

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 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 June 18, 2025, meeting to order at approximately 6:09 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: Fischer, Larson, and Kraemer and President Schulz.
- Also in Attendance** Executive Director Greg Lewis, Associate Executive Director Lea Pipiras, Director of Recreation Olga Viano, Director of Parks-Maintenance Ken Stephens, Director of Golf Bob Schulz, Director of Business Services Jason Braglia, and Office Coordinator Aurora Abbott.
- Treasurer's Report** Commissioner Kraemer quoted the totals from the monthly Treasurer's Report as presented for May 31, 2025. President Schulz requested any questions or comments regarding the monthly Treasurer's Report for May 31, 2025. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented for May 31, 2025. Motion made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Larson. 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 May 31, 2025. President Schulz requested any questions or comments. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Payment of Bills as presented for May 31, 2025. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Approval of Minutes** *Approval of the Special Workshop Minutes of May 15, 2024*
President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Special Workshop Minutes of May 21, 2025. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Special Workshop Minutes for May 21, 2025, as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Kraemer. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2024*
President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2025. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for May 21, 2025, as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Approval of Sharon's Bay Park Redevelopment Bid Opening Minutes of June 10th, 2025*
President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Sharon's Bay Park Redevelopment Bid Opening Minutes of June 10th, 2025. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Sharon's Bay Park Redevelopment Bid Opening Minutes of June 10th, 2025, as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Committee & Staff Reports

Business Services

Director of Business Services Braglia welcomed Brittany Delrose as the Assistant Director of Food and Beverage Operations for the Wintrust Crossroads Sports Complex. Braglia noted that she had worked at the Sanctuary Golf Course in the past and dove right into her new position.

Director of Business Services Braglia reported that the NLCPD “2024 At A Glance” packet shows there has been an increase of full-time staff employees participating in the PDRMA Path program. Additionally, Director of Business Services Braglia highlighted the work his staff has been doing preparing for the yearly audit as well as handling the influx of onboarding for the Sports Complex.

Facilities / Planning

Crossroads Sports Complex

President Schulz reported that there is a lot of work going on at the Crossroads Sports Complex. They have been working on assembling bleachers and goals out at the fields. Executive Director Lewis commended the park district staff for all of the hard work they have done to help get everything set up for the grand opening quickly coming up.

Golf Course

Golf Operations

Commissioner Kraemer reported that despite the cold start to the month, we rebounded nicely to outperform last May. New counters have been installed in the golf shop with countertops being delivered in late June. On the course, more people are using the prepaid tee time and booking options through the app. The annual I-80 was a huge success with competitors all over the US coming and enjoying the new live scoring feature.

Food and Beverage Operations

Commissioner Kraemer mentioned that Food and Beverage Operations had a good month as always, with the new addition of Yuengling being the hot beer on top recently. New display tables have been purchased for the grillroom to place outings and raffle prizes.

Ground Operations

Commissioner Kraemer noted that due to the dry weather in May, the staff were able to go out and add sand to the bunkers on holes 18-14 and they will continue to work backwards to add sand to remaining holes as needed. There has also been drainage added to the right side of the hole 6 fair way to combat the low area that keeps holding water.

Director of Golf Schulz commented that the new greens mowers were delivered last Friday and are now up and running. There have been some issues with the new jockey pump delivered last November, but it should be under warranty to get that fixed as soon as possible.

Parks/Development *Athletic Association Update*

Commissioner Larson shared that the New Lenox Girls Softball season championship and all-star games will be held at Lincoln-Way Central. The baseball and soccer association seasons will be over at the end of June. The New Lenox Mustangs are installing a pre-made shed for their practice fields.

Out in the Parks

Commissioner Larson reported that ground staff are finishing up turf fertilization and working on park beautification projects. At the Crossroads Sports Complex, they have built 58 bleachers, and the playground is complete with the poured in place rubber finished. Field training, punch list walk throughs and O and M training started this past week. Gary Wilde and Owen Sigrist went to visit the Elizabethtown Sports Complex in Kentucky to get some insight into how a complex similar to ours runs.

