

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at approximately 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at 701 W. Haven Ave., New Lenox, Illinois.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS:

- Call to order** President Schulz called the January 20, 2021 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** 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 Districts 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 December 30, 2020. President Schulz requested any questions or comments regarding the monthly Treasurer's Report for December 30, 2020. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented for December 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.
- Payment of Bills** Commissioner Kraemer quoted totals from the Payment of Bills as presented for December 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 December 30, 2020. Motion made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Thomson. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Communications** 2020 IAPD Annual Report
President Schulz noted the report is in everyone's board packet; this is information on the review from last year.
- Consent Agenda** Approval for the Public Hearing Minutes of December 16, 2020 (Levy Ordinance FY 2020-2021)
President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Public Hearing Minutes of December 16, 2020 (Levy Ordinance FY 2020-2021). Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Kraemer. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Approval for the Regular Minutes of December 16, 2020
President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Regular Minutes of December 16, 2020. 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 Thomson. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Committee & Staff Reports

Business Services Commissioner Thomson noted Director of Business Services Lynch has continued to update the projections for cash flow and the district seems to be at a good point.

Facilities / Planning President Schulz reported staff has started the LED lighting project and has applied for the rebate. He also noted the Golf Course Maintenance Shop will have the new LED lights installed later this month. The Grounds Maintenance Building had minor sewage issues which staff resolved.

Golf Course *Golf Course*
Commissioner Kraemer reported the course ended 2020 on a strong note by doing \$9K better than the last December. The course sold \$3,072 more in gift cards this year than last. All outings that have been in contact for 2021 are returning depending on restrictions. Currently discussing in house leagues for 2021. Food and Beverage prices will see an increase this year because of the pricing increase from the supplier due to COVID. Before the snow falls the front nine bunker drainage was completed and the back nine will be worked on mid-March. Overall, the course is in great shape.

Parks/Development *Development Update*
Leigh Creek South Update
Commissioner Larson noted we are finalizing the change order to eliminate the color coating to both basketball activities from GLI's contract. Staff and PRI have recommended a retainage of 2.85% from final payment due to the possibility of seed and blanket not coming in the spring.

Sky Harbor Park Update
Commissioner Larson noted staff and PRI meet with Integral Construction to review the scope of project, their bid numbers, and discuss concerns raised by other district regarding their starting and finishing projects on time. Staff felt comfortable with their responses and Integral reviewed their spring schedule showing how our project would be one of the top priorities. President Schulz noted we are not sure if we will receive the 50% of the OSLAD funding up front like last time but we need to move forward with this project. Commissioner Larson asked if we are sure we will even be reimbursed. President Schulz commented we should not leave \$400K on the table if we have the chance to be reimbursed. Executive Director Lewis noted the Governor misspoke as funds are a year behind which does not include this contract but IDNR is not giving any extensions. Executive Director Lewis is recommending moving forward with the project and noted funds will be tight until we receive reimbursement for Leigh Creek South. Commissioner Fischer seconded that funds will be tight. Executive Director Lewis noted we typically would take the reimbursement from project and roll into the next; these projects have been budgeted for, it'll be we cannot do another project or will have to find other means. Commissioner Thomson noted all bets are off in regard to receiving funding. Commissioner Larson commented if the Executive Director and staff are comfortable with moving forward. Executive Director Lewis noted the real estate transfer tax is fully funded; the only other option is to walk away but it may not be good for us in the future. Commissioner Kraemer also note if we walk away it may hurt us down the road. Commissioner Larson is all for building it. Commissioner Fischer noted earth won't move until April and we have some time.

Commissioner Larson noted we are still waiting on the developer to make the needed repairs to a section of their field title that is within 100 feet of our east property line, we have gotten the Village involved who will be making contact now. Once the developer repairs their section we can go ahead and repair the two sink holes and have possibly Bisping Construction do the repairs.

Commissioner Larson noted the Service Sanitation will honor 2020 pricing; we are currently waiting on our contracted mowing service to give us a price for 2021. All associations have been quite; Mustangs is regarding a possible spring season. Commissioner Larson thanked the staff for all their hard work this past year.

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 \$20,000 to the agency as their annual gift which will go towards helping pay off the bus. They also received an \$8,000 donation from Dermatology Shade Grant which will be used for the shade system at Leigh Creek South. The giving tree was very successful and LWSRA was able to provide holiday gifts to over 400 participants. Right now they are doing a Valentine's Day kit and have 535 kits ready for patrons. It was noted staff is considered 1A for the vaccine which will be only way for them to start back in person classes. Cash flow is in line and they are fighting the good fight just like everyone right now.

Proud American Days 2021 Planning

President Schulz noted the Director of Recreation Pipiras is reaching out in regards to contracts to first evaluate and then a decision will be made.

Ice Rink Recap

President Schulz noted the ice rink was open 24/7 from December 5th through January 3rd; 30 days and 720 hours. He noted we rented out 1,343 ice skates which is 190 more than in 2019. We had 40% in district residents totaling 540 participants and 60% out of district residents totaling 803 participants. It was noted the ice rinks got some great usage this year and thanked the Village of New Lenox for the great partnership. Commissioner Kraemer noted the numbers for participants doesn't include those who have their own skates so these numbers are great!

Commissioner Fischer reported on the LWSRA's "Grinch and Whoville" program and how awesome of a job LWSRA did with this and then for the \$200,000 towards Leigh Creek South is so heartwarming. Commissioner Fischer congratulated Recreation Supervisor Keith Blomberg for being the new Chair of the SSPRPA Athletic Committee. It was noted we have 273 children in 4 schools participating in our Before and After Care program. Commissioner Fischer thanked the Parks – Maintenance department for a great job on the ice rinks. Commissioner Fischer congratulated President Schulz's on his new position on the IPARKS board.

**Unfinished
Business**

Bid Results – Sky Harbor

President Schulz requested a motion to approve the recommendation from staff and PRI to award to the lowest qualified bidder Integral Construction's bid in the amount of \$748,662.11. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Thomson. Upon 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 the language was cleaned up and thanked Silver Cross for their partnership along with the Village of New Lenox. President Schulz asked if there were any further questions. Commissioner Thomson questioned on page one of the Sponsorship Agreement Section 2 if the date should be changed. Executive Director Lewis noted to approve as is and will ask the question to legal. President Schulz asked if there were any further questions. Hearing none, President Schulz asked for a motion to approve Resolution #20-14 Authorizing the Execution of Sponsorship Agreement with Silver Cross (State of the Art Fitness Court). Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Ordinance #21-01-01 Declaring Currently Owned Property as Surplus and Authorizing its Disposal (1994 Kubota)

President Schulz noted this piece of equipment has over 8,000 hours on it and was really just a backup if needed. President Schulz asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve Ordinance #21-01-01 Declaring Currently Owned Property as Surplus and Authorizing its Disposal (1994 Kubota). Motion made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Thomson. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

COVID – 19 Updates/Work in Progress

Restore Illinois – Tier 2 Resurgence Mitigations

President Schulz noted this is a work in progress and staff is doing a great job.

Community Events

President Schulz announced the upcoming events as follows:

Adjournment

At approximately 6:36 p.m., President Schulz requested a motion to adjourn the January 20, 2021 , 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