SECTION 4(f) DE MINIMIS DOCUMENTATION

U.S. Route 41 at Illinois Route 176
Lake County
P-91-874-09

Lake Bluff Park District
Lake Bluff Golf Club

P-91-874-09
Lake County, Illinois

IDOT – Division of Highways – District One

JUNE 2015
1. **Project Description**

   a. **Project Number**: P-91-874-09

   b. **Project Name**: US Route 41 at IL Route 176

   c. **Location**: Lake County

   d. **Project Type**: Interchange Improvement

   e. **Project Length**: 2.87 miles

   f. **NEPA Class of Action**: Categorical Exclusion Group II

   g. **Purpose and Need of the Project**: The purpose of the project is to provide an improved transportation system to address capacity, mobility, safety, and operational deficiencies at the grade separated interchange of U.S. Route 41 and IL Route 176.

   h. **Project Status**: The Village of Lake Bluff is nearing completion of a preliminary engineering and environmental study (Phase I) and is planning to hold a public hearing in Spring 2015 to present the preferred alternative. Contract plan preparation and land acquisition (Phase II) and construction (Phase III) are currently not funding. The project is being coordinated through the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

2. **Section 4(f) Resource**

   a. **Name of Resource**: Lake Bluff Golf Club

   b. **Type of Resource**: Public golf course

   c. **Official with Jurisdiction (OWJ)**: Lake Bluff Park District

   d. **Description of role/significance in the community**: The Lake Bluff Golf Club was established in 1968 and consists of an eighteen hole course with a pro shop and restaurant. The course hosts the Lake County Amateur, a premier amateur annual event, and was the home course for the 2010 and 2011 Illinois State Champion Lake Forest High School Boys golf team.
3. **Description of Intended Section 4(f) Resource Use**

   a. **Type and Acres of Impact:** 0.420 acres of permanent easement is required to replace and maintain IDOT’s storm sewer outfall from Pump Station 41 to the Skokie River. The existing 24-inch storm sewer is proposed to be replaced with two 30-inch equivalent round size elliptical storm sewers.

   b. **Existing Function of Impacted Acres:** The existing 24-inch storm sewer outfall is contained within an existing easement; however, due to the vagueness of the 1936 easement, the proposed permanent easement will better define the maintenance rights. The permanent easement is 30-feet wide and approximately 1,590 feet in length, approximately 765 feet of which is on Lake Bluff Park District property. The impacted area is located 39 feet to 69 feet south of the north property line. The area is mainly wooded with the exception of the 15th hole tee box. Since there is an existing easement, there are no anticipated negative impacts to the operations and recreational use of Lake Bluff Golf Club based on the proposed easement.

4. **Description of Efforts to Avoid, Minimize, and Mitigate/Enhance the Resource**

   a. **Avoidance and minimization efforts made and benefits to resource:** The capacity for Pump Station 41 is constrained by the outfall storm sewer size, slope, and the tailwater elevation of the Skokie River. When the capacity of Pump Station 41 is exceeded, storm water overflows to the south along US Route 41, and then east to a culvert under the Union Pacific Railroad, and across the golf course to the Skokie River. This typically floods the area of the 15th green.

      An alternative was evaluated to connect a bypass sewer from Pump Station 41 to Pump Station 37, located at the US Route 41 underpass at IL Route 176, which would have eliminated the need to upgrade the 24-inch storm sewer outfall. However, this is not feasible due to the difference in elevations of the two underpasses.

      The project will have a benefit to the golf course by reducing storm water flowing across the golf course. The proposed storm sewer system along US Route 41 will redirect storm water away from the culvert under the Union Pacific Railroad, just upstream of the 15th green, sending it to the replaced Pump Station 37. The additional storm water at Pump Station 37 will be detained in underground storage pipes and pumped to the outfall along IL Route 176 south of the golf course.
b. **Commitments for mitigation or enhancement:** Trees removed will be replaced according to IDOT policy and to the satisfaction of the Lake Bluff Park District. Work across the tee box will be accomplished during the off season or a temporary tee box will be established by the golf course so the recreational use is not affected. Compensation for the tee box relocation and restoration would be included in the permanent easement agreement.

