

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 6:02pm in the Board Room of the Village Hall, New Lenox, Illinois.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS:

- Call to order** President Fischer called the January 18, 2017 meeting to order at approximately 6:02pm.
- Pledge of Allegiance** President Fischer led the Board, Staff, and all others present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call** President Fischer directed the Recording Secretary to take roll call. Upon taking roll call, the following were present, Commissioners: Larson, Kraemer, Schulz, Thomson and President Fischer.
- Also in Attendance** Executive Director Greg Lewis, Deputy Director of Executive Services Jacque Tuma, Director of Parks-Maintenance George Travnicek, Director of Golf Bob Schulz, Director of Business Services Kathy Lynch, Attorney Angelo Vitiritti and Communications/Marketing Supervisor Lauren Lotz.
- Treasurer's Report** Commissioner Kraemer quoted the totals from the monthly Treasurer's Report for December 31, 2016. President Fischer requested any questions or comments regarding the monthly Treasurer's Report for December 31, 2016. Hearing none, President Fischer requested a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented for December 31, 2016. Motion made by Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Thomson. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Payment of Bills** Commissioner Kraemer quoted totals from the Payment of Bills presented for December 31, 2016. President Fischer requested any questions or comments. Hearing none, President Fischer requested a motion to approve the Payment of Bills as presented for December 31, 2016. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Schulz. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Special Guests** *Friends of the Park Donation Check Presentation*
Communications/Marketing Supervisor Lauren Lotz introduced the members of Friends of the Park who were in attendance. Vice President Jen Ruhl, Director Carol Barnes, Director MaryAnn Anderson. They appeared before the boards and presented a check for Kiddie Kampus to help towards equipment and supplies. The check is presented for the Kiddie Kampus Fundraiser. The check presented was in the amount of \$1,734.53.
- Consent Agenda** *Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2016 and Approval of the Tri-Annual Board Meeting of December 5, 2016*
President Fischer requested any questions or comments on the Consent Agendas. Hearing none; President Fischer requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Kramer, seconded by Commissioner Thomson. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Committee & Staff Reports** *Resolution 16-38 – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY FOR THE INCLUSION OF CONTRIBUTION LANGUAGE IN ALL ANNEXATION AGREEMENTS AND DETERMINING CONTRIBUTIONS UP THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017.*
Executive Director Lewis noted that in January 2017, the reduction will only apply to developers and their affiliates that had ownership of property prior to January 2011.
- Golf Course** Commissioner Kraemer reported not many rounds of golf for December due to the course being covered in snow. Gift card sales were up this year about \$800 more than last year. Small groups are starting to fill up for the upcoming season. The Penguin open will be on January 22nd at 10am, the cost is \$40 per person. Director of Golf Schulz reported the clubhouse is to be painted soon and also the new carpet will be installed. Director of Golf Schulz also would like to thank the Friends of the Park for their donation.

Parks/Development Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek reported still waiting on the Village to transfer deed & title on Water Chase. Still working with the athletic associations regarding registration for upcoming Spring season. Also, reported Friends of the Parks donated park benches at Taylor Glen Park. Taylor Glen Park sign has now been installed. Commissioner Larson reported staff still working on Haines Ice Rink; open at times weather permits. Turf and Port-a-Johns are going out for bid in February. Village is considering other locations for the synthetic ice rink.

Recreation

Asset of the Month – Constructive Use of Time: Planning Ahead

Young person knows how to plan ahead and make choices. “A goal without a plan is just ... a wish.” Executive Director Lewis read the Asset of the Month and quote aloud.

Special Recreation

Monthly Reports, Staff Report, Monthly Financial Reports

Executive Director Lewis reported the road access project went out to bid and LWSRA would like to use Iroquois Paving as they were the least expensive bid. The amount for the access road project is \$179,795.15; LWSRA is looking for approval from New Lenox Community Park District.

Approval to Iroquois Paving for the LWSRA road access project

President Fischer requested any questions or comments regarding awarding the bid to Iroquois Paving for the LWSRA road access project. Hearing none; President Fischer requested a motion to approve the bid to Iroquois Paving. Motion made by Commissioner Kramer, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon roll call, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Ice Skating in the Commons

Commissioner Schulz reported that Ice Skating in the Commons went very well. On opening day, there were 189 free ice skate rentals, since then 891 ice skates were rented and that does not even include patrons that had their own skates. Executive Director Lewis reported over \$15,000 in ad sponsorships for the ice rink. Still talking and working with the Village in regards to decide if/when placement of another ice skating rink may be possible.

