

Minutes of the Tri Annual Meeting held on Monday, August 5, 2013 at 6:30 pm in the Lions Community Center, New Lenox, IL.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS:

Call to order President Fischer called the August 5, 2013 meeting to order at approximately 6:30 pm.

Roll Call President Fischer directed everyone to go around the room and introduce themselves. In attendance: New Lenox Park District Board President Brian Fischer, Commissioner Dale Larson, Parks-Maintenance Superintendent George Travnicek, Facilities Superintendent Mike Langlois, Parks-Maintenance Foreman Matt Prynne, Jim Sweet NLSA, Greg Cleveland and Marty Kelly NLGSA, Marty McGreal and Chris Vetor NLBA, Darin Grove NLYFA, and Bob Schaper NL Mustangs.

Associations Reports *Marty McGreal NLBA*

Mr. McGreal stated this is his last year as president and will be stepping down as President of the Association as of November 1, 2013 and current Treasurer Chris Vetor will be stepping up as the new President. There will be a vote for a new Treasurer. Summer season went well. The fall season registration is underway. Numbers are down a little due to other sports such as football. Mr. McGreal stated they will be working together with Frankfort and Mokena to do a fall league with the other communities because the teams are down in numbers. They will only be traveling to other towns on Saturdays to make it convenient for parents. Mr. McGreal stated there are not really any projects going on right now other than doing some netting on fields 5 & 6 but paperwork has not yet been submitted for approval. He also mentioned cleaning up the ADA pads with screens to make it look a little bit nicer. Mr. McGreal asked if they could get some help with spraying of the weeds in the area of field 14 which have taken over the area.

Greg Cleveland NLGSA

Mr. Cleveland reported they have just returned from their recreational tournament with 6 teams winning and 8 teams came in 3rd place. Girls Softball for Fall had 195 count to date and over 200 with online registration which is down a little bit from last year which was 220. Mr. Cleveland noted thanks to the Park District with their help with the pads and said with some grass by next season it will be beautiful. Parks-Maintenance Superintendent Travnicek noted it was about 350 feet of asphalt in those concrete walks and 8 bleacher pads and will probably due the seeding at the end of August or beginning of September and will put down some blanket too to help it grow. The north side of the parking lot has been repaired as well where the turf was building up over the asphalt and now the drain is visible, hence no more puddles. It will be sealcoated at some point later. For the upcoming year, Mr. Cleveland stated there are no upcoming projects yet. Summer season went well.

Bob Schaper NL Mustangs

Mr. Schaper noted this is the 49th year for the Association with football and cheer. There are 11 teams this year consisting of 7 year olds up to 8th grade with 300 boys and 150 girls. Each football team has 7 coaches who are certified in USA Football where they completed a safety training course and CPR and concussion safety. Currently they are in their 2nd week of practices; the first week went smoothly. The 1st game will be a pre-season practice game on August 17, 2013. Mr. Schaper noted projects in progress are new grass seeded at both fields and ADA project is near completion and the concrete has been poured and the ramp is done. Parks-Maintenance Superintendent Travnicek noted the first row of companion seating is completed as well for wheelchairs. Mr. Schaper noted they will be painting the concession stand this week.

Darin Grove NLYFA

Mr. Grove noted they are preparing their coaches with new rules, training guidelines and concussion program. Since the high schools are using the new “weather acclamation” for limitations and expectations on practice time, breaks for water, etc., the NLYFA is following the same protocols. We have changed our practice locations: this year for a few different reasons, practices are at LWW and LWC and 4H fields. The high schools have been very accommodating to them with practice times. The older levels for Junior Warriors practice at Lincolnway West and the older levels for Junior Knights practice at Lincolnway Central, which the 4 younger for both teams practice at the 4H fields, however the field has been damaged by other organizations so they had to branch out; they are asking NLCPD for assistance to allocate additional space for practices. Practices have begun and the first game is on Sunday, August 18, 2013; there will be more games on Sundays this year. There are 490 children total in the organization. Home games for Junior Warriors are played at Lincolnway West and home games for Junior Knights are played at Lincolnway Central.