5. **Evidence of Opportunity for Public Review and Comment:**

   a. **Type of public availability:** A public hearing was held on June 25, 2015 at the Lake Bluff Elementary School from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. The hearing was advertised in the Lake County News-Sun newspaper on June 6, 2015 and The Lake Forester newspaper on June 11, 2015 and June 18, 2015. Invitation letters were mailed to all residents and business adjacent to the proposed roadway improvements, as well as local, state and federal agencies, and elected officials. Exhibits were displayed during the hearing that highlighted the areas for which Section 4(f) coordination is required. The Section 4(f) documentation was available during the hearing and three weeks following the hearing at IDOT (201 W. Center Court, Schaumburg, IL 60196), at the Village of Lake Bluff (40 E. Center Avenue, Lake Bluff, IL 60044), at the Lake Bluff Park District (355 W Washington Ave, Lake Bluff, IL 60044), posted on Lake Bluff’s website at [http://www.lakebluff.org/departments-services/community-development](http://www.lakebluff.org/departments-services/community-development), and on IDOT’s website at [http://www.idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/environment/index](http://www.idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/environment/index).

   b. The comment period was from June 25, 2015 through July 25, 2015. A total of ____ comments were received for the project. ____ comments were received specific to the impacts to Lake Bluff Golf Club.

6. **Evidence of Coordination with Official(s) with Jurisdiction**

   a. May 27, 2014  Summary of meeting with FHWA discussing impacts to Lake Bluff Golf Club
   b. October 29, 2014  Summary of meeting with Lake Bluff Park District discussing impacts to Lake Bluff Golf Club
   c. November 17, 2014  Summary of Lake Bluff Park District Board Meeting providing consensus to support a de minimis finding
   d. June 11, 2015  Transmittal of draft Section 4(f) document to Lake Bluff Park District for comment and availability for public viewing.
   e. TBD  Transmittal of updated Section 4(f) document to Lake Bluff Park District with public comments.
   f. TBD  Lake Bluff Park District concurrence of no adverse impact.
   g. TBD  FHWA acceptance of de minimis documentation
7. **Supporting Documentation**

a. Project Location Map  
b. Aerial View – Lake Bluff Golf Club  
c. Coordination  
d. Section 4(f) Impact Exhibit  
e. Existing Pump Station 41 Outfall Sewer Easement
Section 4(f) *De minimis* Impact Documentation
Lake Bluff Park District
Lake Bluff Golf Club

**Attachment A**
Project Location Map
Attachment B
Aerial View – Lake Bluff Golf Club
Attachment C

Coordination
This was the ninth presentation of this project. It was last presented on September 18, 2013. The purpose of this presentation was to provide a project status update, present the Environmental Class of Action Determination Record (ECAD), and request concurrence to process the project as a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Group II.

Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. (CBBEL) first gave an overview of the project. The Preferred Alternative was presented and shown to have general overall support. At the last coordination meeting, IDOT Bureau of Design and Environment (BDE) concurred with Alternative 7 (conventional signalized intersections) as the Preferred Alternative. CBBEL reviewed the two design options being considered to address access to properties in the northeast quadrant of the project. Option 1 would extend Skokie Valley Road to the north and bisect two properties. Option 2 would extend West Washington Avenue to the east and curve north along the UP railroad, resulting in the relocation of three buildings: an office building with an apartment on the second floor, a shed, and an outbuilding. Both options are the same north of By The Way Motel. One property owner supports Option 1 since he would lose 2 buildings with Option 2. A second property owner supports Option 2 because although he would lose 1 building with Option 2, he would have less developable property if it was bisected with Option 1. IDOT District One and the Village of Lake Bluff support Option 2. IDOT and FHWA had no objections to the project proceeding with Option 2.

CBBEL provided an updated ECAD Journal for review and consideration in discussing the environmental processing for the project. Overall, the existing interchange configuration will be maintained and there are relatively minor environmental impacts. IDOT and FHWA made several suggestions to update the ECAD Journal, and the updated ECAD Journal is attached with these meeting minutes. Each resource and issue provided in the ECAD Journal was discussed in detail to confirm there were no outstanding issues to warrant an Environmental Assessment (EA).

Socio-Economic issues were discussed in greater detail based on more complexities than the environmental issues. Per the previous coordination meeting with IDOT and FHWA, meetings were held with property owners affected by removal of direct access to northbound U.S. Route 41 and property owners with potential building displacements as a result of construction of a new access road on the east side of U.S. Route 41 north of West Washington Avenue. The attached ECAD Journal includes a summary for each of the properties discussed. IDOT and FHWA requested that a letter be obtained from the Knollwood Fire Department Fire Station stating that service will be maintained during and after their relocation, and included in the project documentation.

