

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 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 March 17, 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** President Schulz directed the Recording Secretary to take roll call. Upon taking roll call, the following were present, Commissioners: Kraemer, Fischer, Thomson, and President Schulz.
- Also in Attendance** Executive Director Greg Lewis, Director of Business Services Kathy Lynch, Director of Golf Bob Schulz, Director of Parks-Maintenance George Travnicek, Director of Recreation Lea Pipiras 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 February 28, 2021. President Schulz requested any questions or comments regarding the monthly Treasurer's Report for February 28, 2021. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented for February 28, 2021. Motion made by Commissioner Thomson, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon a voice 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 February 28, 2021. President Schulz requested any questions or comments. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Payment of Bills as presented for February 28, 2021. Motion made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Thomson. Voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Communications** Special Olympics – Thank you
President Schulz noted there was a very nice thank you note in the board packet from Special Olympics thanking us for our continuous support.
- Lincolnway Foundation – Thank you
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- Consent Agenda** Approval for the Regular Minutes of February 17, 2021
President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Regular Minutes of February 17, 2021. 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 voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Approval for the Tri -Annual Meeting Minutes of March 1,2021
President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Tri-Annual Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2021. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Thomson. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**Committee & Staff
Reports**

Business Services

Commissioner Thomson noted the committee continues to monitor the cash flow monthly. Overall the Treasurer's Report from a year ago is down 200K. The recreation fund is what got hit the hardest this past year being down over 500K. The golf course fund is holding their own this year. Commissioner Thomson noted the Park District has received the 50% up front reimbursement from the State for the OSLAD grant at Sky Harbor totaling 200K along with LWSRA's commitment 30K came in this past month. The Park District also received the ComEd Lighting Rebate totaling \$5,609.00 and a IParks Safety Grant for swings totaling \$350.00. Commissioner Kraemer noted staff thought outside the box last year and Golf Course got more people out to play. Commissioner Thomson noted hearing that the Governor is opening more up is great news. Commissioner Thomson also noted Business Services has a job opening.

Facilities / Planning

President Schulz reiterated what Commissioner Thomson commented about receiving the \$5,609.00 ComEd rebate for LED lighting which will save the district in the long run. President Schulz noted building and park department worked together to shovel the snow off the Lions Community Center's roof and to they unclogged the down spouts which all saved us in the long run.

Golf Course

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Commissioner Kraemer reported February wasn't the best golf month because of the snow. All perms have returned for 2021 and we have some interest in new perms joining in 2021. All leagues are returning for the 2021 season. The new POS system (ForeUp) has been installed and went live March 1st; looks nicer and easier to use. Commissioner Kramer noted our food and beverage prices did increase this year due to all costs of goods increasing from last year. We will be reaching out to returning staff in the month of March as well. Director of Golf Schulz commented to make tee times to visit our website at www.golfsanctuary.com.

Parks/Development

Development Update

Leigh Creek South Update

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted we are working on final documents to be submitted for audit and then send everything into IDNR. The contractor will need to return within the next 6-8 weeks to seed areas that did not take from last year's late application.

Sky Harbor Park Update

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted Integral Construction is now under contract with them starting the first week of May and with the hopes of opening the park by the end of September. First construction meeting is set for April. Construction timeline will be in your next board packet.

Tri-Annual Meeting Update

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted the Tri-Annual Meeting was held via the Zoom platform and all attended the meeting. Baseball has over 700 players for spring with the first practice being April 1st and opening day April 24th. Girls Softball has 400 registered but is down from a year ago. Mustangs will have five games with on game being a playoff game currently their turf is good. NLYFA will also have a five-game season with a Super Bowl May 1st and 2nd. Soccer will have 200 recreation players which is lower than last year.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted Soccer also has a request for the construction of a new pavilion at Spencer Pointe playground.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted Porta Johns have been set out at Martino and the 4H fields for football. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted there will be a prescribed burn at Schoolhouse Manor in the next couple of weeks. Director of Parks-Maintenance commented this year Haines Park ice rink had two weeks of quality ice; last year we had 1 day total.

2020 Association In District vs. Out of District – Waiving of Fees

President Schulz noted committee is in agreement to waive fees for the 2020 Association In District vs. Out of District for 1 year. President Schulz asked if there were any further questions and/or discussion needed. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve 2020 Association In District vs. Out of District – Waiving of Fees for 1 Year. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded made by Commissioner Thomson. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Recreation

Asset of the Month – Interpersonal Competence (Social Awareness)

Executive Director Lewis read the Asset of the Month.

