

Minutes of the Tri Annual Meeting held on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 6:30 pm at the New Lenox Community Park District, New Lenox, IL.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS:

Call to order Director of Park – Maintenance Travnicek called the Monday, July 10, 2023, meeting to order at approximately 6:30 pm.

Roll Call In Attendance: George Travnicek-Director of Park - Maintenance, Ken Stephens-Asst. Director of Parks and Maintenance, Jason Sterritt-NLSD 122, Chris-NLYFA, Mike Plesek and Dion Calandriello-New Lenox Soccer Association, Sean Plarski-New Lenox Mustangs, Gary Kraemer-New Lenox Park District, and Deputy Director of Executive Services Jacque Tuma.

Associations Reports Spring/Summer Season Summary, Upcoming Summer/Fall Season & Project Update(s)

Marty Kelly NLGSA

Marty Kelly reported that we ended up with over 500 girls which means there are 45 teams. We had no major problems in the summer. We had a couple nights dealing with parking. A couple times they called the cops, and some came in and drove off, they didn't do anything. We didn't have any problems there. We hosted a couple tournaments that went well except for last weekend when we had a lot of rain. As of right now we don't have a lot of projects. We are going to start talking about that soon, trying to fix or add it for next year. Now there isn't anything specific.

Sean Plarski - Mustangs

Sean Plarski reported we are just running camps. We have two weeks left and in the last two weeks of July we will be handing equipment out. We have over 300 girls and boys in the program. We added a second Peewee Team due to having over sixty 10- and 11-year-olds. I have a meeting tonight with the league to go over schedules and finalize everyone's rosters. The rosters won't be done until the third week of August. We are still open to adding kids. Every team has 30 to 40, which is great. Our Cheer squads are through the roof, and they are doing their Cheer Camps until the end of the summer here and we have a competition date for them in the IRCA. We had a water issue at the concession stand and Marty shut the water off. Thanks for that, I know you went out there to fix the water and pipes and we have that water heater that is leaking and needs to be replaced. Nothing major. Practice starts July 31st unless it is a blackout day, we will practice every day through the month of August. Our first Preseason game will be the third weekend in August. The tentative schedule right now is August 19th will be a preseason game. Then we are away the first two weeks. Marty Kelly of NLGSA asked for their schedule so that they can work out a schedule between softball and football.

Chris -NLYFA

Chris reported that there are 595 kids. The total between the football players and the cheer. 320 football players and 275 cheer. The only other thing Matt had asked me to mention is that the Porta Johns needs to be at Francis Field by July 24th and asked when can the Francis Fields be painted for football. Our board meeting is tomorrow, so there should be more information about it then and get the game schedule. The fields normally have two on the northside and we normally have a small one in the center and a bigger one at the southwest corner. They are still discussing the lighting situation.

Mike Plesek and Dion Calandriello - NLSA

We had our best spring since COVID with numbers over 400. The fall numbers are a little lower and we are still open with our numbers up over 300 for right now. As far as our Legacy program is concerned, it's a year-round registration and that will be coming this fall for you guys. That number is still open and that will probably go close to September before we are fine but are at about 180.

As far as projects we have been in communication with George about them. The electric part of the pavilion and the shed are done. If there is any additional cleanup, we need to address just let me know. Other than the concrete forthcoming that we know about. That's kind of where we are

on that. It's all done and completed. You did see if we can make that pad bigger in the front by making it a whole or a quarter more. George noted that we are waiting to hear from the concrete guys to give us an update on when the project will start but we are trying to get this in before school begins. They have been a little backed up. Typically, something like that shouldn't take more than a day, it's quick. The precast building with the roof looks like it has been finished and it looks clean. There have been some on-going issues with Carefree being out to fix the equipment and still have not heard from them and we will be looking into another option. Will have a list for the travel side of the program, due to changing leagues so there will be changes in the measurements of the fields for the fall. There will be one change at Nelson with Nelson 1 and Nelson 4 switching along with the nets that must be swapped out due to the new league. The only other issue is still waiting on a meeting for the HVAC system to have pre-cast climate-controlled area for the equipment. Hope to have this meeting prior to school starting. Mike would prefer to be part of the meeting but if not, he asked to have all the information passed on to him. Mike asked the school district about the blackout dates in September and would like to have them as soon as possible because it did affect a lot of the travel leagues which should be closer to August. George asked that as soon as the blackout dates are available the school district send them on to all our associations as well as the park district.

Park District

Director of Park – Maintenance Travnicek reported accessible paths are on our ADA Accessibility list for the hard surfaces and screening paths at the Nelson Campus as well as the Spencer Campus are on our schedule.

Director of Park – Maintenance Travnicek noted Athletic Association Requirements & Required Documents have been given to you in packet form with the first four or five pages highlighted in yellow are new statements that need to be looked at and if there are any questions please reach out and it will be discussed.

