

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 5:00 pm at the Formal Executive Conference Room 202 at the Village Hall, New Lenox, IL.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS:

- Call to order** President Fischer called the June 21, 2017 meeting to order at approximately 5:00pm.
- Roll Call** President Fischer asked for everyone to state their names for the record; the following were present Commissioners: Larson, Schulz, Kramer, and President Fischer.
- Also in Attendance** Executive Director Greg Lewis, Director of Business Services Kathy Lynch, Director of Recreation Lea Pipiras, Director of Parks Maintenance George Travnicek, Attorney Angelo Vitiritti, and Deputy Director of Executive Services Jacque Tuma.

Discussion

**General Obligation
Bonds – 2017 Series**

Executive Director Lewis noted on the Project List is now an expected useful life for each project/item. Executive Director Lewis noted he reduced the computer software because training days cannot be used in the Bond monies. The overall project list is about 88K over the amount of GO Bonds we are looking to obtain; but this gives the district more flexibility in case a land purchase comes about. It was note if it's not on the project list it cannot be done with the bond money. Executive Director Lewis commented there would be a workshop meeting in July; bond money ties into the current proposed budget and within the Master Plan Phase II. In July, the Bond Ordinance and Budget/Appropriations Ordinance both need to be passed, this is the first step of the process. It was noted to use caution on how quickly we build parks because then they have to be maintained. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted Prairie Ridge or Bristol Park would be the next in line for a playground. Executive Director Lewis noted the Land Acquisition Fund is healthy. President Fischer asked about a list of Parks and/or what the game plan is for retro-fitting older parks. Executive Director Lewis commented this information is in the Master Plan. President Fischer asked how many parks were on the project list to be retro fitted with the bond money. It was once again noted the list was in the Master Plan and there are maintenance concerns District Wide. Director of Parks Maintenance Travnicek noted we have some park sites that have 15-20-year-old equipment that is in good condition; currently we do a five-year look. Executive Director Lewis noted the parks site dedicates if it needs to be done or not. Commissioner Larson commented he didn't want to see the district replace a site that's in good condition even if the equipment is 20 years old; rather see the funds used somewhere else that's needed. President Fischer wants to make sure we're on target with our park sites. Director of Parks Maintenance Travnicek noted there is a ranking system in our Master Plan that lays everything out and when the recommendations to replace equipment is. Executive Director Lewis noted everything is dialed in based on the Master Plan; which addresses different areas District Wide and there is a systematical review of the project list. Next step is to identify items that can be completed in the Fall/Spring. Some of the funds will be allocated from ADA, Land Acquisition, Corporate, and Recreation. It was noted this Series will be for 6 years with the majority of the projects needing to be completed within 4 years. President Fischer had concerns with the pricing of the Bond Counsel. Attorney Vitiritti noted this is normal pricing. Executive Director Lewis noted this time around we will not have to do a bond rating. Commissioner Thomson asked about the interest rates. Executive Director Lewis noted the interest rate is good with our current bond rating. Attorney Vitiritti noted everything is very close to how it was when we did the bonds in 2012; fees are based on the amount of the bond sold. Executive Director Lewis noted we are about 88K over what we will be getting but this will be taken under control. It was noted once we submit the list it cannot be modified and we cannot do anything that's not on the list. Attorney Vitiritti advised to not do a long laundry list and to be more specific this time. Executive Director Lewis has already spoken to Speer about further options for us and there are options if needed. Attorney Vitiritti noted Bond Counsel has the last approval on the project list. Executive Director Lewis noted we will submit this list along with our line item budget to Bond Counsel. Commissioner Larson thinks the list

looks good and asked about the Recreational Outdoor Equipment is not specific project do we need to identify Bristol Park. Executive Director Lewis is not concerned because the ADA and Land Acquisition Funds are currently healthy; Bristol Park is the next park site to be built out and Waterchase's Deed is not yet cleaned up. Commissioner Larson asked about parking lots. Executive Director Lewis will ask Bond Counsel. Attorney Vitiritti commented parking lots might be an issue but a site would be good. Executive Director Lewis noted we currently have a sound plan. President Fischer asked about funding for land. Executive Director Lewis noted currently have 150K in reserves and another 150K in this year's budget for land purchases. The overall consensus of the board is to move forward with the Bond Sale.

Adjournment

At approximately 5:28PM President Fischer requested a motion to adjourn the June 21, 2017 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