

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at 5:30 pm in the Bi-Centennial Room at the Lions Community Center, New Lenox, IL.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS:

- Call to order** President Fischer called the June 5, 2013 meeting to order at approximately 5:30 pm.
- Roll Call** President Fischer asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves. Upon taking roll call, the following were present, Commissioners: Larson, Jansma, Kraemer, Schulz and President Fischer.
- Also in Attendance** Recreation Superintendent Shirley Braglia, Parks & Maintenance Superintendent George Travnicsek, Facilities Superintendent Mike Langlois. Audience attendance included John Strimbu.

Overview from May 15th Workshop

President Fischer stated there would be a review of the May 15th workshop. At that time, there was a discussion on paving and lighting Fund 25 and Fund 26 projects including a detailed breakdown of the projects, and ADA Facility Self Evaluation. President Fischer added nothing has changed since the last workshop as far as the projects and the budget has not changed. Recreation Superintendent Braglia added in Fund 26, there is a \$5,000 budget line item for recreation inclusion costs as buffer at the end of the year to help cover staffing and materials costs. Parks & Maintenance Superintendent George Travnicsek added as far as projects, nothing has changed.

Discussion on Capital Projects Fund 50 Projects

Walker Country Estates Park Development Budget

President Fischer asked Parks & Maintenance Superintendent Travnicsek to go over a breakdown of the projects. Parks & Maintenance Superintendent Travnicsek stated he had a kickoff meeting on site with Planning Resources on May 30th regarding the Walker Country Estates park development. He went over the contract for their professional services for Phase 3 & 4 as well as a handout with the layout of the Splash Pad, Fishing Station, etc. They also discussed a project schedule as far as timetables and likened the similarity of this project to Countryview Royal Meadows. President Fischer asked if this would interfere with scheduling of Flag Football at Walker Park, and Recreation Superintendent Braglia stated it would be fine, time wise. A more detailed discussion followed with varied scheduling. Parks & Maintenance Superintendent Travnicsek added one more thing needing possible review is the Fishing Station budget line item. In order to make it ADA, we may need to add some funding from the ADA fund.

Haines Washrooms Discussion

Parks & Maintenance Superintendent Travnicsek stated due to the existing bathrooms that are currently in place at Haines Park in the center of the park, there is quite a bit of flooding that occurs with heavy rains. Haines is one of the most frequented parks throughout the year with Recreation programming. Due to this fact, he met with CXT Concrete and the Will County Forest Preserve to come up with a structure that would have 2 actual ADA bathrooms and to relocate this new structure which would be up on a hill on stone compacted base. The handout in the Board packet shows the base cost as well as additional options such as vandalism protection, electric hand dryers and stainless steel plumbing fixtures, etc. He added that we would keep the existing structure, gut it out and use it for storage adding shelves, etc.

Palmer Valley Park & Lions Den 3-Goal Shoot Around Repairs Discussion

Parks & Maintenance Superintendent Travnicsek discussed the failed asphalt at Palmer Valley park basketball court and Lions Den basketball court. It had been replaced only 6-7 years prior, but it has become severely damaged due to wear and lack of proper maintenance which requires resurfacing and color coating.

Discussion on Land Acquisition & Building Fund 51 Projects

Recreation Superintendent Braglia stated we have to allocate the funds so that we have it and it's there. Parks & Maintenance Superintendent Travnicsek added with regard to contracted services, that is actually in his normal line items and is not coming out of 51. Recreation Superintendent Braglia added once we get the fund back to where it needs to be, we can hopefully develop some of the parks with it.

Possible Referendum Question on Capital Development

President Fischer stated there is a possible referendum question which says once we pay off the golf course, we are asking taxpayers to keep the tax rate at the current level; not raise taxes but to keep it status quo to be able to do improvements, add more parks and possible a rec center. The problem is, you just can't say that to the people in that way because these questions are confusing to most people. Recreation Superintendent Braglia presented the example Channahon Park District referendum information handout and all seemed to agree it was much easier to understand than just the ballot question. After further discussion, audience guest John Strimbu asked if there are any higher odds of getting a ballot passed during a non-presidential year versus a presidential. Would that have any impact on it? President Fischer responded typically they go with a non-presidential election year because it's safe to say there is less of a turnout and basically less interest. So with fewer turnouts, there is a better chance of passing it.

President Fischer stated the next workshop meeting is Wednesday, June 12th at 5:30 p.m. in Room 2 of the Lions Community Center. Recreation Superintendent Braglia added the Grand Opening of Countryview Royal Meadows on June 13th from 11:00 to 1:30 p.m. in which the Mayor will speak. Commissioners Kraemer, Jansma, Larson and Schulz as well as President Fischer will try to attend.

Adjournment

At approximately 6:45p.m. President Fischer requested a motion to adjourn the June 5, 2013 Special Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Larson.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Frigo
Recording Secretary