

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at approximately 6:05 p.m. in the Board Room of the Village Hall, New Lenox, Illinois.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS:

Call to order President Schulz called the September 19, 2018 meeting to order at approximately 6:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance President Schulz led the Board, Staff, and all others present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call President Schulz directed the Recording Secretary to take roll call. Upon taking roll call, the following were present, Commissioners: Kraemer, Fischer, Larson, Thomson, and President Schulz.

Also, in Attendance Executive Director Greg Lewis, Deputy Director of Executive Services Jacque Tuma, Deputy Director of Business Services Karen Acklin, Director of Business Services Kathy Lynch, Director of Parks-Maintenance George Travnicek, Director of Golf Bob Schulz, Director of Recreation Lea Pipiras, Deputy Director of Recreation Jason Braglia, and Attorney Angelo Vitiritti.

Treasurer's Report Commissioner Kraemer quoted the totals from the Monthly Treasurer's Report as presented for August 31, 2018. President Schulz requested any questions or comments regarding the Monthly Treasurer's Report for August 31, 2018. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented for August 31, 2018. Motion made by Commissioner Thomson, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. 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 as presented for August 31, 2018. President Schulz requested any questions or comments. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Payment of Bills as presented for August 31, 2018. Motion made by Commissioner Thomson, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Special Guests Tammy Levy spoke about the Wreaths Across America, which raises money to place wreaths at the Abraham Lincoln Nation Cemetery. The event will be held on Saturday, December 15th, 2018 at 11am. The cost of the wreaths is \$15 and this year the goal is to sell 1800. There are 20 businesses in New Lenox that have donation boxes or residents can also contact Fire Station #1 to donate. Tammy also discussed her recent experience of being a companion on an Honor Flight with a military veteran.

Joe Levy, NLFD, spoke to the board regarding the referendum that will be voted on November 6th. As it stands the fire department is working with a tax rate from 1989. The NLFD covers the entire township of New Lenox including Manhattan If the referendum does not pass, one fire station will close and 25% of first responders will lose their jobs.

If it does pass the NLFD will be able to purchase new ambulances and equipment to replace aging equipment. More information can be obtained at NLfire.com

Communications Stephen A. Wolter (Director of Great Lakes Park Training Institute) sent a letter of thanks to Executive Director Lewis for supporting the employee attendance at the Annual Great Lakes Park Training Institute.

Consent Agenda Approval of the Tri-Annual Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2018
President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Special Workshop minutes. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Special Workshop Meeting minutes as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Larson,

seconded by Commissioner Kraemer. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2018

President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Public Hearing minutes. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Public Hearing minutes as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Thomson. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Committee & Staff

Reports

Business Services

Commissioner Thomson stated Business Services has been looking into an Amazon Business credit card, however it is not offered at this time and Director of Business Services, Kathy Lynch is looking in other avenues at this time.

Facilities/Planning

President Schulz stated the Lions Community Center maintenance work is coming along nicely and a big that you to the staff as they have been working on replacing the old ceiling tile.

Golf Course

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Commissioner Kraemer reported August was a good month overall. The junior golf league has finished and the Lincoln-Way season is underway. Commissioner Kraemer stated the willow tree on hole 5 has been removed and a few other trees will be removed this fall. Commissioner Kraemer stated the fairway on hole 14 is coming in nicely.

Director of Golf, Bob Schulz stated the Chili Open sign up starts October 1st, 2018 with the event date of November 10th. The Chili Open outing is a 10am shotgun start and last year the tickets sold out in two hours.

Parks/Development Development Project Update

Commissioner Larson stated there was some vandalism at Walona Park which has already been cleaned up. Soccer is starting to close some of the fields due to field conditions. Bidding has started for one of the NLCPD min-buses.

Commissioner Larson stated NLCPD is working on pricing for full court basketball court at Spencer Park and lastly Director of Parks and Maintenance Travnicek is looking into where to put the asphalt pad for the synthetic ice for Christmas in the commons.

Water Chase

Commissioner Larson reported we are still waiting for the transfer of deed and title.

OSLAD Grant

Director of Parks and Maintenance Travnicek stated he is still working on budget for the OSLAD Grant, waiting on some signatures and should be ready prior to October 1st, 2018.