Director of Park – Maintenance Travnicek stated that the line of communication needs to continue to stay open between all associations, park district and school district. It has been very good as of late. The field allocations sheet is included in the packet with the NLYFA not listed because they are not on school/park property. This document lists the dates and times thru the end of November for all associations.

Director of Park - Maintenance Travnicek stated that the maintenance is going to stay the same and the park district appreciates the assistance that we receive from the associations. Ask that NLGSA look at the home plate and pitcher mound due to showing some wear and needing some attention.

Director of Park – Maintenance Travnicek stated that all food trucks for any special event you may want to have we need Certificate of Insurances for both school district and park district if located on both properties as well as a Health Department Certificate and a Business Permit.

Director of Park – Maintenance Travnicek noted that the garbage/clean up at Walona, Tyler/Bentley and Spencer campus were really good and asked that you continue to encourage the coaches/players to continue to pick up their garbage.

Director of Park – Maintenance Travnicek stated parking issues came up throughout the season and there was one issue that popped up on a dead-end street in Rachel Ridge. Please remind all parents not to block any driveways when going to an event. No parking signs have been put up, but some parents do not care and still park there and even pull on the grass.

Director of Park – Maintenance Travnicek reported that the payment of invoices has been paid within the 30 days of receiving their statement. All associations are doing a good job.

Director of Park – Maintenance Travnicek stated that for the Portable services has over all been better than last year but there have been some hiccups. Sean Plarski – Mustangs would like extra Porta Johns for the end of July as well as 3 units for NLYFA at the end of July. If there are any issues, please contact either George or Ken.

Director of Park – Maintenance Travnicek stated that on-going projects for the park district is the parking lot and entrance drive at Walona to be redone southwest parking lot will need to be updated at Nelson. If there are any association projects, please fill out the appropriate forms as well as village permit and add all pictures and comments so that all appropriate paperwork is sent to the boards/committees for approval.

Director of Park – Maintenance Travnicek reported that he spoke to K Brothers last month about barriers for Martino/Spencer. Looking to get some type of permanent safety barriers. Director of Park-Maintenance Travnicek will be meeting with them on Thursday at 1pm and take a tour of the sites to show them exactly what we want and need. The associations said that the posts would look nice as a barrier.

Sean Plarski – Mustangs noted that they would like to transformer for their concessions from inside to outside during the fall season and will investigate what the codes are for safety reasons.

Director of Park – Maintenance Travnicek told all Associations to get their schedules in to Jacque and Ken of their practices and games.

Director of Park – Maintenance Travnicek noted that all Special Events turned out well.

Director of Park – Maintenance Travnicek reported that we are struggling with the Turf contractor. The turf applications were done from the middle of May through the middle of June. Extra applications were talked about at Martino as well as Spencer. The weed and feed at Francis Field were only done twice due to not knowing if there were any dog or horse shows. There was no aerating done due to the drought. The 4H field was skipped twice for mowing in June because of the drought.

School District

Jason Sterritt – NLS #122 reported that fall session of baseball and softball will start in July and go until the end of September. Does not have the actual baseball dates but will come out with blackout dates. The seal coating and striping has been done and still needs some done at Bentley. Nelson campuses roofs have been completed as the insulation at Martino is done. This summer has gone well. The skip dates/blackout dates will come out by August. Any changes will be sent to the park district and all changes will be shared with the associations. The principals have been notified to let Jason know as soon as possible so that he can share it with the associations as well as the park district. The associations did ask if there is a possible way to have times put on the schedules/changes. Mike Plesek – Soccer did state that even if it is one day that would be helpful.

Director of Park – Maintenance Travnicek stated that the park district has been busy with a OSLAD project at Hibernia with a new splash pad, expand the boat dock, ADA boat launch, putting green, multi-use building, a board walk and concession area to hopefully will be done by the end of the year. In December/January, we will be going out to bid for the OSLAD grant for Waterchase which will include 4 professional pickle-ball courts, wiffleball field, playground, rain garden and a shelter. At some point soon, our mayor would like a dog park to be built. We are

looking at the southwest side of treatment plant #2 near Countryview Royal Meadows Park. We would be taking 7-8 acres of farmland to build this dog park. Director Park – Maintenance Travnicek also mentioned the projected project out near Silver Cross Hospital. Garry Kraemer – Park Board Commissioner noted the expansion of the golf range and should all be completed by spring of 2024. The range will officially close on September 1st pending the weather. This project will be a Top Tracer golf range.

Adjournment

Director of Park – Maintenance Travnicek adjourned the Tri-Annual Meeting of July 10, 2023, at approximately 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jacque Tuma
Recording Secretary