

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 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 21, 2023, meeting to order at approximately 6:00 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: Kramer, Larson, Fischer, Ott, and President Schulz
- Also in Attendance** Executive Director Greg Lewis, Director of Recreation Lea Pipiras, Deputy Director of Business Services Jason Braglia, Director of Parks-Maintenance George Travnicek, Director of Golf Bob Schulz, Director of Business Services Kathy Lynch, Deputy Director of Business Services Karen Acklin, and Deputy Director of Executive Services Jacque Tuma.
- Treasurer's Report** Commissioner Kraemer quoted the totals from the monthly Treasurer's Report as presented for May 31, 2023. President Schulz requested any questions or comments regarding the monthly Treasurer's Report for May 31, 2023. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented for May 31, 2023. 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 May 31, 2023. 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, 2023. 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 Thank You Letter – Legislative Reception and Conference that was (Parks Day) in Springfield, Representative DeLuca – Thank You Note, & IAPD Thank you note*
President Schulz noted there are several nice thank you notes in the board packet and to please take the time to read them.
- Approval of Minutes** *Approval of the Public Hearing Minutes of May 17, 2023*
President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Public Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2023. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for May 17, 2023, as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Ott. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2023*
President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2023. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for May 17, 2023, as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Ott. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**Committee & Staff
Reports**

Business Services

Budget & Appropriations Ordinance #22-05-01 Status Update

Executive Director Lewis noted the budget is coming along, Director of Business Services Lynch and Deputy Director of Business Services Acklin Commissioner Ott noted starting fiscal year 2023-2024 you will notice a line item now for the CD's the district just invested in to incur interest; these are three-month CD's and will be rolled.

Moody's Bond Rating

Commissioner Ott noted the district went through a bond rating with Moody's Bond Rating for bond issuance and we were upgraded from A3 to A2 status, which is attributed to more user fees, more property taxes, and reduction in expenditures. Commissioner Ott noted overall the district is in good financial condition to move forward with the new bond issuance for the new driving range at the golf course.

Commissioner Ott noted registration in the month of May is up 30% from the previous year.

Facilities / Planning

President Schulz noted a lot of general maintenance was completed last month.

Golf Course

Golf Operations

Commissioner Kraemer noted this was a great month in May, the golf course is very busy, and we had a lot of people there. We are doing well, we are going through a little drought now because it's dry, but golfers are there. The I-80 Armature was a great success. That was a 2-day tournament, Greg Bauman was the gross winner at 700 par for 2 days and Evan Berna won the Club Championship with a two-day total of 4 over par Congratulations to those 2 guys. They did a great job. Commissioner Kraemer noted all outings in May were larger than the year before. Evan Berna who won the Club Championship played at Providence High School. We've known him for a very long time, so it was nice to see him get that win. I hope he can play in the Club Champions of Champions at Park Ridge like Jason McFoam did a couple of years ago and won it for the first time for a public course. So, he's trying to get his schedule around that.

Food and Beverage Operations

Commissioner Kraemer noted F&B Operations is fully staffed which means there will be a beverage cart out on the course more often.

Grounds Operations

Commissioner Kraemer noted the course is dry but, staff is doing a good job keeping it watered. Commissioner Kraemer noted VPN access was installed to gain the irrigation system remotely.

Parks/Development

Development Projects Update

Director of Parks – Maintenance Travnicek noted baseball has completed the install of a 12 ft 14 ft storage shed.

Hibernia Park Phase II

Director of Parks – Maintenance Travnicek noted Hibernia Park's contract had some revising to do to match the Value Engineering revisions. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted currently there is construction safety fencing has been installed along with silt fencing; a lot of demo work has been completed too with pulling the old splash pad out. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted the goal is to have this site completed by November.

Sky Harbor Park

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek commented the contractor still has a few outstanding items on the punch list and Oaklawn Blacktop will be on site next Monday, June 19th to address the two small sunken areas at the south end of the Tennis Courts and the overlay.

