

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at approximately 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Village Hall, New Lenox, Illinois.

**GENERAL FUNCTIONS:**

**Call to order** President Schulz called the February 20, 2019 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 and President Schulz.

**Also in Attendance** 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 January 31, 2019. President Schulz requested any questions or comments regarding the monthly Treasurer's Report for January 31, 2019. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented for January 31, 2019. Motion made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Kraemer. 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 January 31, 2019. President Schulz requested any questions or comments. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Payment of Bills as presented for January 31, 2019. Motion made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Kraemer. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**Communications**

IDNR

The OSLAD Grant has been approved for \$400,000. This grant will be used for The Leigh Creek South Park along with money from the LWSRA and district members totaling \$200,000. The total for the project is at \$1.1 million. Executive Director Lewis stated there is no contract yet from the state as of yet, however, once the contract comes, there will be 2 years to complete the project with no extensions.

President Schulz read a thank you letter from IPRA for sponsoring a student at Conference.

President Schulz read a thank you letter from IPRF for the donation to them silent auction.

President Schulz read the information from the Year in Review from IAPD, along with the Legislative Platform and New Laws Affecting IAPD Member Agencies.

President Schulz stated the IAPD Conference was in January. This was a good opportunity for staff to network with other park districts.

**Consent Agenda**

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2019

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 Fischer. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**Committee & Staff Reports**

**Business Services**

Executive Director Lewis stated a grant was received from IPRF Safety Grant in the amount of \$7237.00. This will cover vertical storage/gas cylinder lockers, Bollard covers, public access bleeding control stations and training kit, heat detectors for GC maintenance garage a stove vent at LCC for kitchen re-model.

Commissioner Fischer stated business services is updating policies and putting in long hours to update the new software. Hopefully the software will be up and running for the next pay period.

**Facilities / Planning**

President Schulz reported a grant was received to replace the fluorescent bulbs with LED bulbs at several locations which will help conserve energy and save money. Also a new gas meter was installed for the generator at 701. Director of Parks-Maintenance George Travnicek added exterior doors were replaced at entrances D and E, also doors at entrance C will be replaced with doors that are ADA compliant.

**Golf Course**

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Commissioner Kraemer reported the clubhouse has been painted, some interior doors were replaced that needed to be. Maintenance is on track and drainage work and tree removal are currently being worked on now that the ground is not frozen. Director of Golf Bob Schultz stated a wood chipper was rented for the tree clean up.

Director of Golf Bob Schultz stated March 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 starts the sign up for junior golf lessons, parent child classes and new this year is junior golf for girls ages 6 to 13. Check the website for times and days.

Director of Golf Bob Schultz stated all the painting has been done and winter rates still apply with no tee times.

**Parks/Development**

Sky Harbor Update

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek stated he attended a meeting with the homeowners in Sky Harbor and received positive feedback on both plans. The homeowners had two requests and they were a walking path around the entire park and they would like the play ground be split for two age groups. A concept plan should be ready by next month for the homeowners.

Leigh Creek South Update

Director of Park-Maintenance Travnicek stated that he is still waiting for the agreement to be signed and once it is, there is a two-year window for the project to be completed.

Executive Director Lewis stated, from the JLC meeting, IAPD put together all the OSLAD yearly receipt totals from 2011 to 2019 fiscal report, as you can see, the fund continues to grow and the future hold promising for more opportunity for grants.

Veterans Memorial Trail

Executive Director Lewis stated this is another opportunity for trail and grant money. Will County reached out to NLCPD with a support letter, in turn, a letter was sent to Village of New Lenox to make sure it is a something that everyone can come together on as far as bringing the walking trail down to route 6. This will be another recreational opportunity for the residents, that we will not have to put any money into.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek stated a break down of the associations was created for in district verses out- of- district, thank you to Jenni and Becky for their hard work putting the numbers together, this was not an easy task. Director of Parks-Maintenance also thanks the staff for the great job on the snow and ice removal.

