

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at approximately 6:01 p.m. in the Board Room of the Village Hall, New Lenox, Illinois.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS:

Call to order President Schulz called the December 19, 2018 meeting to order at approximately 6:01 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, Director of Recreation Lea Pipiras, Director of Parks-Maintenance George Travnicek, Director of Golf Bob Schulz, Deputy Director of Business Services Karen Acklin, Deputy Director of Recreation Jason Braglia and Deputy Director of Executive Services Jacque Tuma.

Treasurer's Report Commissioner Kraemer quoted the totals from the monthly Treasurer's Report as presented for November 30, 2018. President Schulz requested any questions or comments regarding the monthly Treasurer's Report for November 30, 2018. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented for November 30, 2018. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, 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 as presented for November 30, 2018. President Schulz requested any questions or comments. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Payment of Bills as presented for November 30, 2018. Motion made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Thomson. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda Approval of the Special Meeting Tri-Annual Minutes of December 3, 2018
President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Consent Agenda. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval for the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2018
President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Consent Agenda. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Thomson, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval for the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2018
President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Consent Agenda. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Kraemer. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Committee & Staff Reports

Business Services

Commissioner Thomson stated he has been speaking with Director of Business Services Kathy Lynch along with Commissioner Fischer regarding the revision of the Finance Committee Charter. Commissioner Thomson stated the revision will consist of refining what is already written to make it more streamlined. Commissioner Thomson also reported he and Executive Director Greg Lewis have discussed staff completing their end of year wellness checks through the Park Districts Risk Management Agency program (PDRMA). Executive Director Greg Lewis explained anytime health and fitness is promoted, costs are reduced towards programs such as PDRMA.

Facilities / Planning

President Schulz reported used furniture from the Park District was dismantled and donated to the LWSRA for their new office space.

Golf Course

Golf Course

Commissioner Kraemer reported November was a cold month so there was not as many golfers as usual coming to the golf course. However, our year to date was still over 31,000 rounds. Commissioner Kraemer stated the Chili Open was a big success with the golfers going through 26 pans of chili. Commissioner Kraemer also reported there is no major equipment issues at this time, staff has been busy cleaning up the clubhouse and the golf course will be open as long as there is no snow on the greens. The next event held at the golf course is the Penguin Open which will be held on January 19th at 10:00 a.m., no registration required.

Director of Golf Bob Schulz thanked the Friends of the Park for their generous donation of \$5,000 to help replace the range mats which are 20 years old. Director of Golf Bob Schulz reported the golf course will be open on New Year's Eve, weather permitting. However, having the golf course open on New Year's Day has not been determined. Please call the golf course or check the website for holiday hours. Director of Golf Bob Schulz stated letters and e-mails will be sent out after the first of the year regarding fees. This year there will be no increase in fees. For permanent tee time holders, payments are due by February 15th.

Parks/Development

Development Projects Update

Commissioner Larson reported Planning Resources submitted 4 concept plans for Sky Harbor Park which will be presented to the homeowners at their next meeting. Commissioner Larson also reported we are still waiting for the deed for Water Chase.

Leigh Creek South Update

Commissioner Larson stated we should hear by January 7th to see if we are on the list for the grant.

Commissioner Larson reported the Tri-Annual meeting went well, with participation numbers about the same. The associations which were present were all pleased with how their seasons went. Commissioner Larson reported Drop Zone was sold to Lakeshore Waste Services. Director of Parks & Maintenance George Travnicek checked with other park districts and they were all very happy with Lakeshore Waste Services. Lakeshore Waste Services offers more services than Drop Zone which will benefit us during Proud American Days. Commissioner Larson added Director of Parks & Maintenance George Travnicek and his staff applied for a couple new grants for playground equipment.