Director of Parks and Maintenance Travnicek would like to thank the homeowners of Cherry Hill Subdivision for the donation of \$1200 to the park. The plan is to plant some new trees in that park.

Recreation

August Asset of the Month – Relationships

Executive Director Lewis read the Asset of the Month.

Executive Director Lewis stated the LWSRA is on target to raise \$200,000 for grant, momentum is huge and supporting letters from Will County will be going down to Springfield with the application for the grant.

Executive Director Lewis stated Keith Wallace, Director of the LWSRA, was inducted into the Wheelchair Hall of Fame on August 11th, 2018.

PAD RE-CAP

Executive Director Lewis stated the goal this year was to break even, however the totals fell short and for the third executive year in a row PAD took a loss in profit. Executive Director Lewis also stated he felt the NLCPD cannot continue to take a loss, although the loss was not great, it adds up over the years. Executive Director Lewis also stated bands have been secured for Friday and Saturday nights for PAD 2019 and the NLCPD is working with the committee to bring a recommendation to the board in the next few months.

Executive Director Lewis also stated the once Menards decides to build there will not be a space to hold PAD. The staff has talked about making PAD a special event under the Recreation department. The next few months are critical to meet and talk.

Commissioner Thomson agrees the loss in profit over the last three years has to be taken into consideration and it does add up over time.

Commissioner Fischer stated PAD has been around for over 25 years and in his opinion three years of a loss in profit is too soon to not continue with the event.

Commissioner Fischer stated Aces enrollment this year so far is 612 children. Flag Football has 458 players with 46 teams and 96 volunteer coaches. The concession stands at Walker Country Estates Park brought in \$4700 for the month of August. The 2018 Fall Kick Start program has 160 children in the 3-4 age group and 108 children in the 5-6 age group with a total of 26 teams.

Commissioner Fischer also would like to address a few Facebook comments about our staff. The first one was from a family stating how pleased they were with CWWG. The counselors, staff and communication were fantastic. The second comment was regarding an employee that helped a resident at Hibernia Park when his blood sugar was low.

Commissioner Fischer highlighted the Empty Bowls fund raiser which benefits both the New Lenox Township Food Pantry and the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Commissioner Fischer explained children in our programs decorate bowls for the public to buy. Commissioner Fischer commented Empty Bowls is in conjunction with the Village of New Lenox's Oktoberfest on October 6 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the New Lenox Village Commons. Pre-register is \$10, and \$15 on the day of. Deputy Director of Recreation Braglia stated after costs, 60% of sales goes to the Park District (to cover our costs) and 40% goes to the food banks. Deputy Director of Recreation Braglia said the Friends of the Parks invites local businesses to donate soups and chili.

Commissioner Fischer highlighted Pooch-a Palooza. Unleash the good times with your four-legged friends at the park. Vendors, raffles, dog contests and more. Concessions will be available for purchase. The event will be held Sunday, September 30th from 11:00am to 1:30 pm at Walker Country Estates Park.

New Business

Resolution No. 18-21 Resolution of Authorization the Execution of the OSLAD Grant Project Application

Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz entertained a motion to approve Resolution No. 18-21. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Thomson. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 18-09-01 An Ordinance Declaring Currently Owned Property as Surplus and Authorizing its Disposal (vans) President Schulz entertained a motion to approve Resolution No. 18-09-01. Motion made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Thomson. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Bid Results for 2019 ADA accessible 14 passenger shuttle bus

President Schulz entertained a motion to approve the bid. Motion made by commissioner Larson, seconded by commissioner Kraemer. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Community Events **New Lenox Chamber of Commerce**

Your Light Still Shines: In Support of International Overdose Awareness Day: Thursday, August 30 at 5:30 p.m. at the Village Hall/New Lenox Village Commons.

Village of New Lenox

Oktoberfest: Saturday, October 6, 2:00pm-6:00pm @ New Lenox Village Commons- *In Conjunction with the New Lenox Friends of the Parks 'Empty Bowls: Helps us Fight Hunger' event.*

Contact the Village of New Lenox at 815-462-6400 for additional information.

Adjournment

At approximately 7:05 p.m., President Schultz requested a motion to adjourn the September 19, 2018 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,
Nancy Tapella, Recording Secretary