Based on a review of the 2010 US Census Data, the percentage of low income, minority and handicapped groups for the Census Tract (8632.02) is approximately the same as the overall County. No disproportionately adverse impacts to known isolated low income, minority, or handicapped groups are anticipated. While there will be a change in access to the Rockland Mobile Home Park, no residences there will be relocated by the project.
The North Shore Bike Path is located parallel and south of Illinois Route 176 within IDOT ROW. IDOT issued a permanent easement to the Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) for the bike path. Access to and along the bike path will be maintained during construction. IDOT and FHWA requested that a copy of the agreement with LCDOT be included in the project documentation. FHWA agreed that this was not a Section 4(f) issue.

The existing outlet sewer for Pump Station 41 located at the EJ&E railroad underpass to the north of IL Route 176 is a 24” pipe flowing eastward to the Skokie Ditch on the Village of Lake Bluff Golf Course. IDOT is researching what is allowed under the existing drainage easement. IDOT and FHWA agreed that this would be a Section 4(f) de minimis impact as a worst-case scenario since replacing the storm sewer would be a temporary use of Section 4(f) property, and a separate Section 4(f) evaluation is not required.

The IDOT Environmental Studies Unit (ESU) confirmed that a pollutant loading analysis would not be necessary for Skokie Ditch since an individual permit is not anticipated for this project.

Based on the information provided during this coordination meeting, IDOT and FHWA agreed that the project could proceed as a CE II.

Public involvement moving forward includes a Project Advisory Group (PAG) meeting anticipated for Summer 2014 to present the Preferred Alternative. A Public Hearing is anticipated in Fall 2014.

IDOT (District One and BDE) and FHWA concurred with the project proceeding on the above basis.

Chris Kersten - IDOT
Emily Anderson - Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.
DATE: November 6, 2014

TO: All Attendees, File

FROM: Martin Worman, PE; Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LTD. (CBBEL)

SUBJECT: Local Drainage Coordination Meeting
10/29/14 at 10:00 AM

LOCATION: Lake Bluff Park District Maintenance Facility

ATTENDEES: George Russell (Village of Lake Bluff)
Mehdi Geraminegad (IDOT Hydraulics)
Perry Masouridis (IDOT Hydraulics)
Chris Kersten (IDOT Consultant Project Manager)
Ron Salski (Lake Bluff Park District)
Rob Foster (Lake Bluff Park District)
Jonathan O’Connel (CBBEL)
Martin Worman (CBBEL)

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss and coordinate local drainage issues within the project areas with the Village of Lake Bluff and Lake Bluff Park District.

After introductions, a general description of the project was made. The interchange of US Route 41 and IL Route 176 is being studied. Multiple alternatives were considered resulting in the Preferred Improvement. The Preferred Improvement includes maintaining the existing jug handle connector roads between US Route 41 and IL Route 176. IL Route 176 will be widened to include two through lanes in each direction and a raised median from east of the Union Pacific Railroad crossing to west of IL Route 43. US Route 41 will be improved to include greater vertical clearance under IL Route 176 with longer vertical curves to improve sight distance. In addition, acceleration and deceleration lanes will be added to US Route 41 to and from the connector road jug handles. Direct access to and from adjacent properties will be eliminated along the proposed acceleration lane to the north. An access road is proposed from the jug handle in the northeast quadrant to the north along the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way to provide access to properties losing direct access to US Route 41. The intersection of IL Route 176 and IL Route 43 is also being improved with this project to include dual left-turn lanes, two through lanes and a right–turn lane in each direction.

Pump Station 37 to drain the underpass carrying US Route 41 under IL Route 176 will be completely rebuilt. Additional area from US Route 41 will be drained to this pump station which will alleviate some of the flooding that happens at the outfall to the east just north of the business complex north of Rockland Mobile Home Park. The additional storm water to the pump station will be stored underground to maintain the existing pump rate. The new outlet sewer will be re-
routed to the south of the recently constructed IL Route 176 bridge over Skokie River. The two existing 30” storm sewers outfall pipes will be used exclusively for the proposed gravity sewer system draining around the pump station.

Pump Station 41 draining the underpass carrying US Route 41 under the EJ&E Railroad will be improved with berms to provide protection from backflow storm water to an elevation of 673 and a new outlet pipe. Two options are currently being studied for the proposed pump station outfall. One is to convert the outlet sewer to a force main by lining the existing 24” sewer with a new pipe. The other option will add a parallel 24” sewer replace the existing 24” sewer or replace the existing 24” storm sewer with a two new sewers, depending on the condition of the existing sewer, to provide additional capacity. A new or revised permanent drainage easement for the outlet sewer from the pump station to the Skokie River might be needed based on the work that ultimately will be proposed.