**Questions and
Comments from the
Floor**

Kevin Shannon (Former President of New Lenox Soccer Association) had concerns and questions regarding In and Out of District Fees pertaining to the athletic associations. Mr. Shannon had an issue with the 80/20 rule; and he said his organization before he was on the board was misrepresenting the addresses and other organizations. When he became president, he rectified this. He believes that the current policy of 75/25 the penalty is encouraging the dishonesty for the associations to falsely report in district and out of district addresses so they don't get penalized by the New Lenox Park District. Mr. Shannon doesn't believe this is the best solution. Commissioner Thomson asked that he is making an assumption that other organizations have manipulated their numbers. Mr. Shannon confirmed he knows they have. Mr. Shannon commented his predecessor pulled the other organizations on how they dealt with the 80/20; he was told at that time that they (other organizations) fudged the numbers and that is when he (prior soccer President) began to fudge the numbers. President Fischer asked when this was happening. Mr. Shannon noted it occurred in 2011. Commissioner Thomson asked if he thought it was fair to charge the out of district fee. Mr. Shannon thinks the fees will encourage this behavior again but he is in favor of charging the out of district fees. President Fischer asked Mr. Shannon what the best solution to enforce the 75/25 rule and

Mr. Shannon said I have been thinking about this long and hard and don't know the answer to that. Executive Director Lewis noted one solution would be to implement the 75/25 rule on all travel leagues; then the issues will go away. Mr. Shannon understands the 75/25 rule, and believes the out of district fee for the penalty should be higher than what we are currently charging. President Fischer noted the Park District tracks our own programs regarding out of district and in districts; overall our programs are well over the 80% mark of in district residents. Mr. Shannon's understanding is if it's more out of district you'll cancel. Executive Director Lewis noted we will co-op bus trips and/or let it run one session and if it doesn't do well we will cancel. Services that we need for our community are strictly for in district. Basketball programs are very specific and have very little out of district; majority our New Lenox resident unless it's held at a District 210 facility which is per the Intergovernmental Agreement. Discussion was made by many Commissioners and Executive Director Lewis that the athletic associations work with the New Lenox Park District on boundaries and in and out of district fees as it pertains to property tax bills and where the residents are paying their park district taxes.

Community Events President Fischer announced the upcoming events as follows:

NEW LENOX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Tuesday, January 24

New Lenox Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting: Lisa Eckenstein, DDS, MS

Location: 1425 E. Lincoln Highway, New Lenox

Time: 4:00 PM

Join the New Lenox Chamber on Tuesday, January 24th at 4:00 PM as we join together to welcome Dr. Lisa Eckenstein, DDS, MS and her staff to the New Lenox business community with a ribbon cutting.

Thursday, January 26

2017 Annual Dinner Celebration

Location: American Legion Post 1977, 14414 Ford Drive, New Lenox

Time: 6:00 – 8:30 PM

Join us as we celebrate our Annual Dinner! We will honor our 2016 awardees, introduce our 2017 Board of Directors, and much more! You don't want to miss this exciting event. \$60.00/per person. For event details please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 815.485.4241.

NEW LENOX ROTARY CLUB

Thursday, January 26

Rotary Club Weekly Meeting

Location: Country Charm Restaurant, 101 Lincoln-Way Drive, New Lenox

Time: 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM

Interested in learning more about the Rotary Club of New Lenox? Attend a meeting to learn more about this great service organization of local businessmen and women. For more information, contact Bruce Burns at bruce@burnsphoto.net

**Commissioner &
Director Comments**

- Commissioner Thomson thanked all the staff for all their help especially with the ice rink despite the weather conditions at times.

- Commissioner Schulz thanked Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek and his staff for all their hard work on the ice rink. A big thank you to the School District for their assistance using 8 facilities for practices and games for the Children's Basketball League.
- Commissioner Kraemer also thanked all staff for their hard work and the Village of New Lenox for including us in the partnership in the Commons.
- President Fischer noted how all our volunteers are very important and without them we would not be as successful. Just alone, in the Children's Basketball League there are 121 volunteer coaches.

Adjournment

At approximately 6:50 p.m., President Fischer requested a motion to adjourn the January 18, 2017 Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Thomson. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Piotrowski