

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, May 15, 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 May 15, 2019 meeting to order at approximately 6:02 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: Thomson, Fischer, Larson, Kramer and President Schulz.
- Also in Attendance** Executive Director Greg Lewis, Attorney Angelo Vitiritti, Director of Recreation Lea Pipiras, Director of Parks-Maintenance George Travnicek, Director of Golf Bob Schulz, Director of Business Services Kathy Lynch, 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 April 30, 2019. President Schulz requested any questions or comments regarding the monthly Treasurer's Report for April 30, 2019. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented for April 30, 2019. 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 April 30, 2019. President Schulz requested any questions or comments. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Payment of Bills as presented for April 30, 2019. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Thomson. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Special Guests** Mr. Gary Orler – Thank you/Video
The Park District showed a video for the past 50 years to public. President Schulz read out aloud the bio about Gary Orler about his dedication and service to the district when it was first formed. Mr. Orler thanked the Board of Commissioners and noted he was impressed by how much the district has grown. He noted the Park District started with 3 Lions Club members and it formed because of softball and baseball projects needed to be completed. The first Park District office was on South Cedar Road where they started with 3-4K where a lot of projects were completed with volunteer work. Mr. Orler congratulated the Board of Commissioners and staff on a job well done.
- Communications** IAPD – Thank You Letter for Parks Day at the Capitol
President Schulz noted the park district sent staff members to Parks Day at the Capitol and read the Thank You letter from IAPD to the public.
Herald Review Article – Park Districts receiving first OSLAD grants from the state in 4 years
Executive Director Lewis noted how important is for grant money for local agencies and this article helped portray it. It was noted the current LWSRA building which was built on a PARC has grown so much that another grant program like this would be beneficial. It was also noted the IDNR has new staff members who are learning.
- Approval of Minutes** Approval of the Business Services Committee Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2019
President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Business Services Committee Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2019. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Business Services

Committee Meeting minutes of April 11, 2019 as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Special Budget Workshop Meeting of April 17, 2019

President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Special Budget Workshop Meeting minutes of April 17, 2019. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Special Budget Meeting of April 17, 2019 as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Thomson. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2019

President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Regular Board Meeting minutes of April 17, 2019. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of April 17, 2019 as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Thomson. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**Committee & Staff
Reports**

Business Services

Tentative Budget & Appropriations Ordinance #19-05-01 Status Update

Executive Director Lewis noted the draft budget is on display now for the next 30 days; beginning balances will change and this is more of an FYI to board.

Commissioner Thomson noted the Audit is kicking off and Director of Business Services Lynch noted the audit is on schedule.

Facilities / Planning

President Schulz reported the splash pad are begin power washed and getting them ready for Memorial Day.

Golf Course

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Commissioner Kraemer reported it was not a good month for April but we were still able to hold the Mid-American Junior Golf Tour. The winter did some damage to the practice bunker at the chipping green so repairs had to be made. There has been drainage work down on fairway 3 and 5 to get them as dry as possible for the 2019 season. Area around the clubhouse has been prepped for asphalt repair. No major issues this year with the irrigation system. The kitchen is up and running. July 10th is the Pro-Am.

Parks/Development

Development Projects Update

Commissioner Thomson asked if we had any other questions from residents regarding parks. Commissioner Larson noted we had heard from a few residents of Sky Harbor since they watched Channel 6. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted Taylor Glen is requesting phase II to be built out which is a parking lot and tennis courts. Commissioner Thomson asked if there was a planned agenda for these sites. Executive Director Lewis noted is difficult to accomplish all these sites when the district operates on a tax levy of \$.24, the State funding was gone for four years, which also caused a delay on park sites being built, and currently we build park sites with developer/impact fees which is under review as well too. Right now, all the funding is in the development of Leigh Creek South which will be tied up for the next few years. Executive Director Lewis noted the OSLAD grant is 175% return.

Leigh Creek South Update

Commissioner Larson noted we are still waiting for the IDNR agreement.

NLBA Lighting Request – Memorial Day Weekend Tournament

President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Memorial Day Weekend Tournament lighting request. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Kraemer. Upon voice vote all were in favor of the request.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted staff has been busy for the last 30 days getting 50 ball fields and cutting the grass hasn't been easiest with the weather. New basketball court at Spencer Park was recently color coated and lined. Sand Volleyball and tennis nets have been installed along with drinking fountains being energized.

Recreation

Asset of the Month – Personal Power

Executive Director Lewis read the asset of the month quote out loud.

Special Recreation Update

Executive Director Lewis reported he is transiting into the budget/finance committee for LWSRA. He is working on getting the Treasurer's Report to be reflected clearer and it's stating the true fund balances instead of moving money around. LWSRA has been downgraded by Moody because of the cash reserves rating.

