

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at approximately 6:02 p.m. in the Board Room of the Village Hall, New Lenox, Illinois.

**GENERAL FUNCTIONS:**

- Call to order** President Fischer called the July 19, 2017 meeting to order at approximately 6:02 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance** President Fischer led the Board, Staff and all others present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call** President Fischer directed the Recording Secretary to take roll call. Upon taking roll call, the following were present, Commissioners: Kraemer, Thomson, Schulz, Larson, and President Fischer.
- Also in Attendance** Executive Director Greg Lewis, Director of Recreation Lea Pipiras, Director of Parks-Maintenance George Travnicek, Director of Golf, Bob Schulz, Deputy Director of Business Services, Karen Acklin, Attorney Angelo Vitritti, Deputy Director of Recreation Jason Braglia, Deputy Director of Executive Services Jacque Tuma.
- Treasurer's Report** Commissioner Kraemer quoted the totals from the monthly Treasurer's Report for July 30, 2017. President Fischer requested any questions or comments regarding the monthly Treasurer's Report for July 30, 2017. Hearing none, President Fischer requested a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented for July 30, 2017. Motion made by Commissioner Thomson, seconded by Commissioner Schulz. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Payment of Bills** Commissioner Kraemer quoted totals from the Payment of Bills as presented for July 30, 2017. President Fischer requested any questions or comments. Hearing none, President Fischer requested a motion to approve the Payment of Bills as presented for July 30, 2017. Motion made by Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Communications** President Fischer read a thank you letter from Lions Club President, Marie Wheeler, thanking New Lenox Park District for the banner that was put up at Proud American Days in recognition of 100 years in service, also providing drink cozies with the Lions Club logo and on the backside the NLCPD logo.
- President Fischer read a letter which was sent in by the President and CEO of IAPD, Peter Murphy who wrote a letter thanking New Lenox Park District for the donation of two foursome rounds of golf at the Sanctuary Golf course for their leadership golf outing and making it a tremendous success.
- President Fischer read a thank you letter from the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery Memorial Squad, thanking the NLCPD for a foursome of golf and carts for the fundraiser.

New Lenox Fire District Foundation sent a letter thanking the NLCPD for taking part in the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Controlled Burn Beef Cookoff at Proud American Days. Commissioner Kraemer, President Fischer and Commissioner Schulz came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Commissioner Larson's team came in 1<sup>st</sup> place. The food was then donated to the Morning Star Mission. Commissioner Larson thanked President Fischer for donating the prize money to Marty's foundation.

## **Consent Agenda**

### *Approval of the Special Meeting Budget Workshop of July 19, 2017;*

President Fischer requested any questions or comments on the Consent Agenda. Amended changes for the Consent Agenda for the Special Meeting on July 19, 2017, the Consent Agenda should have read for payment of bond, "approximately \$178,000.00 rather than \$78,000.00. President Fischer requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Thomson. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

### *Approval of the Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2017.*

President Fischer requested any questions or comments on the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, President Fischer requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Schulz. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Committee & Staff Reports**

### *Business Services*

President Fischer stated the Audit is moving along very well. We should be getting a draft by next month and the final budget should be finalized in October. We should also have the MD and A report in October.

### *Facilities / Planning*

Commissioner Thomson reported everything is in good shape and standard TLC maintenance is ongoing.

Director of Parks-Maintenance George Travnicek reported splash pads have been up and running all summer.

**Golf Course**

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Commissioner Kraemer reported July was the 5<sup>th</sup> wettest month on record. Staff did a good job keeping up on golf course. High school matches will be starting up soon. Director of Golf Schulz hosted a Callaway demo day that was very successful. Commissioner Schulz stated the September 5<sup>th</sup> is the sign up for golf and fish sign up. Last year it filled up in 20 min. It will take place the last Sunday of September, 10am shotgun start. Junior golf league wrapped up. Director of Golf Schulz stated the kids and parents were outstanding this year and that the weather was good, only had one rain out.