Commissioner Fischer stated looking at the athletic association numbers, it seems as far as Soccer, the numbers are over the threshold of 25% for in district residents. Commissioner Fischer ask if any of those children put on a waitlist? Director of Parks-Maintenance replied he didn't think so. The children are added to a team even if its past the number of children allowed.

Director of Parks-Maintenance stated there has only been one day of quality ice skating at Haines Park.

Director of Parks-Maintenance would like to thank the Village of New Lenox for allowing the ground department for the extra salt needed for the inclement weather.

**Recreation**

Asset of the Month – Perseverance

Executive Director Lewis read the Asset of the Month, Growth Mindset. Young person has internal motivation to achieve and do well in life. “In a growth mindset, challenges are exciting rather than Threatening.” -Carol Dweck

Special Recreation Update

Executive Director Lewis stated the LWSRA Foundation presented at check in the amount of \$45,000 to LWSRA. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped raise the money.

Executive Director Lewis stated on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019, there will be a PE staff disability day. This event ran last year and it went so well, it was decided to run again this year.

Executive Director Lewis stated the LWSRA is in the process of hiring a new Facilities Foreman.

Commissioner Fischer asked if there are any sponsors for the National Conference at the end of March. Executive Director Lewis stated yes, its going well. So far Keith Wallace feels very confident.

Proud American Days 2019 Update

Executive Director Lewis stated the entertainment has been booked, new beer, port-a-potty venders are in place and so far, full steam ahead for Proud American Days.

Ice Rink Re-cap 2018-2019

Deputy Director of Recreation Braglia stated this year there was an increase in skate rentals. There were 306 more rentals than last year, 955 skate rentals were in district and 597 skate rentals were out of district, in addition the second rink was helpful.

Recreation Update

Commissioner Fischer read the following announcements:

Please come for a free Flashlight Clover Hunt held at Nelson Prairie School Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Ages 3-5 is at 7:00 pm and ages 6-11 is at 7:30pm. Thank you to our sponsor Rocky Dellamano from Country Financial.

Hoppy Hour is held at Lions Community Center on April 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00pm to 11:00pm. This event is for ages 21 and older. Please join us for food trucks, music, adult beverages and an egg hunt. Early bird tickets are \$25 through March 11<sup>th</sup>, this includes 5 drink tickets. Advanced ticket sales through March 12<sup>th</sup> are \$30 and on the day of the event, the tickets are \$35.

Director of Recreation Pipiras stated this is the New Lenox Park Districts 50<sup>th</sup> year and please watch for events coming up in the Summer Program Guide.

**New Business**

Resolution #19-02 Authorizing the Execution of Agreement with Planning Resources, Inc. (Leigh Creek South Park Site Development)

President Schulz entertained a motion to approve Resolution #19.02 Authorizing the Execution of Agreement with Planning Resources, Inc. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Guest Speaker

Eric Dobis stated he now has his tax-exempt number and wants to start raising money for a full ADA park. He understands it maybe a few years away, but wants to let the board know of his intentions Executive Director asked Mr. Dobis if NLCPD had his contact information which in turn Mr. Dobis said, yes.

**Community Events**

President Schulz announced the upcoming events as follows:

**Chamber of Commerce:** 2019 Community Expo is Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am to 1:00pm @ Lincoln-Way Central Field House. This is a family event with vendors and exhibitors from the New Lenox and surrounding communities. For more information call the New Lenox Chamber at 815-485-4241.

The New Lenox Lions Club will be hosting Garden Party Fashion Show held on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm, held at the New Lenox VFW. There will be a soup and salad buffet with complimentary wine. Music is by Top List with Cheryl. Please call Lisa Klein at 815-474-2433 with any questions.

**Adjournment**

At approximately 6:45 p.m., President Schulz requested a motion to adjourn the February 20, 2019, Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Recording Secretary – Nancy Tapella