

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 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 August 21, 2013 meeting to order at approximately 5:00 pm.
- Roll Call** President Fischer asked for everyone to state their names for the recorder; the following were present, Commissioners: Larson, Jansma, Kraemer, Schultz and President Fischer.
- Also in Attendance** Executive Director Greg Lewis, Parks-Maintenance Superintendent George Travnicek, and Facilities Superintendent Langlois, and Darrell Garrison from Planning Resources, Inc.
- Discussion on Walker Country Estates Park Development Budget** Mr. Garrison went through Power Point slides with the board and explained why they had to go out for RFP's for the Splash Pad; there were three Splash Pads manufactures they requested from. Mr. Garrison noted the RFP totals were not to exceed 200K installed; the following manufacturers submitted Vortex Midwest, Raindrop Products, LLC, and Water Odyssey. It was noted the base bid was for an area of 1,252 sq. ft. with a recirculating system; with an alternative requested for an area of 1,000 sq. with a recirculating system. Mr. Garrison explained why they would be using a textured/colored concrete instead of rubber matter. President Fischer asked if anyone else had concerns with the concrete. Mr. Garrison noted the texture will help for non-slip but still would hurt if someone fell. President Fischer asked why the grant dollar amount was at 140K. Mr. Garrison further explained why RFP's were requested at this time even though we had a number for the Grant Process; it was noted the sales representative at the time misquoted the amount for the Splash Pad with a recirculating system. Executive Director Lewis noted this was a budget number and to not exceed 200K; by requesting RFP's it has made the original manufacturer more honest. President Fischer asked if it the same design. Parks-Maintenance Superintendent Travnicek noted a few features have been removed to help with obtaining the budget amount. Mr. Garrison noted no one submitted exactly the way we had thought. Mr. Garrison explained to the Board what each manufacturer provided in their RFP; Raindrop Products, LCC provided two options fewer than 200K with many more features than the two other RFP's. Parks-Maintenance Superintendent Travnicek noted it's twice the elements for 10K less than the budgeted amount. It was also noted the other two didn't give quotes for the larger square feet and they were higher. References have been checked out but there is no local installations; mostly out of state. Mr. Garrison explained the summary sheet to the board and noted a decision has not been made yet. There was a discussion on the recirculating system and how the board felt about this. It was discussed that city water would in the long run cost more money; and no one has any experience with a recirculating system. Executive Director Lewis asked about the difference between the shed/capsules for the recirculating system and possibly a vault. Executive Director Lewis also noted staff has more experience with a well versus utilizing city water; by having a well it will open more options with using it eventually for the fields. Commissioner Jansma would like to see a bigger tank/well for this site. Parks-Maintenance Superintendent Travnicek noted the tank/well will be sunk deeper than Hibernia's. Mr. Garrison finished explaining the slides to the board and noted the fishing pier/station needs to go additional 8-10 feet to the safety shelf and it would be better to be permanent instead of a floating dock; this due to the high water levels. Mr. Garrison noted the contractor will be responsible for the engineering and submitting drawings for the pier. Parks-Maintenance Superintendent Travnicek noted this became apparent to the Park District back in April. There was discussion about the cost of the pier; Executive Director Lewis noted funds could come out of the ADA funds because it would be ADA compliant and having a permanent pier would be safer overall for the community. Commissioner Jansma likes the idea of a permanent pier. Executive Director Lewis noted the Bid Manual can have as many alternates as we would like to help to maintain the budget. Commissioner Larson asked if the board needs to pick a design for the splash pad. Executive Director Lewis noted the census of the board is to use Raindrop Products, LLC's design for the bid specs. It was noted the bid opening could be possibly next month to try to do some work in the fall; like the ADA fishing pier.
- Firefighters Park Renovation Discussion** There was a small discussion on Firefighters Park's renovations. But was tabled for a later date.

**Adjournment**

At approximately 6:00p.m. President Fischer requested a motion to adjourn the August 21, 2013 Special Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Jansma. Upon voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jacque Tuma  
Recording Secretary