

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 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 February 21, 2024, meeting to order at approximately 6:01 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: Kraemer, Fischer, Ott and President Schulz.

Also in Attendance Executive Director Greg Lewis, Attorney Angelo Vitiritti, Director of Business Services Kathy Lynch, Director of Parks and Maintenance George Travnicek, Director of Golf Bob Schulz, Director of Recreation Lea Pipiras, Deputy Director of Business Services Jason Braglia, Guest Services Supervisor Melissa McGrath and Office Coordinator Aurora Abbott.

Treasurer's Report Commissioner Kraemer quoted the totals from the monthly Treasurer's Report as presented for January 31, 2024. President Schulz requested any questions or comments regarding the monthly Treasurer's Report for January 31, 2024. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented for January 31, 2024. Motion made by Commissioner Ott, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Payment of Bills Commissioner Kraemer quoted totals from the Payment of Bills as presented for January 31, 2024. President Schulz requested any questions or comments. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Payment of Bills as presented for January 31, 2024. Motion made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Ott. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Communications IAPD/IPRF -Message of Gratitude
President Schulz noted there was a letter from IAPD with a Message of Gratitude to Our Members who attended the Soaring to New Heights Conference in January.

IAPD Thank You
President Schulz stated that there was a Thank You Letter from IAPD for our assistance in making the All-Conference Luncheon a success.

Consent Agenda Approval of the Regular Minutes of January 17, 2024
President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Regular Minutes of January 17, 2024. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Ott, seconded by Commissioner Kraemer. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Committee & Staff Reports

Business Services Commissioner Ott highlighted three new hires who are employed at the full-time status. All three started as part-time employees for us, Brittany Parra as a Business Services Generalist, Michael Tarrant as a Parks-Maintenance Laborer

and Paul Pandow as a Custodial Maintenance Laborer. Commissioner Ott stated that he spoke with Director of Business Services Lynch regarding investments with the Collateralized CD's. These were maturing in February 2024 so they have been rolled over in increments and once we get more assurances with our tax dollars further decisions will be made on those.

Facilities / Planning

President Schulz reported that there has been a lot of general maintenance being done during the winter months. He thanked John Camp and Ken Stephens for destroying and delivering a truck load of old electronic/computer equipment to the New Lenox Township for recycling.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted that the fire alarm systems at all locations have been tested and passed.

Golf Course

Commissioner Kraemer reported the Top Tracer heated range is a huge success. The only complaint we have had is that there aren't enough bays. Commissioner Kraemer reported that we hosted the Penguin Open in January and had approximately 35 golfers who participated. The golfers that participated donated over 100 items to the New Lenox Food Pantry. He noted that all outings, leagues, and perms are returning for the 2024 season. Commissioner Kraemer stated that the Top Tracer has helped our Food and Beverage sales as we did just about \$1500 more than last January with 230 less golfers. He noted that a new carpet is being installed in the bar and grill in February along with some new entry way flooring.

Commissioner Kraemer stated the snow and cold, but we were able to keep the entrance to the new range clear and salted during the cold snap we had. He stated that we are looking at getting a couple of utility carts and 2 greens mowers for the course and are hoping to have something next year at this time.

Director of Golf Schulz stated that he wanted the board to know that regarding the equipment we are just getting in line for what we need and hope to have more of an update in April. He provided a spreadsheet showing the breakdown of the equipment. Director of Golf Schulz thanked Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek and his staff for keeping the lots and areas clean for the opening of the Top Tracer.

Parks/Development

Development Update
Hibernia Park Phase II

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek reported that steady progress continues especially with the mild temperatures and minimal precipitation. On January 30th Nicor installed the gas meter and activated the service. He noted that the plumbers have returned and are working on the splash pad piping and the area has been framed out ready for concrete pouring, which cannot be poured until April 1st due to a village ordinance. He reported that the fascia and soffit has been wrapped with siding going up and the doors/windows will begin next week.

Water Chase Park

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek reported that the AIA contracts are being signed this week. GLI will be getting their Bonds and other pertinent documents in order. Director of Parks-Maintenance noted that the anticipated May start up date is still on target with a potential October 24, 2024, completion date.

