

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at approximately 6:02 p.m. in the Board Room of the Village Hall, New Lenox, Illinois.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS:

- Call to order** President Schulz called the July 21, 2021, 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** President Schulz directed the Recording Secretary to take roll call. Upon taking roll call, the following were present, Commissioners: Fischer, Larson, Ott, Kraemer and President Schulz.
- Also in Attendance** Executive Director Greg Lewis, Director of Recreation Lea Pipiras, Deputy Director of Recreation Jason Braglia, Director of Parks Maintenance George Travnicek, Director of Golf Bob Schulz, Director of Business Services Kathy Lynch, Attorney Angelo Vitiritti, 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 June 30, 2021. President Schulz requested any questions or comments regarding the monthly Treasurer's Report for June 30, 2021. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented for June 30, 2021. Motion made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Ott. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Payment of Bills** Commissioner Kramer quoted totals from the Payment of Bills as presented for June 30, 2021. President Schulz requested any questions or comments. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Payment of Bills as presented for June 30, 2021. Motion made by Commissioner Ott, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Communications** President Schulz noted to the public and board there was an IAPD Legislative Updated – Bill Pertaining to Medical Cannabis at Park District signed into law. Executive Director Lewis noted the district is working on a medical procedure; schools are doing this along with LWSRA. A therapy time needs to be set and /or designate someone to use the product. Right now we are working on this process.
- Approval of Minutes** Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2021
President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Regular Board Meeting minutes of June 16, 2021. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of June 16, 2021 as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Kraemer. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Approval of the Special Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2021
President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Special Budget Workshop Meeting minutes of June 23, 2021. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of June 23, 2021 as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Ott, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**Committee & Staff
Reports****Business Services**

Commissioner Fischer noted the Audit is moving forward and the tax levy monies are coming in much better than anticipated. Director of Business Services Lynch noted we received a \$8,300 refund from IPRF Workers Compensation because of COVID.

Budget & Appropriations Ordinance #21-05-01

President Schulz requested a motion to adopt Budget & Appropriation Ordinance #21-05-01. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Facilities / Planning

President Schulz reported a new American Standard heat and A/C system was installed at the Grounds Maintenance Building, where the original was 20 years. We maintain our equipment very well which is why it's been 20 years since the last one was installed. The shelter at the Sanctuary Golf Course project has been completed with new roof, gutters, and downspouts installed. We were able to use our insurance of \$5K to help offset costs. The cork board displays have been replaced and look great.

Golf Course

Golf Course

Commissioner Kraemer reported the course flooded and we lost the last 5 days of June. It was recorded we had over 8.5 inches of rain that fell on the course which cause us to lose \$60K in revenue for June; but the good news is we still had the best June on record from a revenue standpoint of \$318,000. All the outings for June 2022 have been booked and these outings really enjoyed the course this season. We will be adding iPads to the starters and beverages carts with the new POS system this will allow us to take full advantage of the new technology. The only complaint we have had with the food and beverages is the prices. Costs are continuously rising as it is becoming more difficult to get products. We had minor turf issues on hole 17 and 18 due to the flooding which may need to be replaced. If we can't replace the turf now it'll be in the fall. The only issues with equipment were the rough mower but Toro did step up and cover 75% of the cost to fix the machine even though we were out of warranty. Staff is doing an amazing job. Director of Golf Schulz noted on September 7 the registration for the Fish and Golf will open at 6AM with in person being taken first then calls so if you are interested in golfing to come in person as this even does sell out quickly. President Schulz commented the course is in really good shape and the new ADA ramp is great.

Parks/Development

Development Projects Update

Commissioner Larson reported Bisping Construction repaired the biggest sink hole and our Village jetted a section of field tile on the developer's side. Bisping will come back to repair the smaller hole.

Leigh Creek South Update

Commissioner Larson noted the Grand Opening is tomorrow for this site from 11AM-2PM.

Sky Harbor Update

Commissioner Larson noted we are on schedule for this project despite all the rain. Majority of the playground and fitness equipment has been installed however the shelters are four weeks out.

Tri-Annual Update

Commission Larson reported the Tri-Annual was held this past Monday, July 12th the following associations were present: Girls Softball, Mustangs Football, and Soccer; along with District 122. The district is working on new forms and timeframes to receive the associations' required documents.

Commissioner Larson noted the Sharon's Bay backstop was restored and new fence fabric was also replaced. Staff painted the existing vertical support poles prior to new material being added. Director of Parks – Maintenance Travnicek thanked the Village of New Lenox for all they do. The National Fitness Court will have it's Grand Opening on August 17th. Graphics, safety decals, and sponsorships are being installed. Director of Parks – Maintenance Travnicek noted a few trees have been planted at the golf course and bronze memorial plaques. New benches have been installed at Leigh Creek South along with a very nice red bud tree; picnic tables still have not arrived for Leigh Creek South.

