

Minutes of the Tri Annual Meeting held on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 6:30 pm at the New Lenox Community Park District, New Lenox, IL.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS:

Call to order Commissioner Larson called the Monday, July 13, 2020 meeting to order at approximately 6:30 pm.

Roll Call In Attendance: Commissioner Larson, Commissioner Kraemer, Director of Parks-Maintenance George Travnicek, Park-Maintenance Assistant Director Ken Stephens, Jason Sterritt NLSA, Marty Kelly NLGSA, Mike Plesek NLSA, Lynn Plarski NLMFA, Will Hatch NLYFA and Office Coordinators Lori Mennite and Missy McGrath.

Associations Reports Marty Kelly - NLGSA Girls Softball Association

Marty Kelly reported part-time and full-time teams started practicing in June at Walona with a total of 8 games scheduled. The fall season will start practicing the first week of August. They are going to be extending their fall season by adding 2 extra weeks and 4 extra games which will be running till the middle of October.

Upcoming projects include drainage repairs in the outfield at field 2, next week baseball mix will be added to fields 1, 3 and 4 along with a grade out. Mid low has also been added to field 2 and security cameras are currently being installed.

Lynn Plarski – NLMFA New Lenox Mustangs

Lynn Plarski stated official guidelines are still being completed, making sure everything is in compliance. However, a decision has been made that week 1 participants will be in pods of 10 and starting on week 2 teams will be formed. If a player tests positive, that team will automatically need to stay home for 2 weeks. Daily temperature checks will be performed, participants will need to wear a mask to and from the car, they must have their own equipment and report to their designated spot on the field. We would like parents to be present on day 1 to assist their child through the initial process which will also help the parents to understand the daily procedures. Lynn Plarski reported their Certificate of Insurance check has been mailed. They wanted to wait till the last minute since medical is non-refundable. Also, a refund policy has been adopted specifically in case of a shut down, along with utilizing the park district's Covid-19 waiver. Phone calls has been made to verify players will still be participating and almost all families said they are still planning on attending.

Upcoming projects include water and sewer repairs which should be finishing up today, a concrete pad behind the bleachers for storage is scheduled to be poured, however the purchase of the storage building that will be placed on top of the concrete pad is on hold.

Will Hatch – NLYFA New Lenox Youth Football Association

Will Hatch reported no major decision has been made yet but NLYFA is making sure to follow the IHSA and USA Football guidelines. However, both football camps were cancelled last Friday. There are currently 240 football participants. Cheerleading participation is down do to not being able to do stunts along with all the other changes occurring this year. The board met last week to establish a refund policy. The policy will be sent out to the families in a week or so. The jerseys need to be ordered now in order to have them on time. The jersey cost will not be refunded since they will be personalized. Similar to NLMFA, mask's will be required to and from the car, there will be no more use of the communal watering hole, temperatures will be checked and players will need to use their own equipment. If the season runs, practice will begin August 10th with games starting the last week of August.

Mike Plesek - New Lenox Soccer

Mike Plesek reported there was not a spring season for either the competitive or recreation league. However, the competitive league has been training in preparation for the fall season being sure to follow guidelines. Registration for the fall recreation league is now open but the number of participants are low. The starting date for fall will be mid-August which is later than usual hoping to increase the number of participants.

Upcoming projects: Field 1 and 6 at Spencer has been regraded and reseeded with 32 truck loads of dirt delivered. We plan on resting those fields all fall. We will then reevaluate those fields in the spring. The lightning detection is on hold for now and the remote sprinklers access is going to be installed this month.

Park District

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek reported this April there has been 21 days of rain which has been a challenge with an increase in weeds. Paths are being screened while we tried to screen the backstop at field 4 but it is being washed away. There was a discussion pertaining to pertinent documents being turned in on time before practices begin. Certificate of Insurance needs to be turned in by all associations for "each" season as well as background checks. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek stated communication has gone very well in terms of Covid-19 procedures with soccer, softball and baseball. He thanked those associations for putting in place their guidelines which were then able to be put into the board packet.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek handed out the Field Allocation sheets to all associations. No changes needed to be made at this time. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek reported core aeration has been completed at several sites including Nelson, Spencer, and outfields at both Bentley/Tyler and Walona. Weed and feed applications were also done at all fields including all four practice fields at the 4-H fields.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek reported everyone is doing a good job cleaning up garbage and Marty Kelly with NLGSA stated other than one parking issue everything else has been running smoothly.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek added any invoices 60 days past their due date will be reported in the board packet.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek discussed portable services usage and cleanliness of units. Most of the associations using the portable service units currently reported the new company was average. However, toilet paper and hand sanitizer were being stolen from the portable service units from Bentley/Tyler near fields 1 and 2. For this reason, the park district decided to postpone having portable service units available at the parks.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek reported the detention pond going into Walona near field 1 has been overflowing over the road. With the Village providing the labor, the Township providing material and the park district completing the restoration, 40% of the value of water is now being diverted to the retention pond. Another project which needs to be completed is the resurfacing of Martino's parking lot which is scheduled to be completed the first couple weeks in August. Sealcoating for this parking lot will be completed next year.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek reported NLSA 122 has announced there will be no available indoor gym space through the remainder of this year.

School District

Jason Sterritt with NLSD 122 reported the school district is starting to plan for school to resume in August. Most likely the students will have to wear a mask but plans are still being discussed. There are no season events to report. The HVAC system at Bentley is being completed and there has been some concrete work done around the district.

Adjournment

Commissioner Kraemer thanked all for attending the meeting and wished all the associations luck during this challenging time. Commissioner Larson adjourned the Tri-Annual Meeting of July 13, 2020 at approximately 7:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Mennite
Recording Secretary