Water Chase Park

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted the project agreement has been signed by both the district and IDNR which means we have two years now to complete the project, which would be May 18th of 2025. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted under new business is the proposal from Planning Resources to start the process of getting documents and drawings in place to go out to bid at the end of this year.

Tri-Annual Agenda – Draft (July 10th)

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted the Tri-Annual Meeting is Monday, July 10h at 6:30PM. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek commented is extremely important for all Associations to be in attendance.

Athletic Association Requirements - Discussion

President Schulz noted this is under new business to be approved; changes are in yellow.

Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek informed the board all turf applications are completed at both the park and school sites. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek commented we are working on replacement of the playground mulch and we're also helping the schools out with their playgrounds. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek commented last weekend our recreation department hosted a Disc Golf Tournament at Haines Park and 171 players. Director of Parks-Maintenance Travnicek noted we are receiving a lot of positive comments and it was a great turnout at Haines Park.

Recreation

Special Recreation Update

Executive Director Lewis reported Director of Business Services Lynch has been working with LWSRA's Executive Director Wallace on the budget to better understand the Reserve Funds and how you carry that over. Executive Director Lewis commented that our Business Services Department has done a lot of work educating Executive Director Wallace on their funds and how to do year end transfers that were approved at the meeting yesterday. Executive Director Lewis believes the LWSRA staff are doing an outstanding job. Executive Director Lewis noted moving forward the Audit will drive the fund transfers if needed. Executive Director Lewis noted participation numbers are increasing which is a great sign. Executive Director Lewis note LWSRF has two golf outings coming up. LWSRA will be hosting another National Wheelchair Softball Tournament coming up in July, that will be huge.

Aces Before and After School Program

Commissioner Fischer reported our Aces program for the school year 2022-2023 ended with 490 participants, which was 18 more than last year.

Athletics

Commissioner Fischer noted our Athletics program registration began for ages 3-6 for T-Ball for 5-6. The same goes for Kick Start Soccer League 3-4 and 5-6. We have like 180 to 150 participants signed up for these programs. Commissioner Fischer gave a huge shout out to the volunteers because we have 98 parents that are volunteering for the T-Ball and Kick Start programs. Without our volunteers we would be out of business.

Kiddie Kampus

Commissioner Fischer noted our Kiddie Kampus program had its last day of school on Friday, May 12, with 106 children graduating. The current enrollment for Kiddie Kampus, which is 3–4-year-olds is 191 participants for this coming year 2023-2024.

Special Event

Commissioner Fischer note Touch a Truck was on May 6 with over 800 attendees; held at Walker Country Estates. Commissioner Fischer commented that our recreation department is getting back on track from pre-COVID.

Commissioner Fischer noted a few upcoming events Thursday, July 13, 6:00PM-7:30PM Unplugged Party in the Park at Sharon’s Bay and this is for all ages. Come join us with the Lincolnway Special Recreation Association with an evening of fun and conjunction with the Illinois Parks and Recreation Association 5th Annual Unplugged Day. Commissioner Fischer noted we are encouraging our community to disconnect from the devices and instead connect with one another in our parks and nature that surrounds us. There will be a dance party, games, popcorn, lemonade and more. It’s a totally free event.

Commissioner Fischer noted we are having a Grand Opening at Sky Harbor for all ages on Thursday, July 27th from 11:00AM to 1:00PM lunch will be provided and this is also a free event.

Unfinished Business

2023/2024 Committee Assignments

President Schulz noted the 2023-2024 Committee Assignments will mirror last year’s.

