

Minutes of the Tri Annual Meeting held on Monday, April 7, 2014 at 6:30 pm in the Grounds Department Maintenance Building at the Sanctuary Golf Course, New Lenox, IL.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS:

Call to order Commissioner Larson called the April 7, 2014 meeting to order at approximately 6:30 pm.

Roll Call Commissioner Larson directed everyone to go around the room and introduce themselves. In attendance: New Lenox Park District Board Commissioner Dale Larson, Commissioner Ross Jansma, Parks-Maintenance Superintendent George Travnicek, Facilities Superintendent Mike Langlois, Parks-Maintenance Foreman Matt Prynne, Jim Sweet NLSA, Greg Cleveland and Marty Kelly NLGSA, Chris Vektor and Matt Erickson NLBA, Joe Foster NLYFA, and Bob Schaper and Lynn Plarski NL Mustangs.

Associations Reports Chris Vektor and Matt Erickson NLBA Rebels

Mr. Erickson noted they have ordered a net for Field B5 as well as a fence; Lights are out on B14 as the head spun due to wind damage. Porta johns came in from Perfect Potty. Mr. Vektor added Fields B1-B2 area passed ADA which involves the school district – safety issue; they are doing a re-grade and bringing in dirt because it is a muddy mess due to the winter. Registration numbers are good; met the 1,000 mark and expecting number to go higher although lower in the older levels; they are adding safety netting and are ready to go, weather permitting.

Marty Kelly and Greg Cleveland NLGSA

Mr. Kelly noted numbers are up in the younger age groups whereas they are lower in the younger age groups. They lost teams in the older age groups due to travel ball. Infield – they are looking to grade out. They are using a sprinkler - not for grass, but for keeping dust down.

Bob Schaper and Lynn Plarski NL Mustangs

Mr. Schaper noted this is their 50th year and the original team from 1965 will attend an anniversary event. Mustangs had their 1st registration with 180 boys and will hold another on April 26th for cheerleaders as well as football. There will be 2 final registrations in July. The 1st practice will be held Monday, August 4th and the first game will be August 23rd. They are re-sodding main field. 5th Annual Ron Papa Golf Outing will be on Saturday, July 19th. This event is for scholarships to be presented to past players and cheerleaders.

Joe Foster NLYFA

Mr. Foster noted registration is complete for 3 lower levels and there is still room on Varsity. There are 276 boys for football and 175 girls for cheer. Approximately 90% are New Lenox residents. This is their last year of a 5 year contract with Francis Field. Warriors #1 and Knights #2 out of 16 in River Valley. A new addition this year is that all coaches are to be USA Football certified.

Jim Sweet NLSA-Legacy

Mr. Sweet noted practices begin April 7th and games on April 25th for the Rec league and the Competitive schedule practices begin on April 7th as well, but games begin April 12th. They had their final registration on February 15th. If anyone else wants to join, they must go on a waitlist on their website. The Recreational division participant's number is 410, while the Competitive is 170. The numbers are lower due to the 80/20 regulation. The only real parking issues have been at Nelson with the turnaround lane/cul-de-sac continuing to be used for parking which can be dangerous. People ignore the signs and cones. With regard to fertilizing, feeding, grass cutting, they will work with Mr. Travnicek in the early spring for scheduling and costs; there will be no weed-whacking next to the soccer goals/nets which worked out better. Grass should be cut twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays with striping on Thursday in a perfect world; the portable toilets will be there beginning April 7th; Mr. Sweet requested a clearer Blackout Date schedule for full vs partial campus. Mr. Sweet noted the Legacy full page summer catalog insert located near the front of the book prior to programs listings. Mr. Sweet closed by noting he may be stepping down as President or at least taking a step back as of June 15th due to some personal obligations. This is not a definite decision.

**Park District
Field Maintenance**

Grounds

Parks-Maintenance Superintendent Travnicsek discussed ADA accessibility to sits and viewing areas as well as bleachers missing end caps; staff is making a list at Bentley/Tyler fields; infield/field work this spring; reimbursable/monthly invoices: please turn in reimbursable in a timely manner; Reviewed skip dates which we get from the school district; Turf mowing bid was awarded to Carefree which is a new contractor for the Park District; also adding extra cutting for Soccer as well as Field layouts were discussed for better utilization of fields across both soccer divisions as well as a master calendar for games and practices including blackout dates. Parks-Maintenance Superintendent Travnicsek asked everyone to please turn in your schedules as well as make up game dates as soon as possible; Project forms must be completely filled out with as much pertinent information as possible including diagrams/photos/samples; Please let George know if needed as soon as possible as the Board must review as well. Parks-Maintenance Superintendent Travnicsek added Walker Park is under construction and therefore the NLCPD programming has utilized the Martino fields; the work is expected to be done by the beginning of July with a splash pad, etc. He also thanked the New Lenox Mustangs for allowing us to use the facility.

Parking

Parks-Maintenance Superintendent Travnicsek asked if there have been any issues, police, etc and added the police department is issuing citations for vehicles illegally parked and other related concerns with are better. Rachel Ridge is no longer an issue. .

Portable Toilets

Parks-Maintenance Superintendent Travnicsek stated Porta John bid was awarded to Perfect Potty again this year. Each association should designate 3 individuals that can call Perfect Potty and order additional services/weekends, etc.

Requirements/documents

Facilities Superintendent Langlois stated a recap of getting in the required documents soon and passed out a checklist of Field Use Applications as well as Athletic Association Requirements. He added Nelson Ridge school gymnasium is a new location available to associations for practices; Use of the facility is free Monday through Thursday, unavailable on Friday and available for a fee of \$50/hour on Saturday/Sunday with payment made at the time of the application. Preference will be given to those associations who are in prime season. 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.

Questions/Comments

Commissioner Larson briefly addressed the Referendum and said overall feedback was good and made sense, but we didn't come close. Due to that fact, we may have to cut services to put toward capital side. We may readdress the referendum discussion again in November. Facilities Superintendent Langlois note4d Proud American Days is on July 24th until the 27th this year and that will mean the staff will be very busy from July 19th through July 28th. The next Tri-Annual meeting will be held on Monday, August 4th, 2014.

Adjournment

Commissioner Larson adjourned the Tri Annual Meeting of April 7, 2014 at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Frigo
Recording Secretary