

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 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 18, 2014 meeting to order at approximately 5:00 pm.
- Roll Call** President Fischer asked for everyone to state their names for the record; the following were present, Commissioners: Jansma, Kraemer, and Schulz.
- At approximately 5:25PM Commissioner Larson was present.
- Also in Attendance** Executive Director Greg Lewis, Attorney Angelo Vitiritti, and Executive Assistant/Office Supervisor Jacque Tuma.
- Clarification on Compensation Chart** Executive Director Lewis noted the Assistant Golf Manager Professional I did not change on the chart; and Grade Level 51 has moved to Grade 59. President Fischer requested any further comments and/or questions hearing none he moved on.

## **Fiscal Year 2014-2015**

President Fischer asked if everyone was good with the Budget Book; he also asked if the raises are reflected. Executive Director Lewis commented they were and asked if in the future how to proceed when someone is promoted during the Fiscal Year if the board would like to see the promotion brought to them at that time or wait once a year as in the past. Attorney Vitiritti explained everything is done at Fiscal Year Beginning which is May 1<sup>st</sup> with retro pay done. Board census was to do a workshop at that time to adjust the promotion within the Fiscal Year. There was a discussion regarding health and welfare for employees; it was noted not everyone takes the Park District's health and welfare which is good for the budget, and is why AFLAC is offered. Executive Director Lewis noted for next year he will try to get a better picture for the board on how the benefits are outlined; but noted the budget is good to approve tonight. President Fischer requested any further questions and/or concerns. Hearing none he moved on.

## **November 2014 Referendum**

Executive Director Lewis noted the new pages for the referendum our in the upcoming fall catalog and have been retooled to list out specific short term and long term capital development projects to show the community how maintaining the current tax rate can actually complete projects. It was noted the Friends of the Parks will be doing more signage this time around. Executive Director Lewis noted to the board that New Lenox is one of the lowest with our current tax rate compared to the other districts that surround us; it was also noted the Fire Department will not be going out again in November. President Fischer noted if we are close this time but still come short he would like us to try again in April 2015. Commissioner Jansma note the wording on the ballot is what is confusing the community when they go into cast a vote. It was noted to really try and explain to the community this is not a tax rate increase but it's to help maintain our current rate to continue what we are doing and for the future growth of the district. There was discussion about the Maintenance Facility located off of Nelson is back on the market and District 122 is not interested anymore. There was discussion on whether the Park District should lease or maybe lease to own; but it's something to consider. Executive Director Lewis did mention he has already spoke to the Mayor about the Park District is interested in the old Village Maintenance Building when that time comes. Executive Director Lewis mentioned the Governor has already released 3 PARC Grants and feels comfortable still leaving our hat in the ring. Executive Assistant/Officer Supervisor Tuma noted the Village is beginning to phase out the 50% reduction on development; which is a good sign. There was discussion on the Athletic Associations need to be behind the referendum because the split we currently have may not be able to continue if the funds are not there. There was also discussion on the 4-H Field; which seems to have a new sign. Executive Director Lewis noted he wasn't sure of who holds the deed as of today; and noted we would be limited to what type of activities could be there. Executive Director Lewis noted the Fall Field allocations will be coming out soon and noted if the associations aren't in compliance check then they will not receive them; this includes the out of district should be an 80/20 split which Soccer has come close to not

being complied with. Executive Director Lewis also mentioned Baseball is dishearten because they have yet to do the background checks on their coaches; but this will be discuss further at the Tri-Annual Meeting which will be on Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. Executive Director Lewis noted we need to figure out a way to reach all the Association's participates about the referendum whether it's on their websites, newsletters, email blasts, etc. more awareness needs to happen.

**Adjournment**

At approximately 5:45p.m. President Fischer requested a motion to adjourn the July 16, 2014 Special Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Commissioner Jansma, seconded by Commissioner Kraemer. Upon voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jacque Tuma  
Recording Secretary