Special Recreation Update

Executive Director Lewis noted LWSRA is also watching their cash flow and have followed the same model we have, and it looks like they their end of the year balance will break even, or they will be better off. LWSRA has paid in full their total commitment for Leigh Creek South. LWSRA's foundation has raised over 14K with the bunny baskets. Executive Director Lewis noted Wilmington Park District has new Executive Director who attended the last meeting. Executive Director Lewis noted on March 5th Tinley Park Park District hosted a Zoom Legislative Breakfast which featured a video that Executive Director Wallace created on the impact of COVID-19 had on all the SSPRPA park districts. Currently we are trying to get federal funding to help offset some of the lost COVID had last year. LWSRA has been impacted the most this past year but hopefully with the vaccine being offered to more people they can begin to offer more programming.

Proud American Days 2021 Planning Update

President Schulz read out loud the press release for March 17th in regards to Proud American Days 2021 being cancelled because of COVID -19 and the unknown. President Schulz noted this is unfortunate, but the district cannot be committed to putting funding out on a event with so many unknowns currently. Executive Director Lewis thanked everyone who make this event and commented this event has gone up and down with the revenues and we could not be upside down this year. There are just too many unknowns and we would need to run this event at near capacity. Currently donations are down 50K. We are holding our own with our reserves and the recreation department has taken a 1.4M loss due to COVID-19. This is just not a risk we can afford to take at this time, and it would not be fiscally responsible of us to try and put on Proud American Days this year.

Commissioner Fischer reported programming is coming back to life if the CDC does not shut anything down, we will be offering Summer Camps along with Athletic Camps this summer. There are a lot of employment opportunities visit our website. Commissioner Fischer highlighted our STOP program and

reminded the public if you see something say something. President Schulz noted the COVID-19 layout that Deputy Director of Recreation Braglia worked on just goes to show the public what our park district can do even during a pandemic – great job everyone. Commissioner Fischer noted the deadline for registering for either T-Ball or Kick Start Soccer is May 12th. Commissioner Fischer congratulated Deputy Director of Recreation Braglia on being an IPRA Mentor graduate. Commissioner Fischer noted Barks and Brews program on April 11th. Commissioner Fischer also highlighted the thank you note from IAPD/IPRA thanking Recreation Supervisor Blomberg for presenting at the first ever virtual conference.

New Business

New Lenox Mustangs – Lighting Request Spring Season

President Schulz asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve New Lenox Mustangs – Lighting Request Spring Season. Motion made by Commissioner Thomson, seconded by Commissioner Kraemer. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

New Lenox Baseball Association (Rebels) – Lighting Request (Memorial Day, Silver Series, and July 4th Firecracker)

President Schulz asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve New Lenox Baseball Association (Rebels) Lighting Request (Memorial Day, Silver Series, and July 4th Firecracker). Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

New Lenox Soccer Association – Installation of Pavilion at Spencer Crossing

Director of Parks – Maintenance Travnicek noted this request past the School Board last night and is not cost the district anything but will be a great asset. President Schulz asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve New Lenox Soccer Association – Installation of Pavilion at Spencer Crossing. Motion made by Commissioner Thomson, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #21-03 Authorizing the Execution of the Lease Agreement between the Village of New Lenox and the New Lenox Community Park District

President Schulz asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve Resolution #21-03 Authorizing the Execution of the Lease Agreement between the Village of New Lenox and the New Lenox Community Park District. Motion made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Kramer. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #21-04 Authorizing the Execution of the Lease/Purchase Financing Agreement with TCF Equipment Finance

President Schulz asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve Resolution #21-04 Authorizing the Execution of the Lease/Purchase Financing Agreement with TCF Equipment Finance. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Thomson. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

COVID – 19 Updates/Work in Progress

Response to COVID-19, NLSD #122 Playground Procedures, IAPD Legislative Update – Congress Finalizes America Rescue Plan Act-Special Eligible for Pass Through Relief Dollar and NLCPD Staff COVID-19 Vaccination Questionnaire

President Schulz noted this is a work in progress and staff is doing a great job. Executive Director Lewis noted IAPD has been working with the National Special Districts Coalition (NSDC) to advocate for special district eligibility for federal funding. Executive Director Lewis commented all staff will be asked to fill out the NLCPD Staff COVID – 19 Vaccination Questionnaire and it sounds like we will be eligible by weeks end. We are encouraging staff to become vaccinated, and the Village will keep us in the loop if something comes about.

Community Events

President Schulz noted to the New Lenox of the Parks – Running with Friends 5K on Saturday, April 17th. Race begins at 8AM. For more information contact the New Lenox Friends of the Park 779.803.3246

Adjournment

At approximately 6:39p.m., President Schulz requested a motion to adjourn the March 17, 2021 , Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Commissioner Thomson, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Recording Secretary – Jacque Tuma