

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at approximately 6:01 p.m. in the Board Room of the Village Hall, New Lenox, Illinois.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS:

Call to order President Fischer called the January 17, 2018 meeting to order at approximately 6:01 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, Schulz, Larson, and President Fischer.

Also in Attendance Parks-Maintenance Ken Stephens, Director of Golf Bob Schulz, Director of Business Services Kathy Lynch, Deputy Director of Recreation Jason Braglia, Deputy Director of Executive Services Jacque Tuma, and Attorney Angelo Vitiritti.

Treasurer's Report Commissioner Kraemer quoted the totals from the monthly Treasurer's Report as presented for December 31, 2017. President Fischer requested any questions or comments regarding the monthly Treasurer's Report for December 31, 2017. Hearing no questions or comments, President Fischer requested a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented for December 31, 2017. Motion made by Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Larson. 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 December 31, 2017. President Fischer requested any questions or comments. Hearing none, President Fischer requested a motion to approve the Payment of Bills as presented for December 31, 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 *IAPD 2017 Annual Report*
President Fischer highlighted Illinois Association of Park Districts provides our members with the highest level of service and support through education, research and advocacy down in Springfield. They work to support our OSLAD Grant Fund which is a program to help us build our parks. They have numerous educational programs. Through networking through IAPD leads to best practices and new friendships.

Congratulations Letter – Mr. Ed Selvas for 2017 Citizen of the Year

President Fischer stated that Ed was a past commissioner of the park district for several years. Commissioner Larson stated that Ed is a very nice gentleman. President Fischer stated that we couldn't think of a more deserving person than Ed so The New Lenox Community Park District wants to congratulate Ed on earning the 2017 Citizen of the Year Award.

NL Chamber Letter – NLCPD 40 Years of Membership

President Fischer stated that The New Lenox Community Park District has been a member of The New Lenox Chamber of Commerce for 40 years. On Thursday, January 25, 2018, The New Lenox Community Park District will be honored for 40 years of membership at the Chamber's Annual Dinner Celebration at the American Legion Post.

IAPD Thank You Letter – 2018 Summer Golf Tour

President Fischer stated that the IAPD thanked the New Lenox Community Park District for donating four foursomes of golf with carts at the Sanctuary Golf Course. Commissioner Schulz stated that it is a great program.

Consent Agenda

Approval for the Special Meeting Tri-Annual Minutes of December 4, 2017, Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2017, and Regular Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2017

President Fischer requested any questions or comments on the Consent Agenda. Hearing no questions or comments, President Fischer requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Kraemer. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Committee & Staff Reports

Business Services

President Fischer reported that there were over \$5,000 in ice skate rentals. Jason stated that it was very successful and they are very happy with the turnout.

Facilities / Planning

President Fischer reported the Village Board has approved Resolution 17-26. Deputy Director of Executive Services Jacque Tuma reported that on 12/15/2017 the village approved phasing out the 50% reduction if they didn't obtain the property by 2011. Beginning in January 2017, the reduction will only apply to developers and their affiliates that had ownership of property prior to January 2011. **Listen to tape for Jacque's comments.**

Golf Course

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Commissioner Kraemer reported the Penguin Open went well and was over the weekend and there were over 50 golfers in attendance. The staff is going over all of the equipment and machinery. There is snow on the greens, but the course is open for business. Director of Golf Bob Schulz reported that February 1st the IBM Amateur and the Ladies Invitational registration opens up. The IBM Amateur is \$160 and The Ladies Invitational is \$5. Both events sold out last year. Monday night league signup starts February 1st. They are open seven days a week for gaming and golf if there is no snow on the ground. The range will reopen March 1st.

Parks/Development

Development Projects Update

Commissioner Larson reported we are still waiting on Water Chase for documents. There have been good skating days at Haines. Commissioner Larson stated great job on the installation of the synthetic ice rink in the commons. Commissioner Larson reported that there will be a Playground Design Meeting for Prairie Ridge Subdivision from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Administration Building for ages 5-12 with their parents. Commissioner Larson stated that he thought it would be nice to have the meeting televised for channel 6 so that the public can see how we start developing a park from the beginning to the end.

