

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, November 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 November 16, 2022, meeting to order at approximately 6:04 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, Fischer, Ott, and President Schulz.
- Also, in Attendance** Executive Director Greg Lewis, Deputy Director of Executive Services Jacque Tuma, Director of Business Services Kathy Lynch, Director of Recreation Lea Pipiras, Deputy Director of Business Services Karen Acklin, Deputy Director of Business Services Jason Braglia, and Director of Parks-Maintenance George Travnicek, Director of Golf Bob Schulz, and Attorney Angelo Vitiritti.
- Treasurer's Report** Commissioner Fischer quoted the totals from the Monthly Treasurer's Report as presented for October 31, 2022. President Schulz requested any questions or comments regarding the Monthly Treasurer's Report for October 31, 2022. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented for October 31, 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** Commissioner Fischer quoted totals from the Payment of Bills as presented for October 31, 2022. President Schulz requested any questions or comments. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Payment of Bills as presented for October 31, 2022. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Ott. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Special Guests** Friends of the Park presented a check for \$3,000 to the Food Pantry from the Empty Bowls Event. Friends of the Park also presented a check to the Park District for \$4,000 from extra funds raised in the Spring along with earnings from the Meta-Mucil 55+ Golf Outing.
- Communications** Executive Director Greg Lewis noted the OSLAD yearly receipt totals through month-end by fiscal year shows the growth and is very healthy.
- Approval of Minutes** *Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2022*
President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2022. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2022, as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Larson seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Committee & Staff Reports**
- Business Services** Commissioner Ott noted it was nice to see unused funds returned to the Park District from the PDRMA for \$10,750.48 which does not happen very often. Commissioner Ott also stated funds and revenue have increased 25% from October 2021.
- Facilities / Planning** President Schulz stated general maintenance is ongoing along with preparations to the snow equipment for this winter season.

Golf Course

Commissioner Larson noted the Golf Course had a great October with a couple large outings even though October's weather was not the greatest. The driving range went to mats only halfway through October to save what grass they could on the tees. Commissioner Larson stated the Chili Open sold out on October 1st in less than 30 minutes with 58 tubs of chili being made by the staff for the event. There was a huge winner of over \$12,000 which was by far the largest winner to date in the golf course's gaming room. Commissioner Larson added the tee box on hole 15 is completed which doubled the size of the hitting area, which will give much more recovery time on hole 15. The irrigation control panels have all been installed and this has all been done in house by our amazing crew.

Parks/Development

Hibernia Phase II Park Update

Commissioner Larson noted HR Green has completed all topographical survey work and has forwarded information to Planning Resources which will be used in the bidding/construction documents. Our Village helped to locate and mark out all site utilities which helped HR Green with their work. Commissioner Larson added staff met with United Architects on site to discuss the future multi-use building. United Architects will work with Project Resources to incorporate the building documents into the bidding manual which will cover the entire project. Project Resources anticipates this project will go out to bid in January.

Sky Harbor Park Update

Commissioner Larson stated the water meter has been winterized.

Commissioner Larson noted we are still waiting to hear from the State/IDNR on the status of the OSLAD application. Baseball and girls' softball season ended in October, but tackle football is still playing in the playoffs. The next Tri-Annual meeting is scheduled for December 5th at 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Larson added all Porta Johns have been removed and will be going out to bid within the next 60 days. Our mowing contractor finished up around the last week of October and will also be going out to bid within the next 60 days. Hibernia Park parking lots and path around the pond have been crack filled and seal coated, and trees have been replaced at several sites which were lost due to the Derecho a couple years ago. Commissioner Larson noted staff has winterized all park and athletic sites. Renovation to Haines Disc Golf Course is completed and the players are giving it good reviews. Director of Parks-Maintenance George Travnicek thanked all the staff who endured the cold weather and helped to complete 80% of both synthetic ice rinks located at the Village Commons which usually takes 2 full days to complete.