A discussion began about this work on the Lake Bluff Golf Course. As this is a publicly owned recreational area, improvements requiring a revised or new drainage easement would be considered a Section 4(f) issue. By the temporary nature of the impacts associated with these improvements, it was suggested these impacts could be considered de minimis impact characterized by not adversely affecting the features, attributed, or activities of the facility. If the Park District agreed with this work being de minimis, a public notice could be sent out in conjunction with the project Public Hearing notice. Once the public notice period has been satisfied, a letter would be sent to the Lake Bluff Park District requesting concurrence with a “de minimis impact” finding. If the Lake Bluff Park District does not concur, a Section 4(f) evaluation would be required. Mr. Salski indicated he would need to discuss this with his Board and requested a brief presentation by the project team at the next board meeting.

The meeting then concluded in the field to see the exact location of the existing outfall. Various strategies were discussed to minimize impacts to the golf course. It was suggested the work happen over the winter months to minimize impacts to golfers. As the outfall sewer crosses a tee box, one suggestion was the construction of a temporary tee box. Access for construction was also discussed as a potential impact and as such, access strategies will be considered to minimize the impacts.

The meeting concluded at approximately 12:00 PM.
# U.S. Route 41 at IL Route 176 Interchange Reconstruction Project

## SIGN-IN SHEET

**MEETING PURPOSE:** Local Drainage Coordination Meeting  
**MEETING DATE:** October 29, 2014  
**MEETING TIME:** 10:00 AM  
**LOCATION:** Lake Bluff Park District Maintenance Facility  
**Project #:** 09-0353

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Lake Bluff Park District, Lake County, Illinois, was held at the Lake Bluff Park District Recreation Center, 355 W. Washington Avenue, Lake Bluff, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Considine.

The following Commissioners were present when the roll was called: S. Ehrhard, R. Douglass, B. Gordon, K. Gronau, B. Wallace, and President K. Considine.

Commissioner K. McKendry was absent.

Staff members present were Ron Salski, Executive Director; Sarah Bagley, HR Manager; Jim Lakeman, Superintendent of Recreation, Safety, and Outreach Services; Rob Foster, Superintendent of Golf, Park, and Facility Maintenance; Ed Heiser, Superintendent of Facility Services; Marcia Jendreas, Recording Secretary; and Matt Iverson.

Others present were George Russell, Village of Lake Bluff; Perry Masouridis, IDOT; Martin Worman, Christopher Burke Engineering; Paula Randall, Lake Bluff Park District Attorney; Eric Anderson, BMO Capital; and Jan Schnobrich, resident.

Approval of Agenda

President Considine moved Section V. New Business/Action Items, to Section II, and adjusted the remaining sections.

Commissioner Douglass moved, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, to approve the November 17, 2014 Agenda, as amended.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: K. McKendry
Motion carried.

Statement of Visitors – None
NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

Bond Issuance – Eric Anderson – BMO Capital - Discussion

Executive Director Salski said that since the referendum passed overwhelmingly, it is imperative the Park District begin discussing best approaches to issuing bonds for the capital projects.

Eric Anderson, BMO Capital, said there will be five years from the date of the election to sell the bonds. He presented information on current interest rates and types of bonds – taxable and/or non-taxable. He noted the current interest rates are low and the Park District has a AA+ rating.

Director Salski asked the Commissioners how quickly they wanted to move forward with projects. He advised that most projects, such as the Aquatic Facility and Blair Park, are known. The only unknown projects are the roof and HVAC units above the Fitness Center.

After discussing the matter, Commissioners agreed to continue moving forward with selling the bonds and lock in a rate, since the interest rates are low.

Director Salski said he will prepare a Parameters Ordinance for the bond purchase, for approval by the Board at the next Regular Board Meeting.

IDOT Project – Route 41 – Presentation – Approval

Director Salski advised the Village of Lake Bluff has retained Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. through a federal grant for issues related to Route 41 flooding.

Martin Worman, Senior Project Manager, explained how an outfall pipe, located on the golf course property, impacts Route 41. He said the pipe does not have adequate capacity to pump the water out fast enough, and one option would be to remove it and replace it with an elliptical pipe and then add a second pipe. In order to move forward with public input, they are asking the Board to support a de minimus finding. He provided some details: expedite the project by working in the winter, restoration to be completed by April, minimize tree impacts, and install a temporary tee box.

