

Minutes of the Tri Annual Meeting held on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the New Lenox Community Park District, New Lenox, IL.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS:

Call to order Director of Parks-Maintenance George Travnicsek called the April 3, 2017 meeting to order at approximately 6:33 pm.

Roll Call In attendance Commissioner Kraemer, Director of Parks-Maintenance George Travnicsek, Parks-Maintenance Foreman Ken Stephens, Chris Vetor NLBA, Brian Watta NLBA, Sean Scanlon NLGSA, Lynn Plarski NL Mustangs, Jim Willis NLYFA, Jeff Swallow NLSA, Rebecca Heckler Recording Secretary and Lori Mennite Recording Secretary.

Associations Reports Chris Vetor NLBA

Mr. Vetor thanked Director of Parks-Maintenance George Travnicsek and his staff for assisting the New Lenox Baseball Association with making major repairs to the fields to improve the safety of the playing surface. Mr. Vetor indicated four fields will be receiving repairs along with correcting the drainage problem to avoid cancellations and will continue these repairs for the next several years. Mr. Vetor reported overall there is just over 1,000 current members for baseball for both in-house and travel teams with the number of travel teams going up by one this year. Mr. Vetor stated adding travel teams has caused scheduling to become more difficult do to the number of teams needing the fields. Mr. Vetor reported the insurance for NLBA has had its annual review and a couple of gaps have been found which needed to be filled, along with lowering the premium and increasing coverage. Director of Parks-Maintenance George Travnicsek stated it is important to receive as much information as possible on all of the projects so not only will the Park District be informed, the school district will also be informed about the projects. Mr. Vetor announced Jeff Swallow will be the new Executive Officer/Vice President taking over for Phil Pfeifer, Brian Watta remains Treasurer and Pat Johns remains Secretary along with new members on the executive board and several new managers. Mr. Watta noted the meter inside of the concession stand is locked, has water in it and is leaking. Mr. Watta suggested the meter to be removed every year by Public Works. Director of Parks-Maintenance George Travnicsek stated we will talk to the Village to avoid any problems in the future. Mr. Watta also noted the well pump has been fixed. Mr. Vetor asked Director of Parks-Maintenance George Travnicsek if he knew the outcome of the request to remove the \$60 penalty fee for out of district. Director of Parks-Maintenance George Travnicsek reported the fee is going to stay. Commissioner Kraemer suggested for Mr. Vetor to attend a Board Meeting and to address the full board.

Sean Scanlon NLGSA

Mr. Scanlon reported there are several new board members which have had discussions on the direction to take the NLGSA such as new logo and uniforms. Mr. Scanlon reported a couple of roofs on the dugouts will be replaced in and around Walona Park, as well as, fixing sprinklers on fields 2 and 3. Mr. Scanlon reported the NLGSA has 540 participants with 5 part-time travel teams and 3 full-time travel teams.

Lynn Plarski NL Mustangs

Ms. Plarski reported there is no major projects at this time. Ms. Plarski stated the first of three registrations have been held with 20 more players from last year and about 15 more cheerleaders. Ms. Plarski stated there are still two more registrations to be held so the overall totals are not yet available.

Jim Willis NLYFA

Mr. Willis reported there are no major projects at this time and the NLYFA participation is down by 25 participates. Mr. Willis noted the number of the participates are increasing for 9-10 year olds with 7-8 year olds decreasing. Mr. Willis stated the NLYFA is reviewing their registration process along with increasing fliers around town to increase participates in the 7-8 year old division.

Jeff Swallow NLSA

Mr. Swallow reported there are no major projects for this upcoming season other than annual seeding and repairing holes. Mr. Swallow reported the NLSA has 605 participants in recreational leagues and competitive leagues are down 5-8%. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnick reported he visited some of the sites with Tim to identify some work which can possibly be completed. Mr. Swallow asked Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnick if the spikes by the back nets have been up all Winter. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnick stated the spikes are straight upright so no one gets injured.

Park DistrictADA

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnick reported they will continue with the work at Bentley/Tyler. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnick reported they measured and sprayed paint last Fall but still did not get approval on Fields 1 and 2 and Fields 5 and 6. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnick reported at Spencer Campus the idea is to get spectators in the area since the goal mounts are always being moved.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnick discussed the Field Allocations for Spring/Summer which shows the blackout dates along with outlining field maintenance. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnick reported at Spencer Campus there are 12 fields which are marked out with goals anchored down. Nelson Campus is still in the process of being ready for the season. Cherry Hill is not going to be in use this season with only some small improvements such as seeding. Mr. Vetor asked Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnick if the NLBA could once again receive another drag to use for the Memorial Day Tournament. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnick stated he would be able to accommodate the NLBA with another drag and asked if lights will also be needed for the Memorial Day Tournament. If so, Mr. Vetor needs to submit a letter for the board to approve. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnick stated schedules for softball and baseball games needs to be turned in as soon as possible so the foul lines will be ready. This week the boarders will be striped for soccer and the following week boxes, kick goals and center lines will be completed. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnick reported CareFree Lawn Maintenance will continue to mow the lawns. The fields will be cut twice a week depending on the weather. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnick asked if there was a preference on how long the grass should be. Mr. Swallow stated he would prefer for the grass to stay longer to avoid deep tire marks on the fields. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnick stated it may be a challenge to wait two weeks between cuts but Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnick will do his best to accommodate Mr. Swallow. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnick stated weed and feed will be applied by Forever Green Lawn Service this season around the last week in April which needs to be scheduled along with the school district and if any of the associations would like any other applications done, they need to let Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnick know as soon as possible. The weed and feed application is split by the New Lenox Community Park District and the Associations and in the Fall the New Lenox Community Park District pays for the food application. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnick hoped NLSA 122 would use the same contractor to help alleviate some of the costs for the applications but as for now the contractors are separate. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnick noted the more information he receives for projects whether it is diagrams, photos or a written explanation, the quicker it can be brought to the board to receive approval. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnick reminded Mr. Vetor to keep the PA turned down lower on April 22nd which is opening day to not disturb the surrounding houses. Mr. Scanlon noted opening day for NLGSA will be on April 29th. Mr. Swallow noted opening day for recreational soccer will be on April 22nd. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnick reported DropZone is the new contractor for portable services. However, DropZone will only respond to calls by either Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnick or Parks-Maintenance Foreman Ken Stephens which is not how it was in

the past with Perfect Potty. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek suggests the associations open each porta-john in the morning and if there is an issue, they should contact him or Parks-Maintenance Foreman Ken right away. Mr. Vetor asked if there would be additional porta-johns for the Memorial Day Tournament. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek stated as soon as he can have the number of extra units needed from any of the Associations for tournaments or picnics, the sooner he can get everything scheduled.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek stated invoices will be e-mailed to each Treasurer so they will be received in a timelier fashion.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek reported there will be tree and stub removal at Bentley/Tyler and at Nelson Campus. Also, Spencer Campus has 5-8 ash trees along the southwest side which need to be removed. Another possible project is to sealcoat the pass over which leads to the fields, the path and the parking lot in Walona Park along with the parking lot at Bentley/Tyler. Mr. Vetor reminded Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek he was interested in having arrows painted to show the proper driving directions through the parking lot along with installing no parking signs. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek continued to report Walona Park is taking on water from the retention pond which is running across the football fields. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek stated he will work with the Village to see if this problem can be corrected.

Adjournment

Commissioner Kraemer wished everyone the best of luck on the upcoming season. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Director of Parks-Maintenance George Travnicek adjourned the Tri-Annual Meeting of April 3, 2017 at approximately 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Mennite
Recording Secretary