Proud American Days 2019 Update

Deputy Director of Recreation Braglia noted New Lenox Lions Club has once again partnered with the Park District for Thursday night. It was also noted the Knights of Columbus and Lincoln-Way Boosters will be committing as well. It was also noted we are up \$5,800.00 in sponsorship. For more information regarding the Proud American Days Festival please visit our website www.proudamericandays.org.

Commissioner Fischer noted Touch a Truck was May 4th – this is such a great event. The Loyalty Day Parade was on May 5th and May 9th was the 50th Anniversary Picnic with 100 residents who came and celebrated. Commissioner Fischer noted our ACES program is at 714 participants and the Egg Hunt had over 5K eggs hidden which wasn't enough. Commissioner Fischer noted the new RecTrac/WebTrac systems seem to be going well. He also noted at year end the Recreation Department generated 2.4M and the Golf Course generated in 1.6M in revenues for the district; this is not an easy feat. He noted we will live within our budget and we will always meet the demand of our community. It was noted the Splash Pads will be open for Memorial Day weekend and after that beginning Jun 2nd open daily depending on weather. LWSFR golf outing is August 9th.

Executive Director Lewis noted we hosted the 50th Anniversary picnic and the Park District was presented with the Lions Club "golden" lion for the years for service the district has provided to the community. The noted this partnership is a "we" not "us" and thanked the Board of Commissioners and staff for all their hard work and dedication to the district over the years. Commissioner Larson congratulated Gary Orlor for being a Lions Club member and founding member of the Park District 50 years ago.

**Annual Reorganization
Of the Board**

Oath of Office

Attorney Vitiritti swore the new elected members from the 2019 Consolidated Election into office; this was Brian Fischer, Garry Kraemer, and Dale Larson. He congratulated all of them.

Election of Officers

President Schulz opened officer nomination for President. Ted Schulz was nominated by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Fishcer.

Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and Ted Schulz was appointed President. President Schulz opened nomination for Vice-President. Brian Fischer was nominated by Commissioner Larson and seconded by Commissioner Kraemer. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and Commissioner Fischer was appointed Vice-President. President Schulz opened nominations for Secretary. Dale Larson was nominated by Commissioner Thomson, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and Commissioner Larson was appointed Secretary. President Schulz opened nominations for Treasurer. Garry Kraemer was nominated by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon voice vote, all were in favor and Commissioner Kraemer was appointed Treasurer.

Committee Assignments

President Schulz noted the Committee Assignments will remain the same as last year.

2019 Consolidated Election Results (Information Purposes Only)

Executive Director Lewis noted this was for information purposes for the board.

New Business

Ordinance #19-05-02 Declaring Currently Owned Property as Surplus and Authorizing its Disposal

President Schulz asked if there were any questions or concerns Ordinance #19-05-02 Declaring Currently Owned Property as Surplus and Authorizing its Disposal Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve Ordinance #19-05-02 Declaring Currently Owned Property as Surplus and Authorizing its Disposal. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #19-05-03 Declaring Currently Owned Property as Surplus and Authorizing its Disposal

President Schulz asked if there were any questions or concerns Ordinance #19-05-03 Declaring Currently Owned Property as Surplus and Authorizing its Disposal Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve Ordinance #19-05-03 Declaring Currently Owned Property as Surplus and Authorizing its Disposal. Motion made by Commissioner Thomson, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #19-06 Authorizing the Execution of Agreement for OSLAD Grant Consulting Services (Community Park with Dog Friendly Area)

Executive Director Lewis noted we could use this for the OSLAD Grant cycle coming possibly in July; this will help with getting a concept plan ready. It was noted it will cost more if we change location than what had been decided on before. With PRI we as a district look for a total build out of the project and then we can make cuts. We can table this resolution until next month if the board would like to discuss on this further. Commissioner Fischer asked what Commissioner Kraemer and Larson thought. Commissioner Larson noted the district needs a dog park and this would be give us good points on the OSLAD grant application and doesn't want to miss on a grant cycle but would like to have a workshop to further discuss land options. Executive Director Lewis noted right now the district has a verbal on the land location from the Village but would like clarification and recommended the board to table this until next month's board meeting. Commissioner Fischer noted it was a good idea from Commissioner Thomson to check pricing. Commissioner Larson noted that this is a good idea. Commissioner Thomson and President Schulz in agreement to

table. President Schulz requested a motion to table Resolution #19-06 until further discussion and workshop can take place. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon voice vote all were in favor.

Adjournment

At approximately 7:09 p.m., President Schulz requested a motion to adjourn the May 15, 2019, 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,
Jacque Tuma
Recording Secretary