

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, August 18, 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 August 18, 2021, meeting to order at approximately 6:06 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, Larson, Fischer, Ott, and President Schulz.
- Also in Attendance** Executive Director Greg Lewis, Attorney Angelo Vitiritti, Director of Recreation Lea Pipiras, Director of Parks-Maintenance George Travnicek, Director of Golf Bob Schulz, Director of Business Services Kathy Lynch, Deputy Director of Recreation Jason Braglia, 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 July 31, 2021. President Schulz requested any questions or comments regarding the monthly Treasurer's Report for July 31, 2021. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented for July 31, 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 Kraemer quoted totals from the Payment of Bills as presented for July 31, 2021. President Schulz requested any questions or comments. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Payment of Bills as presented for July 31, 2021. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Ott. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Communications** President Schulz stated there is an article in the packet from the Herald News – Best of Lincoln-Way Reader's Choice Awards 2021; Family Recreation (BEST) New Lenox Community Park District and Best Golf Course was Sanctuary Golf Course.
- Approval of Minutes** *Approval of the Tri-Annual Meeting minutes of July 12, 2021*
President Schulz requested and question or comments on the Tri-Annual Meeting minutes. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Tri- Annual Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2021, as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Ott and seconded by Commissioner Kraemer. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion
- Approval of the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2021*
President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Public Hearing meeting minutes of July 21, 2021. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Public Hearing meeting minutes of July 21, 2021, as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2021*
President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Regular Board Meeting minutes of July 21, 2021. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of July 21, 2021, 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 President Schulz reported the financial audit is still ongoing and they are putting their final touches on the report. President Schulz noted the tax levy is coming in better than expected as well.

Facilities / Planning Commissioner Ott noted Stop the Bleed Kits were installed at Administration Building, Golf Course Clubhouse, and the Lions Community Center; these are military grade. The Administration Building also had a new roof installed along with new gutters and downspouts being installed next week. Director of Parks – Maintenance Travnicek noted the sewer lines got cleaned and all 50 fire extinguishers.

Golf Course

Golf Course

Commissioner Kraemer reported July was a good month even with losing the first three days of the month to flooding. July was still a record-breaking month. It was noted every outing in July had an increase in participation. League play is still going very strong. Callaway fitting days keep selling out and we will have one more next month. The 2021 high school schedule has been finalized and there are more matches than in the past which will cut down on our revenue a bit for August. Food and Beverage is going great, and staff is doing an amazing job trying to accommodate new challenges of finding people who want to work. We are still experiencing products not being able to get such as MGD and MGD64 which haven't been able to be delivered since the beginning of July. We had some irrigation issues on holes 14 and 15 but Golf Course Superintendent Eggert is doing a good job of handling the situation. Holes 17 and 18 experienced flooding and we lost some areas of grass, but we are still in good shape. The Bunker drainage project has been noticed by all customers and lots of great feedback on this money well spent. We just have a few projects to finish but overall, the course is doing great. Director of Golf Schulz noted Golf and Fish registrations is Tuesday, September 7th at 6AM.

Parks/Development

Development Projects Update

Commissioner Larson reported we are still waiting for Bisping Construction to repair the smaller sink hole.

Leigh Creek South Update

Commissioner Larson noted we are still waiting for final payment from the state for \$200K. We held our Grand Opening on July 22nd and overheard from several attendees this was the best Grand Opening they have ever attended. Great teamwork by our departments and LWSRA staff which made this event so successful.

Sky Harbor Park Update

Commissioner Larson noted the shelters delivery has been a set back this month and materials in general are hard to get. We are still waiting for the concrete sub to install curbing and walk around the CPA.

Hibernia Park Development Phase II – OSLAD 2022 Grant Project Discussion

Commissioner Larson noted we had our first public hearing on Thursday, August 5th with 8 families in attendance and the kids were thrilled with the ice cream social. Our second public hearing was on Thursday, August 12th. Overall, the homeowners liked the concept plan and the new features being considered such as the putting green, shuffleboard, accessible boat docks, and more. Executive

