

Minutes of the Special Workshop Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 5:00 pm at the Village Hall in the Executive Session Room, New Lenox, Illinois.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS:

Call to order President Schulz called the June 21,2023, meeting to order at approximately 5:00pm.

Attendance The following were present: Commissioners: Fischer, Ott, Kraemer and President Schulz.

Also, in Attendance Executive Director Greg Lewis, Director of Business Services Kathy Lynch, Director of Golf Bob Schulz, Director of Recreation Lea Pipiras, Director of Parks Maintenance George Travnicek, Deputy Director of Administrative Services Jacque Tuma.

**Capital Development,
Maintenance, and
Equipment Updates**

2023 Truck

Executive Director Lewis noted as of 20 minutes ago we have finally located the truck which was found in Dearborn, Michigan at a rail yard. Executive Director Lewis commented he has opened a Ford Pro case regarding this process with the new truck. Executive Director Lewis noted the light kit still needs to be installed on the truck. Executive Director Lewis noted this is going to be the new norm as the joint purchasing and bidding programs are not as good as they were previously, and we need to think about how we purchase moving forward.

Sky Harbor Park Development

Director of Parks – Maintenance Travnicek commented last week some work had been done with the overlay, but the paths still have 410 feet that need to be seal coated. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek commented that the park will be ready for the Grand Opening in July but there are a few items that will not be able to be addressed because of the draught; replacing an Oak tree. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek also noted there is an 8x10 square of concrete that will need to be replaced as well by the parking lot. Commissioner Kraemer asked if this was under warranty. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek commented we do have \$26K in retainage to help cover costs like these but yes, it is still under warranty. Executive Director Lewis commented we will not be using this contractor again for any project.

Hibernia Park Phase II Development

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek commented about a week ago that the slit fencing was installed, and demo work has started with the old splash pad and concrete pad already removed. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted the splash pad components and fitness stations should be shipped out on July 3rd with the ADA dock coming sometime mid-August. Commissioner Ott asked when completion would be. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek commented on the end of October beginning of November. It was noted the contractor was able to Value Engineering the project and cut about \$70K out of the original contract price. Executive Director Lewis commented that we have more funding coming from Senator Hastings which will go towards this project. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted the existing dock has been replaced before but now we are looking for a quote to replace it again with resin; we are looking to get a quote from Easy Dock. Executive Director Lewis commented that we are communicating more with the public about projects and maintenance in the park systems, which seems to be helping. President Schulz asked why the dock wasn't included in the grant application. Executive Director Lewis commented it was in working condition when we applied.

At approximately 5:22PM Attorney Angelo Vitiritti was in attendance.

Water Chase Park Development

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek commented Deputy Director of Recreation Viano and himself meet with New Lenox residences who are experts when it comes to Pickleball courts for their ideas on what should be done at Water Chase. We also visited Mokena and Lockport's courts to see what they had to offer. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek commented Lockport's courts are State of the Art which is what we are going to investigate doing here. Commissioner Kraemer commented that in Florida Pickleball is huge and the middle school and high schools have teams, and this may be a possible avenue for here.

Walker Country Estates Replacement

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek commented our current well was pumping out 25-30 gallons a minute when it should have been pumping out 60-65 gallons a minute. There have been a multitude of issues with opening Walker Country Estates this year; we needed a new liquid end propeller, got a new pump motor and were still having issues with the water samples. We ordered a UV Light System which should be 99.9% effective; we are budgeting and putting one in at Hibernia's new splash pad. We need two clean samples in a row to open. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek commented moving forward we will be opening the pumps sooner to be ready for opening weekends. Executive Director Lewis commented that we lost revenue, but we have had no labor costs; it was noted city water is not an option, so we must use a well. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek commented Assistant Director of Parks-Maintenance Stephens was coming in on Sundays to the system up and functioning.

The Sanctuary Range Facility

Director of Golf Schulz reported Executive Director Lewis and himself had a call with the Illinois Historical Preservation and they will be on site next week Tuesday to go over the design for the driving range regarding where the first Indian artifacts were discovered, and land preserved. It was noted they cannot stop the project because of its development but it is better to have them come on site to look at what everyone is discussing. Executive Director Lewis didn't understand why it was 29 days before someone reached out, but we need to do this. We will be meeting with MARS onsite at the same time too as they are approved Archeologists to do monitor the excavation process. They will strip the topsoil to see if there is any difference in the coloring of the soil and then go from there. It explained what was found at the burial marker on the property and this was the largest site for artifacts found in Illinois. We will be moving forward with the contract in the packet along with the Ordinance to sell the bonds.

Adjournment

At approximately 6:00p.m. President Schulz requested a motion to adjourn the June 21, 2023, Special Workshop Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Commissioner Ott, seconded by Commissioner Kraemer. Upon voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jacque Tuma
Recording Secretary