Director of Parks & Maintenance George Travnicek discussed the differences in the Sky Harbor Park Concept plans. Director of Parks & Maintenance George Travnicek explained both have similar core activities with both concept plans have screening with trees and shrubs for the houses across the street and to the house on the southwest side. Director of Parks & Maintenance George Travnicek reported Scheme #1 has more parking spaces with roughly 8 more parking spots but Scheme #1 does not have a turn around which Scheme #2 does have. Also, on Scheme #2, parking whines through the park instead of being right in front, along with a smaller shelter in addition to a larger shelter located more to the south side of the park. Director of Parks & Maintenance George Travnicek continued to explain Scheme #2 has more open space whether its for athletic fields or passive play and includes more walking paths. Director of Parks & Maintenance George Travnicek stated Scheme #2 is the favored concept by the parks and recreation department. Next month these drafts will become finalized and around the end of January a meeting with the homeowners will be held to discuss both finalized concept plans. Director of Parks & Maintenance George Travnicek reported at Spencer Park the fencing project for the basketball courts is compete along with both goals and the court will be color coded in the spring. Director of Parks & Maintenance George Travnicek stated the project is under budget by several thousand dollars and just this afternoon received one of the checks from IPARKS for \$350 to go towards the swings.

Recreation

Asset of the Month – Resiliency

Director Lewis read the Asset of the Month, Resiliency. Young person feels he or she has control over “what happens to me” and can bounce back from setbacks. December quote of the month “Resilience means you experience, you feel, you fail, you hurt. You fall. But, you keep going.” – Yasmin Mogahed

Special Recreation Update

Executive Director Greg Lewis reported the audit presentation went well with the finances being in good shape. Executive Director Greg Lewis reported the LSWRA is getting ready to host the National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament. Executive Director Greg Lewis stated the LWSRA had a number of successful Christmas programs this year with Executive Director Keith Wallace as the Grinch. Director Greg Lewis reported Executive Director Keith Wallace will also appear as the Grinch this Sunday in the Commons.

Proud American Days 2019 Planning

Executive Director Greg Lewis reported a plan is in place to reduce expenses and increase revenue. Executive Director Greg Lewis stated the bands are secured but we do have to wait till the first of the year to secure the site. Executive Director Greg Lewis added a detailed sheet will be sent out to the board as soon as possible.

Commissioner Fischer stated the National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament is a women’s wheelchair basketball tournament and is the biggest event for wheelchair basketball in the United States. The National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament will be hosted by LWSRA on March 29th through March 31st, 2019 at multiple locations such as: Hickory Creek Middle School, ROMA Sports Club, Lincolnway North High School, Matteson Community Center and at the Lincolnway Special Recreation Center. Commissioner Fischer added the LWSRA is looking for sponsors. Anyone interested please contact Executive Director Keith Wallace at 815/320-3510 or kwallace@lwsra.org. Commissioner

Fischer reported Christmas in the Commons is offering two different ice rinks. The smaller rink, which is on the stage, is called Lollipop Lane and the bigger rink has been named Peppermint Forest. Commissioner Fischer thanked the Village of New Lenox for pouring the asphalt slab which has tremendously helped the park districts staff in constructing the ice rink. Director of Recreation Lea Pipiras reported she does not have exact skate rental numbers right now but the ice rinks have been a huge success this year.

Community Events President Schulz announced the upcoming events as follows:

New Lenox Park District Noon Year's Eve Party

Sunday, December 30th from 10:00 a.m. – Noon at the Village Commons: cookies, juice, crafts and a balloon drop. Skate rentals will be also available.

Noon Year's Eve Celebration!

Monday, December 31st at 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the KidsWorks Children's museum: games, snacks & crafts.

Lincoln-Way District 210 State of the District

Thursday, January 10th at 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Lincoln-Way Central: Superintendent Dr. Scott Tingley gives an update on accomplishments, financials, test scores and upcoming initiatives.

For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce at 815/485-4241.

New Lenox Lions Club Mystery Dinner

Saturday, February 9, 2019 the New Lenox Lions Club is having a dinner and play fundraiser at the Lions Community Center held at 1 Manor Drive. Cocktails will be at 6:30 p.m. which will be a cash bar, dinner is at 7:00 p.m. and the play will be at 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$35 a person or \$300 for a table of 10. Contact Steve Kuyawa at 815/693-0818 for more details.

**Director/Commissioner
Comments**

President Schulz wished the staff a Happy Holiday and thanked everyone for all they have done in the last year.

Commissioner Fischer thanked all the staff between Business Services, Parks Department, Facilities and the Recreation Department for helping the Board look good. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and hopes everyone has a happy, healthy and safe 2019.

All other Commissioners also wanted everyone to have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Adjournment

At approximately 6:30 p.m., President Schulz requested a motion to adjourn the December 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,
Recording Secretary – Lori Mennite