

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 5:00 pm at the Administrative Building of New Lenox, Conference Room, New Lenox, IL.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS:

Call to order President Schulz called the July 18, 2018 meeting to order at approximately 5:06pm.

Attendance The following were present: Commissioners: Kraemer, Larson, Thomson, and President Schulz.

Also in Attendance Executive Director Greg Lewis, Director of Business Services Kathy Lynch, Director of Golf Bob Schulz, Director of Recreation Lea Pipiras, Director of Parks Maintenance George Travnicek, Attorney Angelo Vitiritti and Deputy Director of Executive Services Jacque Tuma.

Discussion – Land Options/Purchase-Recreational Purposes

Executive Director Lewis presented the board with several different land options. One option was the 901 building to double the size and use it as a bus barn with the possibility to split with LWSRA or use it as a remote location for our Parks-Maintenance Department. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek will have to talk to FBI builders to see what can be done with this location's current building. Commissioner Larson asked if this building was original built by FBI or find the name of who built the original structure possibly Morton. Executive Director Lewis noted this would be a good piece to use in a land swap again with the property behind Taco Bell.

There was discussion on the land behind Taco Bell; there is inquiry about the land for the bank; use it as another entry off of Route 30 next to the vacant land where there use to be a restaurant. Commissioner Thomson noted the district doesn't need this piece for open space so it might be a good idea to use in a land swap with the Village. Commissioner Kraemer is interested in Village selling for us for prime commercial property. Commissioner Thomson asked if the land swap would be dollar value to dollar value; it was noted it land value to land value not necessarily dollar value.

The Village closes on the property off of Laraway this Friday on the 35-40 acres with Hartz. There was discussion on this parcel and if Hartz will receive credit from the Delaney property. President Schulz noted there is 8 acres on the map that's in flood plain and would need to be cleared by the EPA for building what the Village needs. Executive Director Lewis noted the park district may obtain a little more than 30 acres and those areas that might be flood plain would help with retention/detention needs. There was discussion on how many acres the dome was going to be built on; it was noted it was at least 10 acres.

Route 30 Treatment Plant/Jackson Branch Water Treatment Plant was also up for discussion as possible open space. We have park sites next door to both of these water treatment plants that would give us more open space in these areas. It was noted the Jackson Branch site will still need to have a small well but would be ideal location for a possible dog park. Both sites could be a good location to build possible maintenance buildings for remote sites. We could build bike paths in conjunction with some of this. It was noted Haines Park gets a ton of use and this site would be good to have.

Executive Director Lewis noted the rumor is OSLAD will be accepting applications come August 1st through October 1st. There is 29M to hopefully be distributed and we will be trying for both development and land acquisition. President Schulz wants to make sure if we go for both we don't jeopardize losing both. Executive Director Lewis noted Oak

Lawn received two grants at one time; so, we will try. It was noted the development one would be a new type of park system for us because it will be fully accessible. President Schulz also noted it we would have to go into a contract with PRI regarding the grant which is a 15K contract. It was noted to move forward with the OSLAD grant application we will have to have open meetings with the public for their input on what they would like to see. Executive Director Lewis noted we will have to obtain support letters for both Leigh Creek South from all the Districts that are in LWSRA from their Senators and Representatives and will also need letters of support for the land acquisition.

Board overall is good with all the above options and to keep in mind all the sites in our master plan.

Adjournment

At approximately 5:35 p.m. President Schulz requested a motion to adjourn the July 18, 2018 Special Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jacque Tuma
Recording Secretary