

Minutes of the Tri Annual Meeting held on Monday, December 6, 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, December 6, 2021, meeting to order at approximately 6:30 pm.

Roll Call In Attendance: Commissioner Larson, Director of Parks-Maintenance George Travnicsek, Park Maintenance Assistant Director Ken Stephens, Jason Sterritt NLSA, Marty Kelly NLGSA, Dion Cal NLSA, Lynn Plarski NLMFA, Matt Gilbert NLYFA, Mike Granata, NLBA and Deputy Director of Executive Services Jacque Tuma.

Associations Reports Mike Granata – NLBA

Fall participation was at 432. There was nothing else to report. Director of Parks – Maintenance Travnicsek noted last year baseball was at 600. Mike noted it was due to COVID and having no Football during the fall season they all came over to baseball. Mike also commented the bathrooms have been approved. Next season we can cut down on the amount of porta johns needed. Director of Parks – Maintenance Travnicsek asked when completion will be for the new bathrooms. Mike noted by the 1st of the year as all the underground work is completed.

Marty Kelly – NLGSA

Marty Kelly noted Girls Softball had 341 participants which is more than a year ago. Looking into switching over lighting like baseball just did the hope is to do this sometime in the spring and we are also looking to replace fencing too. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicsek asked if the updates for the fencing was just at Walona only. Marty mentioned Palmer as well; but waiting on costs. Commissioner Larson asked baseball how the new lights were. Mike from baseball noted they were great and work well.

Lynn Plarski - Mustangs

Lynn Plarski noted they didn't lose anyone to COVID this fall and staying on top of everything. Had about 160 players gone to Gatlinburg. Will be working on the concession stand in the spring, overall numbers down a bit from the spring.

Matt Gilbert – NLYFA

Matt Gilbert noted they had 280 total participates this fall. Super lights didn't have a team this year so we will try only 8 teams next year. Overall, had a successful season. Had one case of COVID because they rode the bus home from Spencer together and we only had one make game. Was a long season since we had a spring season as well. Francis Fields had about \$10-\$15K worth of turf damage from a gathering they allowed. This is the north part of the facility going east/west. They must determine which group. Matt mentioned the board has changed. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicsek commented to have this information on letterhead and submitted to the Park District. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicsek reminded all associations all information goes to the Administration Coordinator email address.

Dion Cal-NLSA

Dion Cal noted built the new pavilion and had an opening. Had one COVID case with a coach which was isolated to just that team. Numbers are lower than last year. Field 7 was completely redone, and it looks great. looking for a tall fencing for fields 1-3 to help stray balls go into the neighbor's yard. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicsek commented the Lions Den has netting up to help prevent stray balls from the softball field going into the yards.

Park District

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicsek noted Spencer will have more screenings added in 2022 along with patching done at Bentley/Tyler.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicsek noted required documents was better this year with the new procedures and deadlines. Deputy Director of Executive Services Tuma did mention the district is still waiting for the 2020 filed taxes from NLBA and NLYFA.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted communication needs to get better and be more proactive, so things are on the schedule. Emails and calls are great for this.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted for COVID 19 nothing new to report.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek asked if everyone was good with core aerating and the park district would split the costs with the associations for the in fields/out fields. NLYFA noted Lacrosse is there in the spring. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek asked everyone to let us know.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted garbage pick up was good this season. Parks-Maintenance Assistant Director Stephens noted to make sure if there's a project going on to make sure the dumpster is dumped quicker to prevent overflow. Smaller dumpsters are good for special events.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted we currently have 2 fulltime spots open that we cannot fill. We are building more parks with less staff. In years past we were hiring 10-11-part timers for seasonal work in years past; now we are only getting 1 or 2 tops. Our board has done a good job with pay increases. It was asked for the associations to ask their participants if they know of anyone. It was asked if we posted the job positions on our website as a link or even Facebook. District 122 got a lot of applications with Facebook postings.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted we did not do Out of District fees last year because of COVID but we will need to do so this year. The percentage is 75/25 which generates \$17K which would be good to have to put towards a riding striper with a couple of different attachments since we strip a lot of fields.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted payment of invoices are due within 30 days of receipt.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek informed the associations the park district will be going out for bid on portable services as they have raised their pricing for 2022 by 30-55%. We will be going out to bid in January and we are hoping the price points come back good. This increase will affect everyone.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted we had the grand opening for Leigh Creek South over the summer which was our first \$1M park development. We are working on completing the construction of Sky Harbor in the spring which is also a \$1M park. We have submitted an OSLAD Grant which if we receive the grant will be our third \$1M park site.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek reminded the associations that all projects need to be filtered through the Park District for permitting to take place and if fees need to be waived it's better for it to come from us.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek reminded everyone to turn in their schedules to Ken so he can make sure everything is scheduled for each association. If they are not turned in, then fields cannot be done.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek commented everyone did a great job this season with communicating about special events and/or tournaments.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek comment the turf will receive weed and feed control the same as years past with the split being 50/50 for the fall application. Spring application the park district pays 100% and if you would like a 3rd or 4th application, please let us know. It was asked how the irrigation systems were doing at Spencer. Dion from NLSA commented it is going much better than before.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek commented this is our 3rd year with the mowing contract and the year they can negate pricing. Assume the fees will increase and reminded the associations we don't ask for out of district fees from NLYFA as they utilize Francis Fields.

School District

Lynn Plarski from Mustangs commented again it is impossible to get the Wi-Fi password from the School District to help with the possibility of putting up cameras at their location. There was a brief discussion of other options to use for cameras and that the district is looking into Solar Power poles to help.

Jason Sterritt with NLSA 122 reported the district is replacing two roofs one at the District Office and the other is at Oakview School; but this will not interfere with any association. He will update everyone with Black Out dates if something has changed.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek thanked everyone for great Teamwork and wished everyone a Happy Holiday!

Next meeting is Monday, March 7th at 6:30PM.

Adjournment

Commissioner Larson adjourned the Tri-Annual Meeting of December 6, 2021 at approximately 7:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jacque Tuma
Recording Secretary