

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 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 16, 2022 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: Larson, Ott, and President Schulz.

Also in Attendance Executive Director Greg Lewis, Deputy Director of Business Services Karen Acklin, Director of Golf Bob Schulz, Director of Parks-Maintenance George Travnicek, Director of Recreation Lea Pipiras, Deputy Director of Business Services Jason Braglia, Deputy Director of Recreation Olga Viano, and Deputy Director of Executive Services Jacque Tuma.

Treasurer's Report Deputy Director of Business Services Acklin quoted the totals from the monthly Treasurer's Report as presented for February 28, 2022. President Schulz requested any questions or comments regarding the monthly Treasurer's Report for February 28, 2022. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented for February 28, 2022. Motion made by Commissioner Ott, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Payment of Bills Deputy Director of Business Services Acklin quoted totals from the Payment of Bills as presented for February 28, 2022. 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, 2022. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Ott. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Communications *IAPD Legislative Conference – Update on Hot Issues at the Capitol*
President Schulz commented there is information in the board packet from when staff went to Springfield. Executive Director Lewis noted one of the top topics from the Legislative Conference was the OSLAD grants and there are three times the number of applications for the funds that are budgeted. Currently there is \$28M in the budget with \$48.5M in projects submitted. The upcoming budget is earmarked for \$56M.

IDNR – OSLAD Grant FY 22 Letter

Executive Director Lewis commented we received this letter right after we came back from Springfield explaining the next steps in the FY 2022 grant applications. Currently these applications will not be awarded until Fall of 2022 with contract agreements coming out Winter of 2022 with anticipated construction starting in Spring of 2023. We need to get the Legislators back into the parks. Executive Director Lewis did not IDNR is asking to be fully funded for staffing to hopefully get these applications reviewed and awarded. We are preparing for a FY23 application in July if that is when we need to submit. Commissioner Ott commented that \$56M is almost double what is currently in the budget.

- Consent Agenda** *Approval for the Regular Minutes of February 16, 2022*
President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Regular Minutes of February 16, 2022. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Ott. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Committee & Staff Reports**
- Business Services** *Full Time Introduction – Ms. Bethany Lerch*
President Schulz commented he is very excited to see new employees and read Ms. Bethany Lerch’s bio out loud to the public.

President Schulz congratulated the Business Services Department on receiving an IPRF Safety & Educational Grant in the amount of \$8,130.00 to be used for solar panels and new cameras.
- Facilities / Planning** Commissioner Ott noted all fire extinguishers have been checked, yearly preventative maintenance has been completed for the backup generator for the Administration Building. Excel found to breaks at the LCC for the lighting which will need to be corrected so they will do directional boring to correct this. LED lighting has saved the district a cost savings of \$28,000 at all five buildings.
- Golf Course** *Golf Course*
Commissioner Larson reported February wasn’t the best month because of the snow. All 2022 perms have returned and there are new outings being booked for the upcoming season due to other golf courses closing this year. Commissioner Larson commented the new range balls have been delivered and our customers are already making positive comments. Commissioner Larson commented there is no new update on the golf cart fleet. Commissioner Larson noted there is a new beer tap that has been installed and it looks great. Overall, the Food and Beverage side looks great for the upcoming season. Commissioner Larson noted it is getting harder to receive parts and the prices are increasing rapidly. Commissioner Larson noted chemical pricing has increased 20-30% from last year so we may be looking into creative options. Winter left the course in great shape.
- Parks/Development** *Development Update*
Sky Harbor Park Update
Commissioner Larson reported the first installation of the pour and place surfacing cannot be done until the temperature reaches 50 degrees. This will be complete once we have better weather.

Bristol Park Updated
Commissioner Larson noted we are still waiting for Bisping to finish work this spring to remove three piles of soil and install a new drain cover which should be happening soon.

Hibernia Park Phase II Update
Commissioner Larson noted we are still waiting to hear when we will be able to make our presentation.