Attorney Randall asked if this would be considered a new easement, since the old one is from 1936. Mr. Worman said yes, a new Plat of Easement would be created.

Commissioners were concerned with the golf course restoration and Attorney Randall said that would all be covered in the Plat of Easement.

Perry Masouridis, IDOT, noted there is no money available yet for this project and funding could take two or more years.

President Considine asked for a consensus of the Board. There was consensus to support a de minimus finding.

Perry Masouridis, Martin Worman, George Russell, and Paula Randall exited the meeting at 7:50 p.m.
2014 Tax Levy – Discussion

Director Salski said the Tax Levy discussion is an important component to developing a Park District budget. If the Consumer Price Index (C.P.I.) of 1.5% is approved for the 2014 Tax Levy year, it would generate an additional $38,356.28 in tax revenues from the 2013 Tax Levy. Director Salski presented several options to the Board.

A lengthy discussion ensued. Some Commissioners felt it was necessary to approve the 1.5% Tax Levy because the District is still struggling with its finances, and others thought it might be possible to cut dollars from the Operations part of the budget.

Mrs. Schnobrich exited the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

There was consensus of the Board to proceed with Option 1, as presented by Director Salski:

- Approve the Tax Levy with C.P.I. of 1.5% and growth;
- In January/February, Board and staff discuss 2014 Tax Levy allowable C.P.I. increase;
- Board to decide whether to abate none, some or all of the 2014 Tax Levy C.P.I. of 1.5%, based on anticipated 2015 Tax Levy C.P.I.;
- If abating some or all 2014 Tax Levy C.P.I., amend 2015 Budget to reflect revisions.

2015 Budget Spreadsheet and Timeline – Discussion

Commissioner Wallace gave an overview of the 2015 Budget Spreadsheet he prepared and said it is basically an operating statement and easy to understand.

Director Salski discussed a timeline with the Commissioners and all were in agreement of the following dates: budget binders delivered on November 26th, budget meetings on December 8th and 15th, with alternate dates, if necessary of December 1st or 4th.

November 4, 2014 Referendum Results – Capital Prioritization – Discussion

Director Salski stated that with the referendum passing by over 71%, he encouraged the Board and staff to begin discussing capital priorities based on need, timing of permits, work load, and potential grants. He presented a draft plan, and noted that a Construction Manager would add significant value to the discussion.

A discussion ensued and Commissioners felt discussions should begin in January, 2015.
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Construction Manager – RFP – Approval

Director Salski explained he discussed appropriate legal approaches in retaining a Construction Manager. The Attorney confirmed a Request for Proposal can be sent to firms who were previously retained by the Park District on a project. He noted professional fees for the hiring of a Construction Manager were included in the referendum.

Commissioner Ehrhard moved, seconded by Commissioner Douglass, to authorize the Executive Director, on the basis of the recommendation of staff, to send a Request for Proposal to Corporate Construction Services, W.B. Olsen, and Camosy Construction, to serve as construction manager for the following projects: Aquatic Facility and Beach and Recreation Center Renovation/Replacement Projects.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: K. McKendry
Motion carried.

Recreation Center – Jazzercise Rental Fees – Approval

Superintendent Heiser said Jazzercise is classified as a commercial group based on the Administrative Policy, and is required to follow all rental/lease guidelines and business policies.

He explained staff is recommending the following changes to the Agreement between the Park District and Jazzercise for 2015:

A rental rate of $22.00 per hour with a schedule of ten rentals per week. If fewer rentals are requested, the fee was increased to: 5 – 9 rentals for $26.40 per hour, 2 – 4 rentals for $30.80 per hour and reinstate the $250 equipment rental fee during the terms of the agreement. The Agreement will expire on August 31, 2015.

Commissioner Gronau said these changes were reviewed by the Facilities and Programs Committee and they recommend them to the Board.

Commissioner Gordon moved, seconded by Commissioner Douglass, to accept the 2015 Jazzercise Agreement changes.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: K. McKendry
Motion carried.
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Aquatic Facility – Swim Club Rental Fees – Approval

Superintendent Lakeman advised that three local swim clubs are interested in rental time for 2015: Lake Forest Swim Club, Scout Aquatics Swim Club, and CATS Aquatics Swim Club. He said staff is recommending the following rental fees for 2015: Option 1: $110/hour Aquatics Facility rental; Option 2: $22/hour per lane rental. Guidelines for rentals include: 1. Clubs requesting all lanes will always take precedence over partial pool rental requests, and 2. Clubs requesting longer hours will take precedence over those requesting single hours. Pending the time frame for Aquatics Facility renovations, staff will recommend new guidelines and procedures for all Aquatic Facility swim club rentals.