Water Chase Park Development – OSLAD Grant

Director of Parks Maintenance Stephens reported that new trees had been planted at Water Chase Park today. IDNR recently sent us the remaining grant money to finish that work.

Recreation

Special Recreation

Director of Recreation Viano shared that the LWSRA Sensory Bus is now fully operational. They have recently received a grant to design a second Sensory Bus as well. There are two summer interns working with them and announced their scholarship recipient at their board meeting last week.

Staff Training

Commissioner Fischer reported a total of 54 staff members received First Aid, CPR, and AED training with the New Lenox Fire Department in May. This was a mixture of recertifications and first-time trainees.

Athletics

Commissioner Fischer stated that the Flag Football League is open for registration with 108 currently registered across the divisions. Fall Adult Softball League is taking registration as well and will be moving next season to the new Crossroads Sports Complex.

Camp Wewannago

Commissioner Fischer noted that our Camp Wewannago started on Tuesday, June 3rd. We are already at 438 participants registered for that program.

Kiddie Kampus

Commissioner Fischer stated that the last day of Kiddie Kampus was May 16th. There were 104 four-year olds that graduated this year. Enrollment for the 25-26 school year is already up to 194 students whereas at the same time last year there were 193 students signed up.

Special Events

The annual Touch- A-Truck event was held on May 3rd at Walker Country Estates. There were 25 vehicles in attendance including some from the local police and fire department, and nearly 900 participants came out to the event. Thursday, June 5th was the Grand Opening for the new Water Chase Park. That

had a fantastic turnout with over 200 people at the park. Our most recent event was the Kid's Fishing Derby on June 7th.

Upcoming Events

Commissioner Fischer reported on some upcoming events including the Great Ball Pursuit, which is free and open to all ages. 300 balls will be scattered across six parks which will be announced on our social media pages on July 10th at 5pm, July 11th at noon, and July 12th at 9am. The Grandparent and Me Fishing Derby is open for registration and will occur on July 21st.

Splash Pads

Director of Recreation Viano shared that both splash pads at both Walker Country Estates Park and Hibernia Park are up and running. The Walker Splash Pad can be rented out for a party, and the addition of the third time slot for rentals to 4:15-5:45pm has been very popular. On July 4th, both splash pads will be free to residents with no attendant on site.

Unfinished Business 2025/2026 Committee Assignments

President Schulz noted the committee assignments are the same as last year, with the one exception being President Schulz has been made the liaison for the Village.

New Business Resolution #25-08 Authorizing the Execution of the Agreement with Beyond Your Base

President Schulz requested any questions or comments on Resolution #25-08 Authorizing the Execution of the Agreement with Beyond Your Base. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve Resolution #25-08 Authorizing the Execution of the Agreement with Beyond Your Base. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Kraemer. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #25-05-01 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance 2025-2026

President Schulz requested any questions or comments on Ordinance #25-05-01 Budget & Appropriation. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve Ordinance #25-05-01 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Sharon's Bay Park Redevelopment Bid Results and Summary

President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Sharon's Bay Park Redevelopment Bid Results. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve Hacienda Landscaping Incorporated's base bid pending legal review. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Kraemer. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Community Events President Schulz read aloud the June Community Announcements as follows:
The Wintrust Crossroads Sports Complex Grand Opening will take place on Saturday, June 28th 5:00-9:00pm and Sunday, June 29th Noon-4pm.

The Village of New Lenox Independence Day Celebration will be on July 4th at the New Lenox Commons. Music performances will begin at 6pm and fireworks will start at dusk.

Adjournment

At approximately 6:38 p.m., President Schulz requested a motion to adjourn the June 18, 2025, Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aurora Abbott
Recording Secretary