency vehicles in the area and that the Board should assess the east side in its entirety before targeting Maple and Simpson Avenues. She also stated that, while signage is clear on Scranton and Sunrise, the signage on side streets was not consistent.

Chris Baldwin, resident, came forward to address the Board. He stated that he lives on Center Avenue, near the beach and near the hotspot of summer activity. He said that, while two-sided parking was rare on Simpson, he would gladly give that up because Simpson between Center and Scranton is the problem – especially as it concerned landscaping crews during the day.

Jon McKendry, resident, came forward to address the Board. He stated that there is virtually no legal parking already in these areas due to parking prohibitions near intersections, hydrants, and driveways.

Kauri McKendry, resident, came forward to address the Board. She stated that the families adjacent to Maple do not want change in that area and that the problem lies elsewhere.

John Palizza, resident and member of the Committee, came forward to address the Board. He asked if it was the Board's desire that the Committee continue to meet. Village President O'Hara stated that the Committee had done admirable work, but that there were no further tasks for them pending continued study by Staff and consideration by the Board.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed on a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. Drew Irvin
Village Administrator