Commissioner Gronau said these changes were reviewed by the Facilities and Programs Committee and they recommend them to the Board.

Commissioner Douglass moved, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, to approve the 2015 Aquatic Facility Swim Club Rental Fees as recommended by staff and the Facilities and Programs Committee.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: K. McKendry

Motion carried.

Sunrise Park and Beach Damage – Discussion

Superintendent Lakeman advised that on October 31, 2014 Sunrise Park and Beach and the parking lot area sustained damage due to windy conditions producing 20 foot waves. He listed the damages and said that after staff, PDRMA, and Shabica & Associates assessed the damages on November 2nd, Sunrise was temporarily closed due to safety concerns.

Superintendent Lakeman said that Golf and Park Maintenance Staff began clean-up immediately, and erected temporary fencing along the dog beach. Hoffman Construction has been retained to repair the upper half of the north beach sand area and north beach repairs will take place in mid-November.
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Sunrise Park and Beach – Bluff Vegetative Maintenance & Tree Plan – Approval

Director Salski said the Park District continues working toward Phase One – Bluff Maintenance Plan, but the Bluff requires more removal and maintenance. He gave a breakdown of the costs provided by Native Restoration Services, Inc., which included herbiciding invasive and overseeding with native woodland seed.

Commissioner Gronau moved, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, to authorize the Executive Director to approve the seeding and spraying of the Bluff at a cost not to exceed $5,000 with the expense coming out of the Capital Fund – Land Improvements, Sale of Land at 718 Mountain Avenue.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: K. McKendry
Motion carried.

2015 Regular Board & Committee Meeting Calendar - Discussion

Director Salski presented the 2015 Meeting Calendar and there was Board consensus on the Regular and Committee of the Whole dates.

Commissioner Ehrhard suggested changing the meeting time to 6:00 p.m. Commissioners agreed to discuss this suggestion at the next meeting.

MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of October 20, 2014 Regular Board Meeting

Commissioner Ehrhard moved, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, to approve the Minutes of the October 20, 2014 Regular Board Meeting, as presented.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: K. McKendry
Motion carried.
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Approval of Minutes of October 27, 2014 Facilities & Programs Committee Special Meeting

Commissioner Ehrhard moved, seconded by Commissioner Gronau, to approve the Minutes of the October 27, 2014 Facilities & Programs Committee Special Meeting, as presented.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: K. McKendry
Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of November 12, 2014 Facilities & Programs Committee Special Meeting

Commissioner Gronau moved, seconded by Commissioner Ehrhard, to approve the Minutes of the October 20, 2014 Regular Board Meeting, as presented.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: K. McKendry
Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Invoice Schedule for the period ending November 3, 2014
Approve Invoice Schedule for the period ending November 17, 2014

Commissioner Gronau moved, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, to accept the items on the Consent Agenda as presented.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: K. McKendry
Motion carried.

Commissioner Wallace moved, seconded by Commissioner Douglass, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Regular Board Meeting of November 17, 2014

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: K. McKendry

Motion carried.

FINANCE

October 2014 and Year to Date Financials

Executive Director Salski stated October’s beginning Pooled Cash was $3,167,738. As of October 31, 2014, the total liabilities, equity, and surplus was $2,814,454, compared to the October 31, 2013 total of $2,427,805.

Director Salski said month to date was $65,116 unfavorable as compared to projections. The major contributor was the Recreation Fund ($101,456). The year to date total is favorable by $80,371.

Commissioner Ehrhard moved, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, to accept the October 2014 Financial report.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: K. McKendry

Motion carried.

Purchase Cards – Ratification

Director Salski reported October 2014 purchases were $29,866.94 versus 2013 October purchases which were $22,183.00.

Commissioner Gordon moved, seconded by Commissioner Gronau, to ratify the Purchase Card payment of $29,866.94.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: K. McKendry

Motion carried.
WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Community Comments/Correspondence – Written information was provided to the Board and placed on file by Director Salski.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

Staff: Director Salski thanked Superintendent Foster and his staff for cleaning up the beach after the storm.

Manager Bagley reported they were having a hard time finding seasonal Parks Maintenance Associates for winter.

Superintendent Lakeman noted there are 92 enrolled in basketball and the Trunk or Treat event attracted 140 kids. Breakfast with Santa, sponsored by Kiwanis of Lake Bluff, will be held at Grace United Methodist Church on December 6th.