Athletic Associations

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek reported that meetings are being set up with the Associations during the first two weeks of March.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek stated that the staff have been working on some of the older park signs and benches, touching up the paint and reinstalling them. He stated that it is safe to pull the ice rink at Haines Park.

Recreation

Special Recreation Update

Executive Director Lewis reported that the Audit presentation was given, and it shows that LWSRA is in good standings. They have been audited by the same firm for the past 3 years. He reported that they have successfully separated LWSRA from their foundation which needed to be done due to the foundation being mentioned in the audit and this will keep their Non-for-Profit status. A few items he noted were that their expenses exceeded their revenues, they continue to fundraise and most importantly they are fully staffed and are back to pre-COVID numbers.

Commissioner Fischer reported our Recreation Department attended this year's IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference and attended 50 classes totaling 57 hours. This is a great opportunity for staff to not only learn but to network as well with other districts from around the state. Commissioner Fischer mentioned we have 494 participants enrolled in our ACES program. Our Beyond the Bell is a great program for working parents when school is not in session and is an extension of our Before/After Care program ACES. During the winter holidays we had between 40 and 65 participants attending each day. We have 16 enrolled in our Active Adult Exercise program, 9 participants enrolled in our Quilting Club and 11 participants enrolled in our Coloring Club. The staff has been doing a great job and a huge shout to those who work with these programs! Commissioner Fischer thanked our new sponsorships, TR Miller Heating, Cooling and Plumbing as a Gold Corporate Sponsor and Sports Clips.

Commissioner Fischer reported on some of our upcoming events such as, Flashlight Clover Hunt will be Friday, March 1st at Firefighter's Park and Hop To You Drop will be Sunday, March 24th at Lion's Community Center. For any of our other programs please visit our website at www.newlenoxparks.org.

New Business

Bid Results – Turf Mowing Services

President Schulz reported that the board is rejecting all the bids that were turned in and will send out for re-bid. President Schulz requested a motion to reject all bids as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Ott, seconded by Commissioner Kraemer. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session Minutes Released June 2023-December 2023 Including Previously Withheld Minutes

President Schulz reported that we do not have any previous or withheld minutes from any Executive Sessions. There is no action to be taken on this item.

Questions/Comments From the floor President Schulz acknowledged Ernie Myslinski a resident of Water Chase subdivision. Mr. Myslinski addressed the board regarding cutting in a low spot for an ice rink to be added to the area where the park is going to be developed. Executive Director Lewis explained to Mr. Myslinski that this park is being constructed using an OSLAD grant which involves a preset plan when applying for the grant. Executive Director Lewis explained that we will have 5 acres in Ashton Estates, which is just east of Water Chase, that we could look to put one in there. Mr. Myslinski thanked the board for hearing him out and appreciates everything that the park district does for the community.

Community Events New Lenox Lion's Club - Garden Party Fashion Show
Sunday, April 7, 2024, from 1:30-3:30pm
New Lenox VFW post 954 323 Old Hickory Rd, New Lenox, IL 60451
All proceeds benefit the New Lenox Lion's Club
\$25 per person with a soup and salad buffet and complimentary wine.

Tickets available to purchase at:
Mainstream Boutique, 1844 E Lincoln Hwy, New Lenox, IL 60451
Moody Blues Jean Boutique, 1844 E Lincoln Hwy, New Lenox, IL 60451

New Lion's Club – Senior Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, April 14, 2024, from 11AM-2PM at the Lions Community Center this event is free.

The New Lenox Safe Community Coalition, in partnership with the Will County Health Department, is offering FREE Narcan training. A link to the Zoom videoconference will be sent via email to everyone that registers. Contact Daniel Martin, Village of New Lenox Safe Community Coordinator or by phone (818)462-6493.

Adjournment At approximately 6:30pm, President Schulz requested a motion to adjourn the February 21, 2024, Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Commissioner **Kraemer**, seconded by Commissioner **Ott**. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Recording Secretary – Melissa McGrath