

Minutes of the Special Workshop Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 5:00 pm at the Formal Conference Room 202 at the Village Hall, New Lenox, IL.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS:

Call to order President Schulz called the June 19, 2019 meeting to order at approximately 5:00pm.

Attendance The following were present: Commissioners: Kraemer, Fischer, Larson, and President Schulz.

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

**Legislative
Support Letters
For Future Capital
Projects**

Executive Director Lewis explained to the board the letters in the packet and how it justifies our Master Plan. There are several projects that could be completed if funding became available such as a Dog Park, Sports Dome/Complex, several small projects. The current OSLAD Grant cycle we still have not received an executed contract from IDNR but for the upcoming OSLAD Grant cycle there is 29M earmarked; we will go after another grant this year if there are funds being released. Executive Director Lewis noted in the surrounding area we are ones who have a GATA number; Mokena and Frankfort currently do not and you need one in order to apply. Executive Director Lewis noted he is hopeful we will break ground in the fall for Leigh Creek South. It was also noted ½ of the funding is provided up front to start the project and the remaining ½ will come after the project is completed. This will continue be in the forefront of everyone's mind moving into the next grant cycle.

**Planning Potential
Grant Projects**

Planning Resources, Inc. is good with moving forward on the next project via the contract in the board packet. Executive Director Lewis note the Water Treatment Plant 2 is about 2-3 years behind but the Mayor is willing to work with us. We need to have new components which will give us more points in awarding process. Executive Director Lewis noted we need a larger dog park but it will go in as a component of the whole project. Executive Director Lewis noted we do have a contract with PRI for Sky Harbor to move forward with the next grant cycle. We will be retooling this site to have possibly extreme fitness options, tennis courts, and it will help with getting this site done sooner than later. This site makes the most sense since the prep work has begun and there have already been homeowner meetings. Safety Town is also a work in progress; we are looking at 800K-900K budget for this site. Executive Director Lewis assured the board there is funding within our budget from the bond money and ADA fund. This site just makes the most sense. We still have funds available to purchase land and we are projected to put an additional 100K from the budget into this line item. The Water Treatment Plant doesn't have enough room softball fields but a larger dog park would. There is a lot of potential at Laraway/Gougar and we will be targeting this area for land parcels. Commissioner Fischer mentioned naming rights for a park development. President Schulz noted with the Village being 3 year out for the plant site but having the 8 acres would work now. Executive Director Lewis recapped the contract from PRI to develop a community park site with a dog park component is in the board packet for approval, Larawy/Gougar is our best shot for land, and Sky Harbor we will expand the contract and retool the concept plan for the next OSLAD Grant cycle. If the contract needs to have an addendum for additional provisions then it needs a resolution for authorization and then goes in front of board. Commissioner Fischer is good with entering into the contract with PRI.

**Future Capital Park
Site Improvement
Plans**

Executive Director Lewis explained the new reduction in the Impact Fees from Village. The Village had the land appraised again and it came back from 110K to 80K; from there the Village Trustees approved a 30% reduction from the 80K to 56K. This will help spur rooftops but doesn't help the Park District with building parks. Ashton Estates north will be built first then the remaining development of Ashton Estates. With Ashton Estates and Bristol Park together this site will be a little over 20 acres. Calistoga has 95 lots with no park and no access to Water Chase; there

is going to be walking path. Commissioner Fischer requested to put some of this in writing between us and the Village because boards change and once you give up land that's it. It was noted there is no point in taking land from Calistoga and the balance of the 95 lots will help with other developments. Executive Director noted Four Season Senior Living Community Development will be annex into the Village and we are recommending the same to follow suit. Each lot we would see \$200.00 a lot but no land or park. Commissioner Kramer commented this is a good option and we don't have to maintain a park or open space; plus, they will be paying taxes to the park district once annex in. Commissioner Kraemer noted we have great working relationship with the Village and we need to start planning for the future. Executive Director Lewis noted the budget is out and balanced and we will have a workshop meeting next month to discuss the funds and address any questions pertaining to the budget.

Adjournment

At approximately 5:58 p.m. President Schulz requested a motion to adjourn the June 19, 2019 Special Workshop Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Kraemer. Upon voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jacque Tuma
Recording Secretary