**Parks/Development**

*Development Projects Update*

Commissioner Larson commented on the block party for Water Chase and we provided pictures of possible park options. We provided Port a Johns and picnic tables.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek showed some photos regarding Bentley/Tyler field #1 screening paths going to the backstop, dugouts and bleachers also on fields 5 & 6; was hoping to complete Spencer Campus before school started, but will have it completed by this fall.

President Fischer asked about the synthetic turf for the Mustangs. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek stated that was talked about in 2014, the field does have proper underground drainage however some of that turf was used for another project that all of the sudden came up, trying to get more, if they can get that in by the fall that would be good.

President Fischer asked about the wood press box also with the Mustangs Football; Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek stated they started that project and discovered the wood beams that hold that up need to be replaced. They are looking into steel eye beams now. Corsetti Steel is getting some plans that are stamped and approved. It will slow up the project but it was a good thing it was discovered for safety concerns.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek discussed turf at Aerohaven; roughly an 1-1/2 acres of detention area, in the lower right corner the turf is coming in nicely.

At Freedom Park, we had 18 volunteers from Hickory Creek Church in Frankfort come out and pull weeds, hauling landscape mulch and spread. They have been part of the program for 5 years. We gave them a plaque, pizza and pop. That's all they ask for, they love to serve and were there two to three hours and make a significant difference.

The 9/11 memorial at Freedom Park that was a OSLAD Grant from 2004. It is described as stamped color concrete with 5 medallions representing the 5 branches of the military. Still have to install the 2 benches and 2 trees and the stone. This was a \$25,000 project that was funded by Brett Hynke, who raised the money for his Eagle Scout project.

Tri-annual meeting was August 7<sup>th</sup>, all associations were present except NLGSA. All documents came in later than in the past but the payments did improve. They sent a thank you to the staff for maintaining the sites. Football starts August 19<sup>th</sup> and baseball and soccer after Labor Day.

Commissioner Larson said he was concerned about NLGSA not getting their documents in on time and wants to look into how forms can be turned in in a timely manner.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicsek commented on Proud American Days stating that it was one of the smoothest in 22 years. Thanking the Board of Commissioners, staff and volunteers!

Executive Director Greg Lewis stated that he wants to encourage the public to apply for maintenance positions on our website if they feel they are qualified for the job.

## **Recreation**

### *Asset of the Month – Youth Programs & Community Involvement*

Executive Director Greg Lewis read the Asset of the Month,

“My friends and my family are my support system. They tell me what I need to hear, not what I want to hear.” -Kelly Clarkson

### *Special Recreation Update*

Executive Director Greg Lewis reported the Re-Grand Opening of Firefighters Park from the pictures he saw was a great event and great turn out. They also had an Eagle Scout project as well and it was dugouts for the wheelchair softball field. Mayor Baldermann threw out the first pitch at the wheelchair softball game.

### *2017 Proud American Days*

Proud American Days re-cap presented by Jason Braglia.

He stated that we sent a letter and a donation to the Misericordia Foundation in the amount of \$1,073.00, which was presented from the car show.

There was an increase in the 2017 sponsorship of \$3206.00.

There was a Thank You printed in the New Lenox Patriot to all the food vendors that donated to the staff for Proud American Days.

Executive Director Greg Lewis stated that the in kind and food donations helps the event happen. Without the donations and the community, none of this would happen.

President Fischer stated the Lions Club brought a group of 500-600 special needs kids and everything was donated, from Windy City Rides and food to all the volunteers that helped make their day fun. They always look forward to next year.

Commissioner Schulz reported Friends of the Park is hosting Metamucil Golf Outing October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Sanctuary Golf course, we are still taking hole sponsorships and registration.

Lea Pipiras stated children's Flag Football is at 484 children and is down only 18 children from last year. Flag Football will take place at Walker Park.

