

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 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 May 18, 2016 meeting to order at approximately 5:00pm.
- Roll Call** President Fischer asked for everyone to state their names for the record; the following were present
Commissioners: Kraemer, Thomson, Larson, Schulz and President Fischer.
- Also in Attendance** Executive Director Greg Lewis, Attorney Angelo Vitiritti, Director of Parks-Maintenance George Travnicek, Director of Golf Bob Schulz, Deputy Director of Recreation Lea Pipiras, and Deputy Director of Executive Services Jacque Tuma.
- Updates** *Athletic Association Updates*
Executive Director Lewis explained to the board discussion was taking place at the committee level regarding an exemption to the rule for an Out of District resident to be on the Executive Board for an Association. Along with the Parking issues at Spencer Campus.
- Commissioner Larson and Thomson have received information regarding the board exemption from when the Park District's board made an exemption for former Girls Softball President Cleveland; and it was discussed each instance would be on a case by case. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted he is looking for the guidance of the board.
- Commissioner Kraemer noted this instance was "Grandfathered" in not an exemption to policy; when the policy was set in place his term was already in place.
- President Fischer agreed with Commissioner Kraemer. Commissioner Larson has had a discussion with Commissioner Thomson regarding this matter and noted good volunteers are hard to find; and to set up in the role of a board member. Commissioner Larson noted he understands why we have the policy; so the entire board doesn't become Out of District residents.
- Commissioner Thomson respectively disagrees because the policy set in place and the Associations are aware of this. Commissioner Thomson noted it is not allowed for the Park District board; and would consider making an exemption if the board position was running unopposed.
- Commissioner Schulz understands we have a policy but we have someone who is willing to step up and take an active role in the well-being of the Association. Commissioner Schulz also understands the children went through the New Lenox Schools and wanted to keep them playing with the same children.
- Commissioner Kraemer agrees with everyone but would like to know from the current board why an exemption should be made to allow an Out of District resident the opportunity to be on the Executive Board. Executive Director Lewis asked who the board would like the recommendation to come from; the current president of the association or the president elect. Commissioner Kraemer noted either because right now there is no clear cut as to why we should make an exemption. Commissioner Kraemer would like to see clear cut points; understands the gentleman in question is a great volunteer but needs more information.
- President Fischer noted these are all valid points and the Park District needs to talk to the other Associations to see how they feel regarding this matter.
- Commissioner Kraemer noted the decision should be tabled until the Park District board receives a clear cut reason why an exemption. Executive Director Lewis noted by allowing this it is going against the current policy; the Park District board need more clarification to move forward with a decision.
- Commissioner Thomson noted if they can't follow the rules we need to discuss this matter with those who can follow the policy.
- Commissioner Kraemer noted Mr. Farr is a great person/volunteer but we need more direction/information from the Girls Softball's board as to why we should make the exemption.
- Mr. Farr noted the Treasurer's position had been vacant for over a year and he decided to step and run this year to help the organization.
- Commissioner Thomson noted there seems to be a lack of communication from the current board of the Association to the organization as a whole.

Attorney Vitiritti noted if the Association doesn't have a resident to run then each instance will be a case by case but would be going against the policy set in place.

It was noted to discuss with other Associations regarding having 1 board member who is from the Lincoln-Way Area and not necessarily a NLCPD resident. President Fischer noted until the Park District Board receives more information nothing further can happen. Commissioner Kraemer noted we are not trying to run the Associations just need more information. Mr. Farr noted the rules and/or policy is not on the websites. President Fischer noted we need a letter back from the NLGSA board and then this will be discussed again at committee level.

Parking Issues at Spencer Campus

Executive Director Lewis noted he has been in contact with Will County regarding signage and how to proceed. It was noted a Resolution and/or Ordinance would need to be approved in order for the Will County Sheriff's to ticket. The Park District will continue to have discussion but you can legally park on the street. It was noted once a Resolution and/or Ordinance is in place then tickets can be issued for parking issues. Executive Director Lewis noted the Township will be the entity to slow us down with being able to complete putting up signage. Commissioner Kraemer suggested hiring someone from County to help direct traffic. President Fischer asked why Soccer doesn't have volunteers directing traffic. Director of Parks – Maintenance Travnicek noted he put a call into the New Lenox Police Department to see if ESDA or they could help direct traffic. Commissioner Kraemer noted the NL Police could only take action if it's an emergency. Commissioner Thomson asked if Temporary "No Parking" signs could be posted. Commissioner Kraemer noted it depends on where the street is located. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted there is enough parking at the Spencer Campus itself but it's a walk to get to the farther fields. Executive Director Lewis noted staff will work on event parking language. Commissioner Thomson noted the message is not strong enough to the Association in regards to the parking issues. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted Soccer's ratio is 77%/23% which is more than the allot ratio for In District vs. Out of District; Soccer will have to pay fees for spring/summer close to 11K for the 23% Out of District. Executive Director Lewis noted we are in the motions for correctly billing the Associations for the Out of District players. Executive Director Lewis noted the homeowner who has brought the parking issue to the District is aware the Board is working on this concern. President Fischer asked when soccer was over; it was noted June 4th and they will start fall ball on August 1st with practices. Commissioner Larson asked how we resolved issues with NLGSA. Executive Director Lewis noted we sent a letter; and they became more actively involved with correcting the matter or they were going to lose field allocations. Commissioner Larson noted this may be the route to go in the fall. President Fischer commented to send a letter to the Association. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted the President of the Soccer Association will not send people out to direct traffic until there is signage posted. Commissioner Schulz noted if by August 1st nothing has been done to rectify the parking issues then shut the fields down. Commissioner Thomson indicated the residents could call County regarding this matter. Commissioner Schulz asked how much of our staff time is being used on this matter. President Fischer noted to get something in writing and signs need to be posted prior to August 1st; or jeopardize losing field allocations come fall. Commissioner Larson asked what if there is a divorce situation and one parent resides in the NL boundaries and the other does not; how does this play into how the child is registered. Deputy Director of Executive Services Tuma commented who the child resides with is how they are registered; this is how we register children into our programs. If mom is the NL boundary resident and the child lives there they are residents.

Adjournment

At approximately 5:54PM President Fischer requested a motion to adjourn the May 18, 2016 Special Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Thomson. Upon voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jacque Tuma
Recording Secretary