Hibernia Park Development Phase II – OSLAD 2022 Grant Project

Executive Director Lewis noted this is a very short turnaround from announcement of funding to when applications are due on September 15th. Executive Director Lewis noted Darrell Garrison and Steve Halberg from Planning Resources have already begun the process of developing a budget and a concept plan for Phase II which should be available at next month's meeting. We have some of this already budgeted and it just makes more sense to go for the grant where we can get \$400K matching. We are targeting this park site as a destination site with fishing, boats, upgraded splash pad, etc. We have \$130K in bond money earmarked for this site and commitment from our legislators of \$125K. Sunshades and concession/bathroom combination building are needed at this site. We are looking to add a putting green, bocce, and/or shuffleboard/courts, and enlarging our current ADA dock system. We are looking to also add fitness equipment throughout the trail system around the pond to the concept plan as well. President Schulz asked when Hibernia was first built. Director of Recreation Pipiras noted it was originally built in 2007. President Schulz noted this a great addition to our current park site; he also noted IAPD is worried there may not be a lot of Park District getting a project ready and feels we should move forward with this project. Executive Director Lewis noted tonight's meeting will count towards our public hearings requirement and we will be having two more with the homeowners at Hibernia in the upcoming weeks. Commissioner Fischer asked if there will be better budget at next month's meeting. Executive Director Lewis noted this is a very doable project; we may need a special meeting to finalize but the budget will be under \$1M. We can double our funding and this project has merit. Commissioner Kraemer noted we should do this project and apply for the grant. Commissioner Larson only concern is the timeframe but knows it's doable. Executive Director Lewis noted this is the only site ready to go for an OSLAD grant; we will review more sites over the winter and be ready to go in the future.

Recreation

Asset of the Month – Family Support and Love

Executive Director Lewis read the asset of the month quote out loud.

Special Recreation Update

Executive Director Lewis commented noted LWSRA received \$10K from the Aileen S. Andrew Foundation and \$500 from Ozinga for the sensory path at Leigh Creek South. LWSRA also received \$3K form the Brenda Wallace and Ingredion, Inc. for travel to the Wheelchair Softball World Series. The LWSRF Golf Outing for August 13th is sold out and they have an additional outing on

August 20th which hasn't moved as quickly. The Kindful option is working well for LWSRA. They are fundraising for the Wheelchair Softball World Series in Mississippi.

Commissioner Fischer noted we have 3 youth athletic leagues which started in June at Walker Country Estates Park, which were Thursday/Saturday T-Ball Leagues and Friday Soccer. T-Ball had 180 participants and Soccer had 280 participants. We had an increase of 66 participants compared to 2019. Camp Sunshine had the best enrollment numbers we have seen in years. Camp Rainbow is back with great enrollment with a very long waitlist. Chasing the Sun was held on Thursday, June 3rd again we had a great partnership with New Lenox Chamber of Commerce with 281 participants. We are slowly getting back to normal as we were pre-COVID. Commissioner Fischer noted the National Fitness Court Grand Opening is August 17th. The fall catalog will be available on our website July 28th with resident registration being Monday, August 9th. One program to highlight is Where in the World is Bucky – a team of 4 can register for \$160.00; this is a 21+ year old event from 5:30p-11p on August 21st.

Director of Recreation Pipiras noted there are a lot of great work opportunities.

New Business

Ordinance #21-07-01 Declaring Currently Owned Property as Surplus and Authorizing its Disposal (2014 John Deere Z93 Mower)

President Schulz asked if anyone had any questions and noted this mower is apart of the trade in for the new zero turn. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve Ordinance #21-07-01 Declaring Currently Owned Property as Surplus and Authorizing its Disposal (2014 John Deere Z93 Mower). Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Kraemer. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #21-11 Authorizing the Execution of Purchase Agreement with Russo Power, Frankfort, Illinois to be Financed Through Western Equipment Finance (2021 Toro Mower)

President Schulz asked if anyone had any questions regarding this resolution. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve Resolution #21-11 Authorizing the Execution of Purchase Agreement with Russo Power, Frankfort, Illinois to be Financed Through Western Equipment Finance (2021 Toro Mower). Motion made by Commissioner Ott, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #21-12 Authorizing the Execution of Agreement with Planning Resources, Inc. (Hibernia Park Master Plan Update)

President Schulz asked if anyone had any questions regarding this resolution. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve Resolution #21-12 Authorizing the Execution of Agreement with Planning Resources, Inc. (Hibernia Park Master Plan Update). Motion made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Ott. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Community Events

President Schulz reported there was information regarding the Village of New Lenox's events in the Common Area for the upcoming months.

Commissioner Fischer noted the NBC highlighted the Sanctuary Golf Course which was nice. Commissioner Kraemer the golf course is doing a great job. We are very proud of this asset.

Adjournment

At approximately 6:45 p.m., President Schulz requested a motion to adjourn the July 21, 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 voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jacque Tuma
Recording Secretary