Superintendent Heiser reported there were 208 golf course operating days from January through October, 2014. He said the course was still open, but no motorized carts were available. Health and Fitness had a lot of walk-in business on the day of the Election and the Paddle Tournament generated $15,000.00.

Superintendent Foster said that Rockland Road homes are currently being demolished and repair of the stoops and sidewalks at the Recreation Center should be completed by November 28th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Ehrhard moved, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, to adjourn into Executive Session at 9:30 p.m., for the purpose of discussion of the meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of approval by the District of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06 per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: K. McKendry
Motion carried.

Regular Board Meeting of November 17, 2014

ACTION, IF ANY, ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made by Commissioner Ehrhard, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
June 11, 2015

CERTIFIED MAIL

Ron Salski
Lake Bluff Park District
Executive Director
355 W. Washington Avenue
Lake Bluff, IL 60044

Dear Mr. Salski:

The Village of Lake Bluff, in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Transportation (Department) is nearing completion of preliminary engineering and environmental studies (Phase I) for the proposed improvement of the US 41 at IL 176 Interchange Study. This improvement is not currently included in the Department's FY 2016-2021 Proposed Highway Improvement Program. However, this project will be included in our priorities for future funding consideration among similar improvement needs throughout the region. The general scope of work for this improvement consists of interchange reconstruction including improvements to Pump Station 41 for the US 41 underpass at the Canadian National Railroad.

As discussed in meetings with the Lake Bluff Park District on October 29, 2014 and November 17, 2014, the US 41 at IL 176 Interchange Study will impact Lake Bluff Park District property. As this project is anticipated to utilize federal funds, the Lake Bluff Park District property is eligible for protection under federal regulations 23 U.S.C. 138 and 49 U.S.C. 303, which were originally enacted as Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 and are still commonly referred to as "Section 4(f)." Section 4(f), which is implemented under 23 CFR 774, is the federal act that protects publicly owned parks, recreation areas, and wildlife and waterfowl refuges. The Department anticipates a de minimis impact finding for the Lake Bluff Park District property, based on the determination that the project will not adversely affect the features, attributes, or activities qualifying the property for protection under Section 4(f). The Federal Highway Administration has evaluated the impacts and has determined that the impacts qualify for a de minimis processing. The purpose of this letter is to transmit the draft Section 4(f) De minimis impact documentation for public review in the Lake Bluff Park District office. We will hold a public hearing to allow the public to review and comment on the effects of the project on the Section 4(f) property. The notice will allow the public to review the documentation at our offices or review the copy of the documentation being transmitted to you at this time or a revised version, in the Lake Bluff Park District office. The de minimis documentation will also be made available on the Village of Lake Bluff Website and the IDOT website during the comment period.
The proposed project will impact the Lake Bluff Golf Club, located west of the Union Pacific Railroad and north of IL 176. The Department will be acquiring approximately 0.420 acres of permanent easement for the construction of the Pump Station 41 outfall sewer. See Exhibit A for the plan view.

As a condition of the concurrence, the Department will add a Special Design and Construction Consideration to the Project Report regarding the following as discussed at the October 29, 2014 and November 17, 2014 meetings:

Trees removed will be replaced according to IDOT policy and to the satisfaction of the Lake Bluff Park District. Work across the tee box will be accomplished during the off season or a temporary tee box will be established by the golf course so the recreational use is not affected. Compensation for the tee box relocation and restoration would be included in the permanent easement agreement.

Please review the enclosed Section 4(f) de minimis documentation for a more detailed description of Section 4(f) properties that will be affected. Any comments you provide will not affect any future negotiations, including amount of compensation, with the Department for land being acquired.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jeff Hansen at (847) 283-6884 or Martin Worman at (847) 823-0500.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

R. Drew Irvin
Village Administrator

Enc.
Attachment D
Section 4(f) Impact Exhibit
Section 4(f) Impact to Lake Bluff Golf Club
Attachment E
Existing Pump Station 41 Outfall Sewer Easement
Deed Record No. 424

DESCRIPTION.
The northwesterly 7 feet, measured at right angles to the center line of Dugdale Road,
of lot 3 in block 96 in Frederick H. Bartlett's North Shore Estates, a subdivision of the
northwest one-quarter of Section 32, in Township 45 North, Range 12 East of the Third Principal
Meridian and recorded on pages 8, 9 and 10 in Book "N" of Plats in the office of the Recorder
of Deeds of the County of Lake, and State of Illinois.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have hereunto set their hands and seals this 28th day
of March A. D. 1935.