Director Lewis noted this project is in our Master Plan with a few adjustments as adding in the fitness stations around the pond. There were a few concerns about the fencing around the spray park but is included in the budget figures which are a little over \$1M. There was a great showing for the first public meeting held on site; it was asked if a serving window on the outside of the fencing could be installed for those who are not in the spray park area. There will be sunshades install at the spray park along with site furniture and more umbrellas. Executive Director Lewis noted this is a good project to go after an OSLAD and help with the 50/50. We have funds budgeted in our Capital fund, Bond, and the ADA fund along with the potential Capitals funds from our legislators. Executive Director Lewis is comfortable with our matching the grant of \$400K. Executive Director Lewis commented that IAPD has voiced their concern there may not be a lot of projects being submitted for OSLAD. It was noted if there is OSLAD funding we will apply for our older sites and new areas like Waterchase. President Schulz likes the concept plan from PRI, and we are in a good spot to apply. Commissioner Fischer noted we have a bocci ball court at Sky Harbor will that hurt us in point value. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek would have to have PRI plug that into the programming that shows our deficiencies. Commissioner Fischer asked if a shuffleboard would be better. Director of Parks- Maintenance Travnicek will investigate this feature. Commissioner Fischer asked if we must approve the alternates tonight. Executive Director Lewis mentioned to the board we need to move forward as there is a short window to get everything finished before the application deadline. We can approve the alternates in the bidding process and some of the alternates can be done in house save on costs. The bathrooms will score us points and the mechanical room needs to move above ground. We are very successful with turning projects around in six months, but we do have 2 years to complete once the contract is executed. Commissioner Ott asked if receiving the grants can hurt you eventually in the long run with receiving more funding. Executive Director Lewis commented it could, but we have been on time with completing our projects along with our populations is still growing which causes the need. We also make the process easy. President Schulz doesn't want to leave funding on the table. Executive Director Lewis noted with Walker Country Estates we had to put in infrastructure to help the grant along which if we must do this as well on this project we can. The spray park surfacing should have last 20 years which they are finding out they do not. Commissioner Fischer commented this is a destination park which just last month generated \$3K in revenue.

Commissioner Larson noted the Associations fall seasons will soon start. Baseball has over 400 players where usually they have 275-300 players. They need volunteer coaches. Girls Softball has 334 players which is also up from last year. Mustangs' participation is down and the same goes for NLYFA. Soccer is also down from previous years. NLCPD and Soccer will share the costs for an accessible concrete walk to their new shelter and a port-a-john pad. NLSD 122 will help cover costs for a new accessible concrete walk leading to Rachel Ridge Subdivision. Deputy Director of Executive Services Tuma and her staff are doing a great job with contacting and collecting the needed association required documents and NLSD 122 liked our revised documents thanks to Director of Business Services Lynch and Deputy Director of Business Service Acklin.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted we are replenishing our playgrounds with safety mulch. The Grand Opening for the Fitness Court is Tuesday, August 17th with a demonstration on how the equipment works.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted the concrete work for Sky Harbor should be completed this week either Thursday or Friday with the completion in the middle of October instead of the end of September. Commissioner Larson noted both new zero turn mowers have been working out well and thanked Golf Course Assistant Director Wesolowski for catching a few safety item upon delivery. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted staff will be installing a new scoreboard at the Lions Den for our Recreation Softball League. Staff is also working with K Brother Fence to install 22 foot high netting down rightfield line to center field. Staff over all is doing a great job.

Recreation

Asset of the Month – Personal Power/Self-Awareness

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

Special Recreation Update

Executive Director Lewis noted the Grand Opening of Leigh Creek South was great event. LWSRA's Executive Director was in awe as to how this whole process works. The staff goes out daily to network with those who are coming to the park site. This is a feel-good park. Wheelchair Softball Team raised \$11,447.00 to go to Mississippi for the World Series which is a great event for LWSRA to attend. The foundation's golf outing was the largest outing again and everyone had a great day. They are applying for a tourism grant and continue to get donations. Overall, they are doing well and financially healthy.

Commissioner Fischer noted the Recreation Department is coming back to life every month. On Wednesday, July 21st a virtual Flag Football Coaches meeting was held. Our Fall Kick Start Soccer League has 120 in our 3- and 4-year-old participating and 100 in our 5- and 6-year division. We also have 33 coaches who are volunteering their time. Camp Wewannago ended with 245 campers and we are happy to report our campers remained healthy throughout the summer. Currently our Kiddie Kampus program has 197 enrolled for our 2021-2022 school year. Commissioner Fischer highlighted how much Hibernia Park is used with our Splash Pad entries at 457 residents and 103 non-residents. Along with 64 boat rentals. Our Google reviews were great too with 12 out 13 receiving five stars.

New Business

Resolution #21-13 Resolution to Authorization of the Execution of the OSLAD Grant Project Application (Hibernia Park Development Phase II)

President Schulz asked if there were any questions regarding Resolution #21-13. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve Resolution #21-13 Resolution to Authorization of the Execution of the OSLAD Grant Project Application (Hibernia Park Development Phase II). Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

COVID-19 Update/Work in Progress

President Schulz noted this is a work in progress and noted in the board packet is the All-Sport Policy and Public Health Requirements for Schools.

Executive Session Minutes Released from December 2019 through Present Including Previously Withheld Minutes

President Schulz noted we have one set of minutes from February 10, 2021 to release that both the Park District Legal Counsel and I have reviewed and would recommend releasing them. President Schulz requested a motion to release Executive Session minutes from February 10, 2021. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Ott. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

At approximately 6:50 p.m., President Schulz requested a motion to adjourn the August 18, 2021, Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Commissioner Ott, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jacque Tuma, Recording Secretary