#### **New Business**

*Resolution #17-18 Concerning the sale of \$1,250,000.00 General Obligation Bond Series 2017*

President Fischer requested a motion to approve the Resolution #17-08-01 An Ordinance providing for the issue of \$1,080,000.00 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2017, of the New Lenox Park District, Will County, Illinois, and for the levy of direct annual tax to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as presented.

Attorney Vitiritti stated that the proposal was subject to a 7-day credit approval. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Kraemer. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

*Resolution # 17-19 Authorizing the Execution of Lease with Pitney Bowes. Lease agreement for a postage machine.*

President Fischer requested a motion to approve the Resolution # 17-19 Authorizing the Execution of Lease with Pitney Bowes.

Motion made by Commissioner Schultz, second by Commissioner Thompson. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

*Resolution #17-20 Authorizing the Execution of the Agreement with Tyco Integrated Security, LLC*

Executive Director Lewis stated that the other group is still being used but the way that everything is tied to the 911 call center makes Tyco a must to be in compliant with New Lenox Fire Department.

President Fischer requested a motion to approve the Resolution #17-20 Authorizing the Execution of the Agreement with Tyco Integrated Security, LLC. Motion made by Commissioner Kramer and seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Community Events**

### **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**BAGS AND BEER** – Wednesdays from 7:00pm – 10:00pm, New Lenox American Legion Post 1977 - \$5.00 entry fee for a Bean Bag Tournament, Games begin at 7:30pm

**Free n’ Fun Bar Bingo:** Wednesdays, 6:00pm-10:00pm @ American Legion Post 1977 – Cash jackpots and nightly prizes

**Morning Star Mission 5K** - August 19<sup>th</sup> 7:30 am to Noon at 360 E Washington St., Joliet – Running and walking 5K options

Contact the New Lenox Chamber at 815.485.4241 for additional event details.

### **VILLAGE OF NEW LENOX**

**WEDNESDAY MOVIE NIGHTS** – Movies begin at dusk (around 8:30pm).

Bring lawn chairs and blankets are encouraged.

August 16            The Little Mermaid

**BANDS AND BREWS** – August 19 at 5:00pm, Village Commons – Features live music from three local bands and a variety of craft beer for purchase.

**LADIES NIGHT OUT** – August 25 a 4pm, Village Commons – Find unique shopping opportunities from local vendors.

**LIVE ON THE LAWN** - August 27 at 7:00pm, Village Commons – Featuring live music from the New Lenox Community Band.  
Contact the Village of New Lenox at 815.462.6400 for additional event details.

**Triple Play Concert Series/ Plus One- Barenaked Ladies with special guests Living Colour:**  
September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30pm. This is the last of the concert series. Contact the Village of New Lenox at 815.462.6400 for additional event details.

**Commissioner  
Comments**

Commissioner Schulz thanked the Friends of the Park members for helping out at PAD entertainment tent and the entire staff for helping out at PAD as well.

Commissioner Kraemer thanked and congratulated boy scout troop #49 and Brett Hynke on his Eagle Scout project at Freedom Park, not only was it a challenging project but great for the Park District and he did an outstanding job.

Commissioner Thomson thanked and congratulated Brett Hynke on the outstanding Eagle Scout project at Freedom Park. The New Lenox Community Park District and all residents benefit from Brett Hynke's hard work and dedication. Also, thanked Director of Golf Schulz for all the success with all the golf leagues.

Commissioner Larson commented all staff/departments all work well together. Thanking Hickory Creek Church for their hard work, the new brochure looks great and welcomed Kelly and Katie.

President Fischer thanked the staff for doing a great job, noted Fire Department, Village and Police Department helping out for the Proud American Days-a great event and lots of fun for everyone. Also, complimented a great job on the budget!

**Adjournment**

At approximately 6:45 p.m., President Fischer requested a motion to adjourn the August 19, 2017, Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Thomson. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy Tapella  
Recording Secretary