

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at approximately 6:01 p.m. in the Board Room of the Village Hall., New Lenox, Illinois.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS:

Call to order President Schulz called the December 15, 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: Kraemer, Fischer, Ott, and President Schulz.

Also in Attendance Executive Director Greg Lewis, Attorney Angelo Vitiritti, Director of Business Services Kathy Lynch, Director of Golf Bob Schulz, Director Parks-Maintenance George Travnicek, Director of Recreation Lea Pipiras, Recreation Supervisor Amy Maher, 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 November 30, 2021. President Schulz requested any questions or comments regarding the monthly Treasurer's Report for November 30, 2021. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented for November 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.

Payment of Bills Commissioner Kraemer quoted totals from the Payment of Bills as presented for November 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 November 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.

Special Guests President Schulz requested a motion to amend the agenda to move Resolution #21-20 Honoring Jason Buffone as the 2021 Champion of Champions from New Business to Special Guest. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution#21-20 Honoring Jason Buffone as the 2021 Champion of Champions

President Schulz requested a motion to approve Resolution#21-20 Honoring Jason Buffone as the 2021 Champion of Champions. Motion made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Ott. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Director of Golf Schulz noted Jason had been playing golf now for the past 12-13 years. Jason was invited to play in the Champions of Champions which has been playing since 1933; where each club champion gets an invitation to come play in the tournament. Jason was one of 69 asked to play and he is the first ever to win the tournament from a public golf course, which will be on the trophy now forever. Jason shot a 68 to win the tournament and if there was a tie there would have been a playoff. Jason represented the Sanctuary Clubhouse very well and we hope to keep the trophy here for a while.

Consent Agenda

Recreation Supervisor Maher read and presented the Resolution to Mr. Jason Buffone as the 2021 Champion of Champions.

Approval of the Special Workshop Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2021

President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Special Workshop Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2021. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Special Workshop Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2021, as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Ott. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2021

President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2021. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2021, as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Ott. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval for the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2021

President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2021. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Ott, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Committee & Staff Reports

Business Services

President Schulz noted everything is going well and commented on how many FOIA's we had received this past month.

Facilities / Planning

Commissioner Ott commented staff is keeping up with everything. Commissioner Ott commented in the packet the 2022 Room Rental Rates are going to increase this was postponed due to COVID. Rental fees typically go up on the calendar year not the fiscal year. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek commented the Golf Course Maintenance building will have both bathrooms renovated and we were able to do this with parts from other projects which will save us money. President Schulz commented our staff does a great job with all our facilities.

Golf Course

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Commissioner Kraemer reported November was the best November to date. Chili Opens were a great success and we had 144 players each day with 26 pans of chili on Saturday and 27 on Sunday. Winter rates will stay in effect until March. Commissioner Kraemer noted the new bar countertop has been ordered and we are hoping to install over the winter; carpet cleaning is also scheduled. The course had been prepped for winter. We are having an issue finding John Deere parts for our equipment and the new parts also have increased by 15% this is happening with a lot of equipment right now. Director of Golf Schulz commented the Penguin Open is scheduled for January 22nd and please remember to bring a can good for the food pantry. We are also taking tee times for the winter and gift cards are available online.

Parks/Development

Tri-Annual Update

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek commented the Tri-Annual Meeting went well. Participation numbers are like those of 2019. Everyone was in attendance. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted the rough in is done for baseball for their washrooms at Bentley/Tyler Campus.

Development Update

Leigh Creek South Update

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted we are still waiting for the final \$200K reimbursement form the state for this project.

Hibernia Park Phase II – possible OSLAD Grant

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek commented we had a great site visit from our IDNR Grant Administrator, and she was pleased with the project.

Sky Harbor Park Update

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek commented in the Board Packet is the Change Directives #1 to furnish and install additional stone (CA-6) under perimeter walk at the playground which costed \$1,141.00. Also, in the packet is the Change Directive #2 to furnish and install GBx12 Geogrid under parking lot due to lack of compactable clay base cost of \$11,100.00; both directives were due to the unsuitable soils and our construction budget allotted for such conditions. President Schulz noted there is also now a Change Order for the Construction Target Schedule to be pushed back due to weather, supply chain, and the shelters not coming in. Executive Director Lewis noted change directives can be done in the field since the timing and schedule were not meet we have to do a change order which is the first change order which is not affecting the price. We do have language regarding a plenty that will be reinstated in the spring if they cannot meet the substantial and/or the completion date. We still have to have insurance which we've already paid which is what you have during construction and the site will not go on our normal policy until the park is completed; we have asked the contractor to cover this cost.

Change Order #1 – Revised Contract Substantial and Final Completion Dates – Construction Target Schedule

President Schulz asked if anyone had anything further to discuss. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion approve Change Order #1 – Revised Contract Substantial and Final Completion Dates – Construction Target Schedule. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Ott. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Recreation

Asset of the Month – Caring School Climate

Director Lewis read the Asset of the Month.

Special Recreation Update

Executive Director Lewis commented there is nothing to report since their meeting is next week. They did have their Grinch events and had 4 or 5 sessions where they put their kits together; unfortunately, there was some issues to combat with masks and/or testing.

Commissioner Fischer highlighted the Children's Basketball League started the week of November 8th with 882 volunteer coaches and 40 teams running. We also had our Adult Flag Football Turkey Tournament which ran on November 6th. Commissioner Fischer thanked Berkots for their donation of 20 turkeys and 20 chickens for this event. Commissioner Fischer noted our Kiddie Kampus had their annual food drive which collected over 1,000 food items for the food pantry. This is a wonderful way to volunteer and to help others. We also had our annual Gobbler Gauntlet 5K on November 20th with 240 participants. Commissioner Fischer thanked all of sponsors: Town Center Bank, Rosati's, Chiro One, Endure Running, VCI Med Spa and Berkots. Commissioner Fischer noted the Winter/Spring 2022 registration for in district residents started December 13th and out of district is December 20th. It was noted the Village's last weekend of events is Sunday, December 19th and the ice rink will remain up until January 2nd.

New Business

Resolution #21-21 Amending Authorized Designator for BMO Harris Bank the Official Depository of Funds of the New Lenox Community Park District

President Schulz requested a motion to approve Resolution #21-21 Amending Authorized Designator for BMO Harris Bank the Official Depository of Funds of the New Lenox Community Park District. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Community Events

President Schulz announced the upcoming events as follows:

Christmas in the Commons and Holiday Market is Now Open until December 19.

For more information go to the Village of New Lenox website at newlenox.net

The ice rinks, hosted by the New Lenox Community Park District, are free of charge if you bring your own ice skates. For Days and Hours of Operation visit our website at newlenoxparks.org

President Schulz wished everyone Happy Holidays and acknowledged that our staff is doing an exceptional job yet again this year and we always adapt to what is being thrown our way.

Commissioner Kraemer congratulated Brian Fischer for the New Lenox Chamber Citizen of the Year Award.

Commissioner Fischer agreed with either that Commissioner Kraemer and President Schulz has said. We are doing what the public needs us to do with ½ the number of staff and resources we use to have. We will get back to where we use to. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Adjournment

At approximately 6:36 p.m., President Schulz requested a motion to adjourn the December 15, 2021, Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Commissioner Ott, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Recording Secretary – Jacque Tuma