

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting to order at approximately 6:00 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, Director of Business Services Kathy Lynch, Director of Parks-Maintenance George Travnicek, Director of Golf Bob Schulz, Deputy Director of Business Services Karen Acklin, and Deputy Director of Recreation Jason Braglia, and Attorney Angelo Vitiritti, Director of Recreation Lea Pipiras.
- Treasurer's Report** Commissioner Kraemer quoted the totals from the Monthly Treasurer's Report as presented for October 31, 2019. President Schulz requested any questions or comments regarding the Monthly Treasurer's Report for October 31, 2019. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented for October 31, 2019. 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 October 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 October 31, 2019. Motion made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Special Guests** A check was presented for the Township Food Pantry from the New Lenox Community Park District and Friends of the Park for \$2,000 from the Empty Bowls event. President Schulz thanked everyone and mentioned how great of an event it was.
- Communications** The IAPD, Best of the Best Gala Congratulations letter was read. We received our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Award.
- Approval of Minutes** Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2019  
President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2019. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Committee & Staff Reports**
- Business Services** Commissioner Thomson stated there is nothing to report at this time. Director of Business Services Lynch stated we had our IPARKS visit and they came back with no recommendations.
- Facilities / Planning** President Schulz stated general maintenance is going on and that winterization of concession stand at Hibernia and restrooms at Haines Park will begin. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek mentioned ADA doors will be going in at Administration building.

## **Golf Course**

Commissioner Kraemer stated after 2018 being our worst October on record for rounds 2019 decided to keep the records going. It didn't help that we flooded again the last week of October which was shaping up to be a decent month before the rain came. We are going to start lining up clubhouse winter projects which will be started in December after any parties that are booked. Range as of October 15<sup>th</sup> went to off mats only and people are still enjoying the new mat system we installed in the Spring. Chili open sold out in less than 30 minutes this year and we had 14 foursomes on the waitlist. We have booked a couple small parties in December and expect to book a couple more. After meeting with some sale representatives, we will be condensing our spirit offerings for the 2020 season. We are still waiting on the state to allow the gaming machines to increase the maximum bets to be played. The Golf cart fleet had it's seasonal maintenance completed for the 2019 season in October. We have completed 90% of the drainage work on hole 5 and are hoping to finish everything before the end of the season. It is major improvement and we are excited to get the whole job completed. Director of Golf Bob Schulz mentioned the Golf Course will be opened 9a.m to 4p.m up to Christmas Eve and gift card's will be available. Director of Golf Bob Schulz mentioned, we will also be open on Thanksgiving Day for Tee Times.

## **Parks/Development**

### Leigh Creek South/Heather Glen Update

Commissioner Larson stated donations for the playground continue to come in and a big thanks to Keith Wallace from Lincoln Way Special Recreation for his diligence. Bidding documents are being prepared and should go out November 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>. Bid Opening will be December 11<sup>th</sup> and the Bid award will be on December 17<sup>th</sup> at the Park Board Meeting

### Sky Harbor Park Update

Commissioner Larson stated staff went down to Springfield along with Darrell from Planning Resources, on Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup> for he 3-minute presentation. Executive Director Greg Lewis nailed the presentation, an IDNR panel member was impressed by the number of years and projects we have worked together on.

### Future Park Sites

Commissioner Larson stated On November 7<sup>th</sup>, staff met with the State Representative Margo McDermed and discussed OSLAD updates for Leigh Creek South and Sky Harbor park application and presentation requesting \$400,000 in state funding assistance. They also discussed Capital Projects which included the ropes and challenge fitness course, dog park and multi-use building at the Village's water treatment plant 8 acres to the west. They touched upon a future 25-30-acre Community Park in the south/west quadrant.

### Association/Athletic Sites

Commissioner Larson stated Paul Berlin has replaced President Jay Husa for the Baseball Association. The fascia on Neufairfield shelter has been wrapped with aluminum. Haines Park has been prepped for ice skating. Staff have installed two synthetic ice rinks in the commons. Commissioner Larson mentioned a that over 3,000 gallons of paint has been sprayed this year for lining over 50 athletic fields. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek reported that vandalism has occurred at Walker and Haines park and urged if anyone see's anything to please contact the Police Department or Park District.

### September Asset of the Month – Social Awareness/Service to Others- Giving

Executive Director Lewis read the Asset of the Month.

### Special Recreation

Executive Director Lewis stated Keith Wallace and staff have been doing an an amazing job and that they offer a variety of activities and have a lot of things coming up.

Proud American Days 2020 Planning

Executive Director Lewis stated we are at a standstill with planning due to not knowing if the property is available.

Commissioner Fischer reported throughout the month of October, teams for the Children's Basketball League were being made. This year we have a total of 59 teams throughout the 7 divisions for a total of 533 participants with more still registering. We have a total of 106 volunteer coaches for the basketball league. The coaches meeting was held on November 11<sup>th</sup> and the first game is set to star on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Empty Bowl programs went well we sold 226 bowls and we had 9 different soups donated by Berkot's, Chicago Dough, Coopers Hawk, Gatto's, Gina's Teardrop Café, Little Joes, Sanctuary Golf Course, United Methodist Church and the White Horse Inn. We were able to donate \$2,000 to the New Lenox Food Pantry and \$200.00 was donated by the Friends of the Park to Northern Illinois Food Bank. Volunteerism has been excellent and is crucial to the Park District.

Director of Recreation Lea Pipiras stated Ice Skating in the commons will begin on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 12 p.m. to 8p.m, skate rentals will be available. Also, our Winter/Spring catalog will be coming out in the beginning of December, so keep an eye out for that. We will also be taking Gift Certificates if anyone wants any ideas.

**New Business**

Resolution #19-14 Authorizing the Execution of Addendum with Gordon Flesch

President Schulz asked if there were any questions or concerns with resolution #19-14. Hearing none President Schulz requested a motion to approve resolution #19-14 Authorizing the Execution of Addendum with Gordon Flesch.. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Thomson. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion based unanimously.

**Community Events**

President Schulz announced the upcoming events as follows:

New Lenox Chamber of Commerce

2019 "Jingle & Mingle" Chamber Holiday Party: Friday, December 6 at the Atrium at Gatto's Restaurant & Bar from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. \$25 Per Guest RSVPs by Friday, November 29,2019

Jingle All the Way Toy Drive: The New Lenox Chamber will partner again with the New Lenox Township to provide local children with a toy-filled holiday. The Township Food Pantry is serving a growing population of local families who are in need this season. Many of these families have children who can benefit from your generosity. Donations will be accepted at the Chamber office now through Thursday, December 5, or at the Jingle & Mingle Holiday Party on Friday, December 6.

Village of New Lenox

Christmas in the Commons: Will begin Saturday, November 30 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be skate rentals, Christmas vendors and more to enjoy. Contact the Village of New Lenox at 815-442-6400 or visit their website.

**Adjournment**

At approximately 6:30 p.m., President Schulz requested a motion to adjourn the November 20, 2019 Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Thomson Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shelby Adler, Recording Secretary