

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 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 15, 2023, 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, Fischer and President Schulz.
- Also in Attendance** Executive Director Greg Lewis, Deputy Director of Business Services Karen Acklin, Golf Course Assistant Director Ethan Bedsaul, Director of Parks-Maintenance George Travnicek, Director of Recreation Lea Pipiras, Deputy Director of Business Services Jason Braglia, and Deputy Director of Executive Services Jacque Tuma.
- Treasurer’s Report** Commissioner Fischer quoted the totals from the monthly Treasurer’s Report as presented for February 28, 2023. President Schulz requested any questions or comments regarding the monthly Treasurer’s Report for February 28, 2023. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented for February 28, 2023. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Ott. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Payment of Bills** Commissioner Fischer quoted totals from the Payment of Bills as presented for February 28, 2023. 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, 2023. Motion made by Commissioner Ott, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Approval of Minutes** Approval for the Regular Minutes of February 15, 2023
President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Regular Minutes of February 15, 2023. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda 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.
- Committee & Staff Reports**
- Business Services** Commissioner Ott reported Director of Business Services Lynch and himself met with BMO Harris Bank regarding a cash interest account. More information to come.
- Facilities / Planning** President Schulz reported inspections were completed at all Parks. Also noted in the report was building safety reviews were completed at all buildings (excluding both concession buildings), as well as monthly fire extinguisher checks.
- Golf Course** Golf Operations
Commissioner Larson reported February was a pretty good month for winter golf with almost 600 rounds of golf played. Also, reported was the new golf cart fleet has arrived. Commissioner Larson also reported just over \$5,000 in range ball

revenue has been taken in so far this winter. All leagues, outings, perms and small groups have returned for the 2023 season.

Food and Beverage Operations

Commissioner Larson reported February was a great month for Food and Beverage since the winter golf weather was decent. Also, reported was gaming is finally getting caught up after the \$13,000 winner a couple months ago.

Grounds Operations

Commissioner Larson reported some dead trees on holes 14 and 15 were removed and much needed drainage was added on the left side of hole 14. Overall, the golf course is in great shape.

Parks/Development

Developed Park Sites Update

Hibernia Park Phase II

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek reported project is finally out to bid as of today (3/15/23), with a bid opening set for 4/5/23. Also noted was this project manual is 600+ pages versus Sky Harbor, which was 325 pages.

Sky Harbor Park

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek reported our park district is looking forward to Integral Construction returning to the site, weather pending, to complete the punch list/finishing the project.

Water Chase Park

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek reported GREAT NEWS - We were awarded the next cycle of the OSLAD grants. Bidding documents to come in the Fall 2023, with breaking ground to follow in 2024.

Bristol Park

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek reported the Tot Lot will be coming Fall 2023.

Tri-Annual Update

Commissioner Larson noted the Tri Annual meeting was held Monday, 3/6/23.

Soccer and Girls Softball were not in attendance.

Baseball anticipates 1,160+ players (highest number since 2009), with Opening Day set for 4/22/23. Dug out tops/roofs will be replaced on fields 5-15, renovations were completed on fields 9 & 14 (Jr. High plays on these two fields), and a new infield groomer was purchased (replacing an old/slow unit).

Girls Softball is looking at strong numbers, with close to 500 players, with an opening day set for 4/29/23. No spring projects but looking to renovate the infield at Palmer Valley Park in the fall.

Mustangs are anticipating good numbers with cheerleading up. Registration is still being taken. They intend on holding skill camps again this spring in May & June. There are no projects coming, and all head coaches and board members are being trained & certified in CPR and AED (assistant coaches encouraged to be included).

Youth Football once again has strong registration numbers and 2 new teams have been added to the league. Like the Mustangs, all head coaches are being trained & certified in CPR and AED. They are looking to lease or purchase portable light towers (used at the 4H Fields).

NLSD 122 has turned in schedules for their upcoming seasons (softball & baseball), and games will start in August and run through mid-September with playoffs following.

Commissioner Larson reported this year McCloud Aquatics will be maintaining 9 of our retention ponds. The Park District will receive an additional month of service for close to the same price we were paying last year with Solitude Lake Mgt (formerly Rollins Aquatics). Most of our porta johns will be out in the parks, golf course and athletic sites prior to 4/1/23.

Commissioner Larson reported staff is finishing up late winter pruning and the plug was pulled at Haines Park ice rink at the end of February, with warmer temps this winter it put a damper on skateable ice. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicsek is still trying to get prescribed burn scheduled in three weeks. At our parks and athletic sites there are 216 waste receptacles, 152 picnic tables and 125 park benches.

Sub-Recipient Grant Agreement with Will County-Discussion

President Schulz reported on the Sub-Recipient Grant Agreement with Will County the American Rescue Plan Act, with an allocation totaling \$237,180. Thank you to the county for thinking of and including park districts, as not every county includes their park districts. Executive Director Lewis also added the money had to be specific to Covid mitigations. We qualified with the new washrooms/ HVAC system at Hibernia, which will help mitigate Covid moving forward. Commissioner Ott further added a big kudos to Executive Director Lewis and the staff for getting this done.

Recreation

Special Recreation Update

Executive Director Lewis noted we are off cycle with the board meetings and will get the packet out when it's received. Executive Director Lewis mentioned the second Annual report is in the board packet and a really nice job done reporting what has happened in the past year.

As we're moving forward, a committee will be formed, as well as a report on the Decennial Committee for the Local Government Efficiency Act. Coming in May, this committee will be formed and have 18 months to hold three meetings. The committee will consist of the board, Executive Director Lewis, and members of the community. The hope is to bring the Executive Board of The Friends of the Park on this committee. There is a report that has to be submitted every 10 years. The goal is to use the special recreation report, our report and intergovernmental agreements to showcase what we do in New Lenox to save money. This is definitely a positive and not a negative.

Committee and Staff Report Update

Commissioner Fischer reported as a piggyback onto what Executive Director Lewis mentioned the LWSRA had 358 people take advantage of over 300 programs. Commissioner Fischer noted we have 478 participants in our Before/After school program, Children's Basketball League ended late February. A shout out to all the coaches and volunteers for a successful program. One special event that took place was the mom/son Nerf battle, with 33 kids and 27 moms participating. All having a 'blast'...if you will. Upcoming events happening: Barks and Brews (free event) at Walker Country Estates on 4/16 and

our summer guide will be going live on the website 4/21. Details for Camp Wewannago and Camp Sunshine are on the website. Also, noted is we are looking for high school and college age kids for summer jobs with flexible hours and competitive pay!

New Business

Resolution #23-08 Execution of Lease Agreement with Pitney Bowes

President Schulz requested a motion to approve Resolution #23-08 Execution of Lease Agreement with Pitney Bowes. Motion made by Commissioner Ott, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #23-09 Execution of American Rescue Plan Act Sub-Recipient Grant with Will County

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

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Community Events

President Schulz read the community events:

New Lenox VFW

10th Annual Adults Only Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 1, 2023

Hunt begins at 8pm

Ticket: \$15 donation/ Bring cell phone for your flashlight!

Running with Friends 5k Run/Walk

Located at Sanctuary Golf Course

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Start time: 8am

Registration Fee: \$35/ \$45 after Monday, March 20

All net proceeds will benefit the New Lenox Friends of the Park

Sign up: go to runsignup.com

In person: at New Lenox Community Park District, 701 W. Haven

Adjournment

At approximately 6:23p.m., President Schulz requested a motion to adjourn the March 15, 2023, Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Ott. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Recording Secretary – Jacque Tuma