Jim Sweet NLSA-Legacy

Mr. Sweet noted for the Rec Schedule, practices begin August 10th and games begin September 5th. On the Competitive side, summer camp is being held August 5th through August 8th, practices begin August 12th and game dates are as of yet to be determined. Mr. Sweet noted Fall registration numbers on the Rec side the count is 432 consisting of 35 teams and the Competitive side has 213 consisting of 22 teams. With regard to parking issues, Mr. Sweet stated they will again monitor parking at the Rachel Ridge Subdivision and the last tournament at Spencer, there were no complaints regarding parking. Mr. Sweet stated he met with the Park District to discuss ADA requirement options for the Soccer fields at Cherry Hill and Spencer, as well as field layouts and costs. Mr. Sweet noted field sizes have been submitted to the Park District as well as a master calendar for games and practices with blackout dates on their website. They are adding practice fields at Spencer Campus for Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 but need to sod and seed so will be looking for additional practice fields. Cherry Hill is completed and ready for play; player benches have been added; they are adding 4 new goals: 2 at Cherry Hill, 2 at Spencer Campus, and Nelson #4 bleachers will be added after the season due to dirt vs. rain, where they will have to move bleachers, etc. Mr. Sweet noted fertilizing/feeding/grass cutting schedule as follows: 4 feedings this year, no weed-whacking next to the soccer goals/nets, and cut grass twice a week on Monday and Thursday and strip on Thursday - - in a “perfect world”. Mr. Sweet stated they are adding a background check within registration for Coaches, including full name and date of birth. They are also including Coaches Safety Checklist to coach’s packet during the meeting. They will be handing out concussion handouts from the organization to players and families. Mr. Sweet noted projects as follows: A new Porta-Potty with enclosure has been added for Spencer Campus; Sponsors/Advertisement banners on Goals/nets is completed; Practice area fields – south of play set at Spencer Campus and south of 2nd driveway entrance at Spencer Campus; the purpose of practice areas is to stay off the primary fields and use the area for warming up prior to games. Mr. Sweet asked if there is any negotiation with regard to blackout dates on non-school related activities. Parks-Maintenance Superintendent Travnicek stated it is a fair question for the school district and he will try to meet with Bob Nelson and fill him in on the concerns. Facilities Superintendent Langlois added he will talk to them as well and said he agrees but they are at the mercy of the Principals of the schools who dictate the blackout dates.

**Park District
Field Maintenance**

Grounds

Parks-Maintenance Superintendent Travnicek asked the Association Presidents about Advertising and asked if they could get their signs in place by Spring. ADA projects have been discussed by all parties and we are getting a lot done. Field Maintenance – staff has been busy with borders for soccer and football fields with striping, etc. There will be a fall fertilizer application end of September or beginning of October, but if they'd rather, NLCPD can do it at the end of October. Parks-Maintenance Superintendent Travnicek asked as soon as you have your schedules, please forward to Mike or George; as well, if you have any field project needs, please forward them to us as soon as possible as the Board must review as well.

Parking

Parks-Maintenance Superintendent Travnicek asked if there have been any issues, police, etc? NLBA President McGreal said yes – patrons are still parking in the grass and right next to no parking signs so this is ongoing but the police are patrolling and ticketing when necessary.

Portable Toilets

Parks-Maintenance Superintendent Travnicek asked the Associations how their service was and all were in agreement that the service was fine.

Requirements/documents

Facilities Superintendent Langlois stated he has received a lot of the certificates already; a recap of getting in the required documents soon and passed out a checklist of Field Use Applications as well as Athletic Association Requirements. Facilities Superintendent Langlois stressed the necessity of keeping an eye on ratios i.e. not more than 20% of participants can be from outside of the district and stated NLSA President Sweet was over by 1% this year.

Questions/Comments

Commissioner Larson noted the upcoming referendum will start in March, 2015 and stated we need the various Associations support because of the opposition regarding age. He asked what would the Associations be interested in if the referendum does go through with the NLCPD assistance i.e. new parks, new softball fields, and requested to please discuss among your groups. Commissioner Larson stressed there will be NO tax increase, just a re-allocation of funds due to retirement of the old golf course debt. Also, please make sure people are registered to vote, as the percentages are down.

Adjournment

President Fischer adjourned the Tri Annual Meeting of August 5, 2013 at approximately 7:35p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Frigo
Recording Secretary