

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at approximately 6:02 p.m. in the Conference Room at 701 W. Haven Ave., New Lenox, Illinois.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS:

- Call to order** President Schulz called the December 16, 2020 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** The New Lenox Community Park District's Board of Commissioners were permitted by the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation in response to COVID-19 Executive Order 5 exempting Open Meetings Act for the physical presence of the Commissioners at the meeting and permitting Commissioner attendance by video, audio, or telephone access. The New Lenox Community Park District's were present via video. 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 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 November 30, 2020. President Schulz requested any questions or comments regarding the monthly Treasurer's Report for November 30, 2020. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented for November 30, 2020. Motion made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Larson. 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 November 30, 2020. President Schulz requested any questions or comments. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Payment of Bills as presented for November 30, 2020. Motion made by Commissioner Thomson, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Communications** *Illinois House of Representatives Certificate of Recognition "Rising Star" Award from IAPD/IPRA 2020 Soaring to New Heights – Honoring Ted Schulz*
Executive Director Lewis read aloud the letter from Representative McDermed honoring Ted Schulz on his Rising Star award.
- Consent Agenda** *Approval for the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2020*
President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Consent Agenda. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Committee & Staff Reports**
- Business Services** Commissioner Thomson noted there was nothing new to report.
- Facilities / Planning** President Schulz reported staff is moving forward with the LED lights for the Golf Course Maintenance Building which will give the District \$6K in rebates. There was some minor plumbing repairs.

Golf Course

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Commissioner Kraemer reported November was the best November on record with \$110K in revenue compared to \$29K a year ago. We hosted two chili opens and both of them were sold out within 15 minutes. No major equipment issues and the course will continue work through the winter with a few projects such as drainage, tree removal and trimming, and removal of a bunker.

Parks/Development

Tri-Annual Update

Commissioner Larson reported the Tri-Annual Meeting was held on December 7th with it's first ever virtual meeting, thank you to Jacque for putting together. Associations were asked about a photo disclaimer and were given our language that we currently use. It was noted that next summer NLSD#122 will be restoring the parking lots and drives at Nelson Campus. Baseball saw the largest numbers along with Softball. Mustangs held 8 fall clinics which were fairly well attended. Soccer also held clinics and 2021 will be their 40th anniversary.

Development Update

Leigh Creek South Update

Commissioner Larson stated project is completed except for the color for the ½ court basketball and Bankshot areas. US Tennis will complete this in the spring when temperatures allow and due to it being valued engineering has saved the district \$748. Retainage for the project will be held to assure seeding is established. IDNR should be up to inspect the development in the future.

Sky Harbor Park Update

Commissioner Larson noted we did have a successful bid opening on December 9th but with Governor's announcement this past week about shutting off OSLAD funding that later on to table the awarding of the bid until we have better clarification. President Schulz is also recommending tabling the awarding of the bid results because of the Governor's announcement. Executive Director Lewis noted he had been working all day to see what is specifically going on with the funding. We are in good shape as we have 60 days to accept/award the bid; he is recommending tabling the awarding of the bid results for 30 days and noted this bid is a favorable bid.

Commissioner Larson noted the homeowners of Bristol Park are very happy with their free Library stand which was made by one of our staff members Kip Kokal. Commissioner Larson also noted both contracted services were good this past year and Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek is going to discuss pricing for 2021. Yearly fleet inspections have been done.

Recreation

Asset of the Month – Caring School Climate

Director Lewis read the Asset of the Month.

Special Recreation Update

Executive Director Lewis reported the foundation donated \$20K to the agency as their annual gift which will go towards helping pay off the bus. Executive Director Lewis commented on their virtual "Whoville" program and the interactive link; a lot of positive feedback for this event. Noted the agency board will be changing with the Director of Wilmington accepting another director position and noted the great job Renee Chavez did in her 10 years with Wilmington.

Proud American Days 2021 Planning

Executive Director Lewis commented that Windy City has reached out along with having phone calls with potential bands, etc. but most bands are putting in a COVID clause/non refundable deposit. At this point not sure if this is an event we can continue.

Commissioner Fischer noted the 2021 Winter/Spring registration starts Monday, January 4th for in district residents and Monday, January 11th for out of district residents. Commissioner Fischer encourages online registration, faxing in, or email your registration forms. We also have two drop boxes that are checked daily as well. Commissioner Fischer noted the Ice Skating dates and times and encouraged the public to go to our website for further information.

President Schulz noted this year's IAPD/IPRA Conference is going to look a little different with a virtual platform and congratulated the Park District for on Recreation Supervisor Keith Blomberg for partaking in a session called "The How & Why of Running Esports at Your Agency."

President Schulz also noted a very nice thank you from a Kiddie Kampus parent was in the board packet as well.

New Business

Resolution #20-13 Authorizing the Execution of the Agreement with Golf Compete, Inc.

Commissioner Kraemer noted this is good company to move to as we have had issues with our current provider, especially with the Tee Sheets; it's possible the current vendor got too big too quickly. Commissioner Thomson noted that maybe not to big just lost their focus on Customer Service. President Schulz requested any questions or comments regarding Resolution #20-13 Authorizing the Execution of the Agreement with Golf Compete, Inc. Hearing no questions or concerns, President Schulz entertained a motion to approve Resolution #20-13 Authorizing the Execution of the Agreement with Golf Compete, Inc. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Thomson. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #20-14 Authorizing the Execution of Sponsorship Agreement with Silver Cross (State of the Art Fitness Court)

Executive Director Lewis noted this will be tabled until next month but assured the board there is all good news around. Silver Cross received their COVID-19 vaccines today and their marketing liaison was bust with the press regarding this. There may be some language changes but everything seems good. Executive Director Lewis noted the Village of New Lenox Mayor has committed \$50K in cash and/or in-kind on board census. Along with Walsh will be donating the concrete and it was recommended that Kauper Brothers installs. All great news.

Ordinance #20-12-01 Levy Ordinance 2020-2021

President Schulz requested any questions or comments regarding Ordinance #20-12-01 Levy Ordinance 2020-2021. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to adopt Ordinance #20-12-01 Levy Ordinance 2020-2021. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Bid Results – Sky Harbor

President Schulz stated he needs a motion to table the bid result until the January board meeting.

Community Events

President Schulz announced the upcoming events as follows:

Christmas in the Commons – please visit our website for more details.

Commissioner Larson wished everyone a happy and healthy holidays.

Commissioner Thomson hopes everyone will be safe this holiday season.

Adjournment

At approximately 6:37 p.m., President Schulz requested a motion to adjourn the December 16, 2020, Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Kraemer. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Recording Secretary – Jacque Tuma