

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 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 September 16, 2020 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, Larson, Fischer, Thomson and President Schulz.
- Also, in Attendance** Executive Director Greg Lewis, Deputy Director of Executive Services Jacque Tuma, Director of Business Services Kathy Lynch, and Director of Parks-Maintenance George Travnicek,
- Treasurer's Report** Commissioner Kraemer quoted the totals from the Monthly Treasurer's Report as presented for August 31, 2020. President Schulz requested any questions or comments regarding the Monthly Treasurer's Report for August 31, 2020. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented for August 31, 2020. 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 August 31, 2020. President Schulz requested any questions or comments. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Payment of Bills as presented for August 31, 2020. Motion made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Thomson. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Approval of Minutes** *Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2020*
President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2020. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2020 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 reported Director of Business Services, Kathy Lynch, and team are working with the audit team and the financial audit will go to final form by next meeting, no problems to note; moving forward as planned.
- Facilities / Planning** President Schulz stated at the Administration Building a new light pole base was installed at the northeast corner lower level of the parking lot and was covered under a resident's insurance. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted Hibernia and Walker Concession doors have received a new coat of paint. President Schulz noted a lot of general maintenance was completed including the Clubhouse parking lot was recently seal coated and lined.
- Golf Course** Commissioner Kraemer reported August was a great month with \$47K more than a year ago. The high school leagues have started up again and leagues have started to wind down for the year. Staff is doing an amazing job during this year. Commissioner Kraemer thanked the Martin J. Larson II foundation for their generous donation of 5 more trees to the Sanctuary Golf Course. The end of last month the governor closed inside bar and grill service for Will County this did hurt us a bit but we still had a better month for food and beverage. Staff is doing a great job working around the constant changing of the guidelines. Happy to report no major equipment issues or irrigation issues this past month. Unfortunately, we have cancelled Golf and Fish this year due to COVID and at this time the Chili Open is unknown.

(Committee & Staff
Reports, cont.)

Parks/Development

Bristol Park Update

Commissioner Larson noted staff is continuing to monitor the sink hole and keep the area secure until developer completes their drainage work to the east; this will be completed after the harvest.

Leigh Creek South Update

Commissioner Larson noted the concrete flatwork and curbing will be completed soon; the creative play area has been laid out and installation has begun. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek presented photos to the board to show them the progress.

Sky Harbor Park Update

Commissioner Larson noted Planning Resources is fine tuning the budget and we are still on track to go out for bid mid-November. Director Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted he was able to reach out to Ruettiger, Tonelli and Associates to get an updated topo survey which will save us approximately \$1K.

Association/Athletic Sites

Commissioner Larson noted baseball is up 50% from a year ago because football cannot be played this fall. Mustangs has 80 players signed up for training clinics on Mondays and Wednesdays. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted the Martino Jr. High was resurfaced and line last week; he presented the board with photos of the project. Youth Football started Monday, September 14th will offer free football and cheer training camps thru mid-October. Soccer also has reported a 25% decrease in players for their competitive division and no recreation this fall. Commissioner Larson noted mowing was cancelled from August 24th and August 31st due to the draught and saved the district \$7K in costs. Homer Tree Service is addressing our punch list of sites needing removals or pruning-trees that staff could not handle or reach from the August 10th storm. We are also receiving proposals for the shelters that had roof damage from the storm as well.

Recreation

September Asset of the Month – Honesty/Social Awareness

Executive Director Lewis read the Asset of the Month.

Special Recreation

Executive Director Lewis noted the stats that LWSRA put out for their programming these past several months they had 37 participants attended in person programs, 108 people participated in virtual programs, the age range was 5-64, 309 was the number of LWSRA Activity Books mailed to participants and 70 participants were reached via LWSRA fly by's (drive by's).

Commissioner Fischer reported beginning August 29th our Flag Football program began with scrimmages; each team consists of 20 players who scrimmage against each other and no other teams to stay within the Governor's guidelines. This also is the same for Kick Start Soccer League this year as well. Dog Days of Summer held on August 30th went well and most everyone who attended asked about a Dog Park. Great stats for the Splash Pads this summer even though we opened late this year due to COVID and we had great reviews on Google for our parks. Commissioner Fischer noted Keith Blomberg received a great review from a patron who participated in Kick Start Soccer; kudos to Keith and all the Recreation staff for always rising to the challenges that have been presented. Commissioner Fischer noted we also received \$25K grant from the CARES act through Will County to help with COVID expenses that were not budgeted for. Executive Director Lewis noted Will County did an excellent job with dividing the funds to include the Park Districts and help them with these unexpected expenses. Commissioner Fischer noted the district recently purchased a disinfecting mister which cleans the room in 10 minutes and dries within 30 minutes for the next group to use the room.

President Schulz commented on how well our staff has done throughout COVID and having to adapt. Our parks look amazing and our community is using the parks more on a daily basis. We provide such great services and our staff is doing a fantastic job. Commissioner Kraemer noted it's a different year but our staff has risen up to the challenge and was able to rethink how to program and continue to provide great quality services.

Adjournment

At approximately 6:28 p.m., President Schultz requested a motion to adjourn the September 18, 2019 Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Kraemer. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jacque Tuma, Recording Secretary