Ken Stephens reported a good job on all the employees with the ice ring and with snowfall removal.

Ashton Estates North

President Fischer reported on Ashton Estates North. It is next to Bristol park and is 1.22 acres. President Fischer reported that he spoke with Greg and Greg suggested taking the cash to develop a park called Bristol Park. The consensus of the Board is to take the cash to develop the park.

Recreation

Asset of the Month – Positive Communication

President Fischer read the January Asset of the Month. Constructive Use of Time: Creative Activities. Young person spends three or more hours each week in lessons or practice in music, theater, or other arts. President Fischer read the January quote of the month. “Creativity is now as important in education as literacy” Sir Ken Robinson.

Special Recreation Update

Deputy Director of Executive Services Jacque Tuma reported that the Marketing Outreach Fundraising Coordinator reported that last month they were able to raise a total of \$39,000. Foundation has agreed to give the agency a \$35,000 donation next month at their board meeting. January 27th is Jumpfest and March 31st is Bunny Breakfast.

What is this called?

Commissioner Schulz reported registration is now being taken for Winter/Spring classes. In February there will be a Valentine heart guessing contest starting Thursday, February 1st through Tuesday, February 12th. Children can come to the Lions Community Center and guess the number of candy hearts. The closest guess without going over will win the jar of candy hearts.

New Business

Ordinance #18-01-01 Establishing a Policy to Prohibit Sexual Harassment

President Fischer reported that Attorney Angelo Vitiritti and Director of Business Services Kathy Lynch put together a policy prohibiting sexual harassment. Angelo reported that the General Assembly has enacted Public Act 100-0554 requiring units of local government to adopt an ordinance establishing a policy to prohibit sexual harassment. We already had this policy in place, but we had to update our policy to comply with the law. President Fischer noted that Commissioners will also sign off on all policies. President Fischer requested a motion to approve Ordinance #18-01-01 as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Walker Country Estates

President Fischer reported that there is an offer for \$70,000 for lots 1425 and 1435. We have had these lots for several years. All cost are paid off as of last year. We should get a majority of the \$70,000. There may be some attorney fees and closing costs. The Village of New Lenox is selling the lots for the New Lenox Community Park District. President Fischer requested a motion to approve the sale of lots 1425 and 1435 on Edmund Road in Walker Estates for \$70,000 as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Community Events

President Fischer announced the upcoming events as follows:

Providence Catholic Children's Academy Open House:

Sunday, January 28, 10:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m. at Providence Catholic – *Providence is inviting all families with children ages 3-5 to their Open House to take a guided tour of the facility and have all questions answered.*

NLFPD Foundation Pancake Breakfast:

Saturday, February 10, 8:00-10:00am at NLFPD Station 1 – *Pancake Breakfast presented by the New Lenox Fire Protection District Foundation.*

Lions Club

Saturday, February 10, 2018 – Dinner/Who Done It. Cocktails and dinner at Lions Community Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35.00 each or buy a table for \$30.00 each. Any additional information call Steve at 815-693-0818.

Director/Commissioner

Comments

Commissioner Schulz thanked the parks department and the rec department for their work at the ice rink. The Park District worked very well with the Village.

Commissioner Kraemer thanked the staff for the great job they did with Christmas in the Commons and the ice rink.

Commissioner Larson stated he agrees with what everyone has said.

President Fischer agreed with the comments of all of the Commissioners. President Fischer stated that the golf course will be up and running before we know it. President Fischer stated that every year we keep growing and he congratulated the staff on another great year.

Adjournment

At approximately 6:38 p.m., President Fischer requested a motion to adjourn the January 17, 2018, Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Recording Secretary – Sue Pickham