**Parks/Development
(cont.)**

Tri-Annual Meeting Update

Commissioner Larson noted later in the board meeting there are few exceptions to policies for the Associations. One letter is from the NLBA requesting the use of field lights on Sunday if needed for the big tournaments. Also, in the board packet is a letter from Girls Softball to fill the Vice-President vacancy with an out of district member who had previously lived in New Lenox for 55 years but currently now lives in Mokena. Director of Parks Maintenance Travnicek noted this has been allowed before especially when volunteers are scarce.

Commissioner Larson noted staff meet with Ramiro Guzman Landscaping last month to go over the mowing schedules that cover Monday through Wednesday and at the end of this month weather pending they will visit all the sites to show their staff boundaries, demanding areas, bus schedules, recess times, camp and splash pad. Commissioner Larson noted Rollin Aquatics Solutions will begin servicing our ponds once the water starts warming up. Commissioner Larson noted we will have a new rider/field liner which should be delivered mid-April and most of the cost will be covered by the Associations out of district fees.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek commented he met with Oaklawn Blacktop regarding Sky Harbor and is hoping to have the parking lot done on Monday, April 18th weather pending.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted staff meet with PRI regarding Water Chase Park's concept. We will have two public meetings with the homeowners to get their feedback on the concept plans.

DR Horton – Hickory Creek

Executive Director Lewis noted this is still a work in progress, but it would be approximately 10-13 acres and would be in Phase I of the development. This is going back to sketch plan in April/May and will be the first turnkey park site we will receive. Executive Director Lewis noted currently staff is putting together ideas for a concept plan and everyone is on board with doing a turnkey; the balance would be owed in cash. President Schulz commented this would be huge for the district especially since it's in Phase I. Executive Director Lewis commented we'll see how fast Phase I will go and timing; need title to the land as well. Overall, this is a good thing for the community.

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 the Kindful Report is \$60,750 which \$60,000 was from the foundation. Executive Director Lewis noted they also did a popcorn fundraiser that sold \$18,000 in popcorn which reached 44 stores, 142 cities, 23 states, and 404 supporters. LWSRA will receive 50% of all sales. Executive Director Lewis noted 15 new participants have registered with LWSRA and 2 of them are from New Lenox. The board approved the audit that was submitted for review. Financially they are in good shape.

Commissioner Ott gave kudos to the staff for all the meetings, committees, and community involvement they do in many areas on top of their normal job duties. It was noted the Recreation Team is not just a 9AM-5PM job and was given appreciation for the Flashlight Clover Hunt held on March 11th. Commissioner

Ott thanked the 280 volunteers we had for a Flag Football and Basketball Leagues. It was also noted that Recreation Supervisor Maher is doing a great job with the social media and website. Commissioner Ott noted April 23rd Running with Friends 5K and on April 10th is the Barks and Brews Event at Walker Country Estates Park from 12PM-2PM.

New Business

New Lenox Baseball Association (Rebels) Lighting Letter of Request for specific tournament dates – Exception to Policies Governing Lighted Athletic Sites for Sunday Usage

President Schulz asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve New Lenox Baseball Association (Rebels) Lighting Letter of Request for specific tournament dates – Exception to Policies Governing Lighted Athletic Sites for Sunday Usage. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Ott. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

New Lenox Softball Association Request to make an Exception to Letter M in the Athletic Association requiring Officers and Board Members to Reside in the New Lenox Community Park District boundaries

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Community Events

President Schulz read the community events:

The New Lenox Safe Community Coalition A Matter of Balance: MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

FREE Event; Dates: March 29 - April 21, 2022 (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

Time: 9:30am to 11:30am in the

Location: Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall,
1 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox, IL.

For more information contact Daniel Martin, Safe Community Coordinator, Village of New Lenox - dmartin@newlenox.net or (815) 462-6493

Ladies Night Out Fundraiser

Westside Children's Therapy and Dash of Glam Women's Boutique are raising money for a Westside family in need. The night will feature spring and summer clothes, wine, and snacks - Date: Saturday, April 9, 6:00-9:00pm. Located at Westside Children Therapy, 2320 E Lincoln Highway, New Lenox. Contact Sean at sean.hastings@westsidect.com for any questions.

Adjournment

At approximately 6:36p.m., President Schulz requested a motion to adjourn the March 16, 2022, 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,
Recording Secretary – Jacque Tuma