

Minutes of the Tri Annual Meeting held on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 6:30 pm at the New Lenox Community Park District, New Lenox, IL.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS:

Call to order Commissioner Larson called the Monday, March 1, 2021 meeting to order at approximately 6:30 pm.

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 and Associations were present via video. In Attendance: Commissioner Larson, Commissioner Kraemer, Director of Parks-Maintenance George Travnicek, Park-Maintenance Assistant Director Ken Stephens, Jason Sterritt NLSA 122, Marty Kelly NLGSA, Mike Plesek NLSA, Dion Cal, NLSA, Matt Gilbert, NLYFA, Lynn Plarski NLMFA, Jim O'Dette NLBA and Deputy Director of Executive Services Jacque Tuma.

Associations Reports Marty Kelly – NLGSA

Marty Kelly noted Girls Softball is underway with just under 400 girls registered with the older girls playing later. Marty Kelly noted no new projects for the upcoming season; just waiting to get going for the spring. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek asked Marty to confirm Fall travel numbers for registration were 60 and recreational fall softball was 259 which is above normal. Marty Kelly confirmed those were correct.

Lynn Plarski - Mustangs

Lynn Plarski noted the Mustangs will have a spring season beginning on March 1st through May 1st with only 3 divisions (PeeWee, Lightweight, and Heavyweight). Currently have 101 players registered. Lynn noted there are new guidelines coming out in regard to practices, games, timeouts, water breaks, usage of the same game ball. Lynn noted masks are required behind their face shields which Velcro in which is what IDPH is recommending. Practice may be pushed back depending on the field conditions with the snow and the first game being March 19th which then would push the ending game back or eliminate one game to meet the May 1st end date. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek asked if the parking lot needed to be cleared. Lynn commented cardio will be Wednesday/Thursday with the intentions of staying off the fields. Hopefully with daylight savings it will allow us to stay off the game field. Lynn commented she is 60% sure both home games could be played at Providence High School which would be April 10th/11th and April 25th/26th. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted the ADA porta johns will be out in the morning and he also wanted to confirm the fall clinics had 98 participants. Lynn confirmed on a regular basis it was more like 25-30 she just put everyone who came once on the list.

Matt Gilbert – NLYFA

Matt Gilbert noted NLYFA will have a 5-game season with 6 teams which currently have 41 players registered. Cheer will not go forward with a season. Rosters have not been finalized yet. There will be 2 homes at Lincolnway Central and 2 homes at Lincolnway West. March 21st is the first game with March 28th being a home game. We will have the River Valley Tournament and a Superbowl the first weekend in May. ISHA as pending guidelines which need to be followed and there will be additional guidance from the league on best practices. Just excited to start the year. Waiting on COI for the NLCPD to be additional insured. Currently been practicing at LWSRA which is out of pocket per team. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted we need to have the rosters resent as the format they were in was we were not able to read. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek asked if Lacrosse was bumped out. Matt said yes, they would be. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek asked for a diagram for where the fields need to be at the 4-H field.

Mike Plesek-NLSA

Mike Plesek introduced Cal Dion the new Vice President of soccer. Currently in the middle of registration with 200 already registered; hoping with the weather breaking more will come out to register. Legacy is currently playing their indoor season. Mike Plesek commented on the pavilion at Spencer Campus that he has the contract in hand once it is approved by the school and park district they can move forward. Jason Sterritt from District 122 said the school will approve on March 16th at their board meeting. Jason then asked for an onsite meeting with Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek and Soccer to firm up the location of the shelter. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted the Park District board would approve this request on March 17th; as this would be a nice, fixed asset. We will need to possibly put-up protection for the shelter with a possible guard rail. Mike Plesek will ask the vendor about the sign-up front of the campus. Commissioner Larson asked when the construction of the pavilion would begin. Mike noted right away to be able to utilize for their picnic tournament. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek asked about rosters from last year. Mike commented there was no formal travel league just training with 183 players: no leagues some out of state tournaments and clinics. Mike asked about the stripping on the fields and timing.

Jim O'Dette – NLBA

Jim O'Dette noted currently they 700 kids registered; there will be no in house evaluations because of COVID restrictions. Schedules are being produced currently. April 1st will be the first day of practice and travel has already begun practicing in indoor location which are paid out of pocket per team. April 24th will be the Open House. If porta johns could be out by April 1st that would be great. Projects coming up would be the lock boxes are getting repainted and just trying to make the complex look better. Was noted al forms will be filled out and sent in. Looking into working with Wind Streams for fencing signage. Looking to do an onsite bathroom for the 15 field complex, which would be both women and men washrooms. Right now, talking to architecture and plumbers; would like to stay local. Kyle from Walona is going to do our concession stand this summer as well. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek asked to confirm participate numbers for last year was at 325 players for spring 2020 and 447 in the Recreation league and 152 for travel league for the fall. Yes, we had roughly 600 participants.

Park District

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted Soccer and Baseball are doing great with getting the proper documentation into the office. Asked all other Associations to please make sure to get all documents in. There was discussion about adding more screenings at Nelson, Spencer, and Tyler.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek asked about field maintenance. Lynn from Mustangs is waiting until it is not so wet. Matt from NLYFA is finalizing things and will let George or Ken know about what would be needed. Overall field maintenance is great and thanked everyone.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek commented all associations are doing well with garbage/debris. He did, however, ask Softball to please clean up a little better in the dugouts.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted if there is light usage needs to have formal approval; if you have a request please send in as soon as you can on letterhead.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek commented payment of invoices has been very good and thank you Mustangs for coming in today to pay.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted with porta johns to reach out when you need additional services. He also asked for 3 delegates who will be able to order additional cleanings, extra units, etc.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek reminded the associations to always fill out a project form and submit for approval.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted to please give Ken your game schedules.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted the first two weeks of May will be when the weed n feed applications will start for crab grass and broad leaf.

School District

Jason Sterritt with NLSD 122 reported the school district is in full swing with children in attendance. This summer the parking lot at Nelson is getting torn out and replaced. Soccer is good to use the smaller parking lot this summer, but it was noted this project should be completed by end of June. Soccer sees no issues.

Commissioner Larson noted it was nice to hear everyone is going to be able to have a season and good luck.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek thanked everyone.

Adjournment

Commissioner Larson adjourned the Tri-Annual Meeting of March 1, 2021 at approximately 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jacque Tuma
Recording Secretary