Recreation

Special Recreation

Commissioner Fischer stated he attended the LWSRA Sports Banquet on Sunday, October 30th along with about 100 athletes with food provided by the Knights of Columbus. Commissioner Fischer noted how impressed he was by how many 1st, 2nd, 3rd and national places were awarded for sports such as tennis, bowling, wheelchair basketball, gymnastics and softball. Executive Director Greg Lewis added Crete Park District has been formally voted in to join the LWSRA. Commissioner Fischer along with Executive Director Greg Lewis both agreed Director of LWSRA Keith Wallace continues to do a phenomenal job.

Commissioner Fischer stated currently there is over 400 participants enrolled in our ACES program. There is currently an opening for a Leader position for the 1:45 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. shift. Please go to www.newlenoxparks.org if you are interested in applying. The Park District will continue to fill the open positions with our Office Coordinators and Supervisors until the positions are filled and again, we cannot stress how grateful we are to have employees who are willing to jump in and help each other out. Commissioner Fischer noted there are several bus trips coming up such as a trip to Savannah, Georgia in April and Memphis, Tennessee in the Fall. Commissioner Fischer added Fall Kickstart Soccer Leagues have concluded with 180 participants

with 18 teams and 26 volunteer coaches. Positive reviews came back for both the Kickstart Soccer League and the Flag Football League. Commissioner Fischer stated the Big Bad Pumpkin Party was held on Sunday, October 2nd at Walker Country Estates Park with over 300 in attendance. Activities included Halloween Plinko, Pumpkin Bozo Buckets, hayrides, music and a bouncy house. A special thanks to your main sponsor Senator Joyce, as well as, New Lenox Library, New Lenox Fire, Representative DeLuca, Key Autism Services, Always Bouncing and New Lenox Friends of the Park.

New Business

Ordinance #22-11-01 Tax Levy Ordinance 2022-2023

President Schulz asked if there were any questions or concerns with Ordinance #22-11-01. Hearing none. President Schulz requested a motion to approve Ordinance #22-11-01 Tax Levy Ordinance 2022-2023. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion based unanimously.

Ordinance #22-11-02 Declaring Currently Owned Property as Surplus and Authorizing its Disposal (Golf Fleet)

President Schulz asked if there were any questions or concerns with Ordinance #22-11-02. Hearing none. President Schulz requested a motion to approve Ordinance #22-11-02 Declaring Currently Owned Property as Surplus and Authorizing its Disposal (Golf Fleet). Motion made by Commissioner Ott, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion based unanimously.

Resolution #22-22 Authorizing the Execution of Lease with De Lage Landen Public Finance, LLC (Golf Fleet)

President Schulz asked if there were any questions or concerns with Resolution #22-22. Hearing none. President Schulz requested a motion to approve Resolution #22-22 Authorizing the Execution of Lease with De Lage Landen Public Finance, LLC (Golf Fleet). Motion made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Ott. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion based unanimously.

Resolution #22-23 Authorizing the Execution of the Agreements with Comcast for 901 Country Creek Drive

President Schulz asked if there were any questions or concerns with Resolution #22-23. Hearing none. President Schulz requested a motion to approve Resolution #22-23 Authorizing the Execution of the Agreements with Comcast for 901 Country Creek Drive Motion made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion based unanimously.

Community Events

Commissioner Fischer announced the upcoming events as follows:

The Village of New Lenox has continued its Christmas in the Commons traditions with Christmas lights and activities taking place on Saturdays and Sundays from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. starting on December 3rd. Please visit www.newlenox.net for more information.

Ice skating will be available at this event through the New Lenox Park District. The cost to rent ice skates is \$7.00 when paying with cash \$7.50 when paying by credit card. Skate rentals will be available from December 3rd through December 23rd: Saturdays and Sundays from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Thursdays and Fridays from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Starting on December 26th through December 31st skate rentals will be available Monday – Friday 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 31st from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to bring their own skates and can

enjoy the ice rink any time of the day. For more information, please visit their website at www.newlenoxparks.org.

Adjournment

At approximately 6:45 p.m., President Schulz requested a motion to adjourn the November 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 roll call, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Mennite, Recording Secretary