

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 5:00 pm at the Formal Executive Conference Room 202 at the Village Hall, New Lenox, IL.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS:

Call to order Vice-President Jansma called the November 19, 2014 meeting to order at approximately 5:00pm.

Roll Call Vice-President Jansma asked for everyone to state their names for the record; the following were present, Commissioners: Kraemer, Larson,, and Schulz.

Also in Attendance Executive Director Greg Lewis, Attorney Angelo Vitiritti, Recreation Superintendent Shirley Braglia, Parks-Maintenance Superintendent George Travnicek, and Executive Assistant/Office Supervisor Jacque Tuma.

November 2014

Referendum

Overview

Executive Director Lewis included the dates for the next few years for placing a referendum question on the ballot; his thoughts were to go back out in March 2016 and/or November 2016. Attorney Vitiritti asked why not April 2105. Executive Director Lewis noted Joliet Park District used a firm to get their referendum to pass and the firm only gets paid if the referendum does pass. Executive Director Lewis noted he's waiting to get the information. Commissioner Larson noted to talk to them sooner than later because we could possibly go back out in April. Executive Director Lewis noted this time it will be a true tax increase. Commissioner Larson noted there was still confusion about the question; and our users alone should have passed the referendum.

Capital Development Needs/Funding

Executive Director Lewis noted this time those who's subdivisions would be receiving a park weren't out in numbers this time; maybe we're doing too good of a job as a District, but this time it showed that developing parks is not the necessity. Executive Director Lewis noted moving forward our direction should be to look for a 20-40 acre parcel to build out a community park site for a dome, recreation center, combination thereof. There was a discussion about the association's needs. Executive Director Lewis noted moving forward Fees and Charges will be reviewed with implementing setup/teardown fees; fees to help with direct costs. Parks-Maintenance Superintendent Travnicek noted Plainfield Park District does the initial setup of the fields but doesn't maintain them on weekly bases like we do. Recreation Superintendent Braglia noted the Mustangs Banquets cost the District in \$300.00 in labor costs. Executive Director Lewis noted District 210 is starting to charge for direct costs for those who use their facilities. There was a discussion on whether or not the Associations charge an out of district fees to participate. There is a concern with the state of Illinois' financial state and grant money running low but as a District we will continue to submit for grant money. Executive Director Lewis noted insurance premiums and minimum wage will also play a factor in the future of the District. Commissioner Larson noted park development will have to wait until the funds become available. There was a discussion on how the invoices between the Associations and the District are paid and will be reviewed prior to the Spring Tri-Annual meeting. Executive Director Lewis noted the future is to review Fees and Charges, Out of District Fees for Associations, obtaining possibly a 40+ acre parcel of land. It was mentioned to inform the Associations that all fees and charges are under review; and to put a survey out to them regarding non-residents fees and to let go of the 80/20 ratio. Recreation Superintendent Braglia noted fees and charges should be reviewed sooner than December; possibly during budget time and then go into effect on January 1. Executive Director Lewis noted we as a District need to get back on policy and cover the costs associated with Rentals and get approvals for no charges, etc. Commissioner Larson noted we need to react somehow but we need to review fees and charges and go from there. Attorney Vitiritti noted to get in contact with the firm and go from there.

Adjournment

At approximately 5:58PM Vice-President requested a motion to adjourn the November 19, 2014 Special Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Kraemer. Upon voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jacque Tuma
Recording Secretary