Joseph Burke  (SEAL)
Catherine Ryan Burke  (SEAL)

State of Illinois  }  SS:
County of Cook  

I, James G. Sullivan a Notary Public in and for said County and State DO HEREBY CERTIFY
that Joseph Burke and Catherine Ryan Burke, his wife, personally known to me to be the same
persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day
in person and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as their
free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 28th day of March A. D. 1935.

James G. Sullivan  Notary Public.

State of Illinois  }  SS:
County of Cook  

I, James G. Sullivan, a Notary Public in and for said County and State DO HEREBY CERTIFY
that Joseph Burke and Catherine Ryan Burke, his wife, personally known to me to be the same
persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in
person and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as their
free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 28th day of March A. D. 1935.

James G. Sullivan  Notary Public.

Doc.No. 425243, Filed June 4th A. D. 1936 at 1:40 o'clock P. M.

Easement for Drainage Purposes

Know All Men By These Presents, that we Nicholas C. Carras and May Carras of the County of
Cook and State of Illinois for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar ($1.00) Dollars
in hand paid by the Department of Public Works and Buildings, State of Illinois the receipt
whereof is hereby acknowledged and other good and valuable considerations hereby grant the
right, easement and privilege to the said Department, its Engineers and Contractors to enter
upon our land in the N.½ of the S.E.½ of Section 18 lying south of the E. J. & E. Railway
Company and in the N.½ of W. 15 acres of the S.E.½ of Section 18 lying south of the E. J. & E. Railway Company all in T. 44 N., R. 12 E. of the 3rd P. M. Lake County,
State of Illinois and install underground a 24 inch storm sewer for the purpose of draining
a subasys proposed to be built on S. B. I. Route 68 under the E. J. & E. Railroad. Said storm
sewer to be installed along a line which is 100 feet south of and parallel to the centerline
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of the main track of the said E. J. & E. Railroad and extending east from the east right of way line of S. B. I. Route 68 for a distance of about 675 feet to the west right of way line of the C. & N. W. Railway Company and extending east from the east right of way line of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois for a distance of about 630 feet to the Skokie Ditch for an outlet.

Hereby granting the right easement and privilege to the said Department to enter upon said land after the installation of said storm sewer for the purpose of maintaining it.

We hereby forever expressly waive all claims for damages that might accrue to us or the premises herein due to installation and operation of the said storm sewer.

Witness our hands and seals this 17th day of May A. D. 1936.

Witnesses to the mark

Nicholas C. Carras  (SEAL)
Helen Sobczyk
Melpomeni X Carras  (SEAL)
Mark

Elsie L. Krueger,
Paul Demos  (SEAL)

State of Illinois  }
County of Cook  }

I, Helen Sobczyk, a Notary Public in and for said County and state do hereby certify that Nicholas C. Carras & Melpomeni Carras, his wife & Paul Demos, personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as their free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 17th day of May A. D. 1936.

Helen Sobczyk  
Notary Public.

(For Plat of Dedication See Book "Y" of Plats Page 96).

Doc. No. 42533, Filed June 12th A. D. 1936 at 10:15 o'clock A. M.

DEDICATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR PUBLIC ROAD PURPOSES

COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF ILLINOIS

STATE AID ROUTE 23.

THIS INDEN'TURE WITNESSETH that Anna M. Hawley and James M. Hawley, her husband, the Grantor(s) of the County of Cook and State of Illinois, for and in consideration of the sum of One and 00/100 DOLLARS ($1.00) in hand paid by the COUNTY OF LAKE, in the State of Illinois, acting by and through the Board of Supervisors of said County of Lake, hereby grant (s) and dedicate (s) to the Public for the purpose of a public highway a tract of land situated in the County of Lake and State of Illinois and described as follows:

DESCRIPTION:

The northwesterly 7 feet, measured at right angles, to the center line of Dugdale Road, of lot 8 in Block 75 in Frederick H. Bartlett's North Shore Estates, a subdivision of the northwest one-quarter of Section 32, in Township 45 North, Range 12, East of the Third Principal Meridian and recorded on pages 8, 9 and 10 of Book "W" of Plats in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of the County of Lake and State of Illinois.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have hereunto set their hands and seals this 28 day of March A. D. 1935.

Anna M. Hawley  (SEAL)
James M. Hawley  (SEAL)