

Minutes of the Tri Annual Meeting held on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the New Lenox Community Park District, Administration Building located at 701 W. Haven, New Lenox, IL

GENERAL FUNCTIONS:

Call to order Commissioner Larson called the December 4, 2017 meeting to order at approximately 6:32 pm.

Roll Call In Attendance Commissioner Kraemer, Commissioner Larson, Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek, Parks-Maintenance Foreman Ken Stephens, Chris Vctor and Brian Watta of NLBA, Rob Mackowiak NLYFA, Shawn Kurth and Mike Kelly NLGSA and Rebecca Heckler and Jennifer Piotrowski, Office Coordinators for the NLCPD and Nancy Tapella, Recording Secretary for the NLCPD.

Associations Reports

Rob Mackowiak NLYFA

All 8 teams made it to the playoffs and 2 teams went to Super Bowl; however, they lost. A cheer competition was held at Lincoln Way Central in November; three 1st place teams, two Jr. Knights and Warriors and one Varsity Warriors. Participation numbers slightly down from last year. They are planning a general clean-up of the site.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek stated the New Lenox Park District will continue to work with the organization as far as turf quality and aerating the fields.

The NLYFA meets the 1st Tuesday of every month at Gatto's in New Lenox at 6:30pm.

Shawn Kurth and Mike Kelly NLGSA

Currently working on background checks on all volunteers. Bathrooms were painted and heaters were added. Volunteer participation has improved. Fall softball registration was at 250. Field boxes were painted and sprinklers were added to fields 1 and 2. Repairs were made to the free-standing fence near field 3. Roof of the dug outs were repaired on field 5. The lights on the outside of the building were replaced with LED bulbs and the floor of the concession stand has new tile. The full time and part time travel teams are both at 50 girls. Looking to repair fencing at Palmer Valley field. Mike Kelly stated they are looking into bleachers for Palmer Valley. NLGSA meets the 1st and 3rd of every month at the American Legion at 7pm.

Chris Vctor NL Rebels Baseball

Thanked the NLCPD parks staff for all the incredible work they do to maintain fields for the community, players and coaches. The Rebels had one of their best seasons in a long time with very few issues from parents, coaches, umpires and the fields. New board members and one new Executive Officer, Jay Gusa, who is now the Vice President. The new Travel Director is Mike Olson. He will be working with Brian Watta, Treasurer, with any issues from the school standpoint. Participation numbers were at 1% in growth and the emphasis and projects right now is on safety in the fields. So far, B8 was repaired for drainage purposes. Clean up for Spring of 2018 include building up fields, pitching mounds and home plates and how the volunteers are taking care of the fields before the games and how they are not taken care of after the games. The fields are now designed so that the volunteer can drag down the baseline and drag the infield and be done. There also was new material laid down in the foul area with 3/8" chips instead of screening. Mr. Vctor discussed the port a potty rental units that were used during the tournaments last year were more impressive than the ones used this year. Mr. Watta stated the pavilion between B8 and B9 is going to be repaired and they are waiting on a special order of tongue and groove wood; work will be completed shortly. Rebels baseball would like to work with the New Lenox Park District as far as landscaping, aerating of the turf and the current trees, bushes and spreading some mulch in needed areas. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek stated they would definitely work with them on that issue and stated some of the Ash trees that were lost will also be replaced. Asphalt along field 14 and in front of the gang box is being cut and filled with chips. NLBA meetings are still the 2nd Monday of every month held at the American Legion from 7pm to 8pm.

Park District

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek reported accessible paths have been completed to baseball fields 1&2, 5&6 and 15 as well as at Spencer Campus for the soccer field. Also noted was the requirements that are passed out at every Tri-Annual meeting, the forms include project forms, concession forms, field permits and Certificate of Insurance. Commissioner Larson stated it is very imperative that the forms are completed promptly and turned in in a timely manner.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek reported all NLCPD and associations bleacher inspections were done by a company from up north at each park and athletic site. All minor repairs will be made in the near future.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek reported the garbage and debris pick up at Walona Park needs improvement by NLGSA, it was suggested they have their dumpster emptied more often or add a dumpster to the site. It was also stated the dumpster had been locked immediately after games and the NLCPD staff were unable to throw garbage away.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek stated the sink holes at Spencer Campus near soccer fields were fixed. In discussion regarding NLCPD and Martino Jr. High resurfacing parking lot as an Capitol project. Southwest parking lot of Nelson Campus was seal coated, asphalt work was completed at Bentley and Tyler schools and as far as parking, there has not been any complaints.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek overall most of the organizations have been fantastic paying the invoices this year. Encouraged organizations to turn in team schedules in a timely manner so that Ken Stephens can prepare field maintenance schedules. The sooner they have the schedules, the quicker the fields can be ready. Together the NLCPD and the Athletic Associations will work together on turf improvements. Carefree Mowing and NLCPD will also work together on mowing for 2018.

Mr. Watta asked if the NLCPD helps with the dirt and seed behind baseball field 15 because the grass area floods when it rains. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek stated that he would be willing to look into that.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek stated there was some vandalism at Cherry Hill soccer fields. The incident is still under investigation with the NLPD.

Mr. Vektor expressed an interest in possibly adding security cameras for the fields and concession area.

Adjournment

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Director of Parks-Maintenance George Travnicek adjourned the Tri-Annual Meeting of December 4, 2017 at approximately 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Tapella
Recording Secretary