New Business

The Sanctuary Golf Course- Practice Facility Improvements – Bid Results

President Schulz noted the bid results for the Sanctuary Gold Course-Practice Facility Improvements are in the board packet. President Schulz asked if there are any questions or concerns with the bid results. President Schulz requested a motion to approve Midwest Golf Development Inc. dba Golf Creations subject to pending required permits to complete the project for a bid amount of \$1,678,260.00. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Ott. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

The Sanctuary Golf Course – Practice Facility Improvements – Change Order #1 (Revised Contract Pricing)

President Schulz asked if anyone had any questions or concerns with the Change Order #1 to reduce the contract price of \$1,678,260.00 by \$278,260.00 for a total contact price of \$1,400,000.00. President Schulz requested a motion to approve Change Order #1 subject to the pending required permits to complete the project. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer seconded by Ott. Upon a roll vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #23-16 Designating the Month of July at Park and Recreation Month

President Schulz requested a motion to approve Resolution #23-16 Designating the Month of July at Park and Recreation Month. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Ott. Upon a roll call, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #23-17 Execution of Change in Payment Addendum with Gordon Flesch

President Schulz requested motion to approve Resolution #23-17 Execution of Change in Payment Addendum with Gordon Flesch. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Fisher. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #23-18 Execution of an Agreement with Comcast (Fiber Internet for Haven and Manor Locations)

President Schulz requested a motion to approve Resolution #23-18 Execution of an Agreement with Comcast (Fiber Internet for Haven and Manor Locations. Motion made by Commissioner Ott, seconded, Commissioner Fischer. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #23-19 Execution of an Agreement between Lincoln way Special Recreation and the New Lenox Community Park District (Continuation of the Additional Contribution for Capital Projects to LWSRA Facility)

President Schulz requested a motion to approve Resolution #23-19 Execution of an Agreement between Lincoln way Special Recreation and the New Lenox Community Park District (Continuation of the Additional Contribution for Capital Projects to LWSRA Facility). Motion made by Commissioner Kramer, seconded, Commissioner Ott. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #23-20 Execution of Agreement with Planning Resources, Inc. (Water Chase Park Site Development)

President Schulz requested a motion to approve Resolution #23-20 Execution of Agreement with Planning Resources, Inc. (Water Chase Park Site Development). Motion made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Kraemer. Upon a roll call, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #23-06-01 Ordinance Authorizing and Providing for the Issue of not to Exceed \$2,200,000 General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) 2023B

President Schulz requested a motion to approve Ordinance #23-06-01 Ordinance Authorizing and Providing for the Issue of not to Exceed \$2,200,000 General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) 2023B, of the New Lenox Community Park District, Will County, Illinois, to finance the payment of the land condemned or purchased for parks for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and for the expenses incident thereto, including, among others, the construction and equipping of a new driving range at the golf course of the Park District, to pay bond discount, bond interest, financing, and administrative expenses; prescribing the details of said bonds; providing for the imposition of taxes sufficient to pay the same and for the collection, segregation and application of certain Park District revenues to pay said bonds. Motion made by Commissioner Ott, seconded by Commissioner Fisher. Upon a roll call, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Athletic Association Requirements

President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Athletic Association Requirements. Motion made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Ott. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Community Events

Join the Village of New Lenox for Free Summer Events Located in the Village Commons.

June 29th at 8:30 pm we have Adult Movie Night, not that kind of adult movie! – Top Gun: Maverick

July 4, at 6:00 pm we have Independence Day Celebration – Performance by Whiskey Thunder. Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for sale from the concession stand courtesy of the New Lenox Community Park District. Additionally, Flyin’ Hawaiian will have their food truck on site. Joliet American Legion Band to lead into the fireworks display with patriotic tunes. The fireworks display will take place at dusk (approximately 9:15 pm).

July 8, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm we have Play Day in the Commons, activities and entertainment for kids!

July 15, 11:00 am we have Food Fight, Taco Fest – Local restaurants and food trucks will be invited to put up their best taco! Event attendees will be encouraged to try as many tacos as possible and then vote for their favorite. The restaurant with the most votes will be crowned the Taco Fest Champion!

For additional information, visit the village website at www.newlenox.net/events

President Schulz noted last night the Major invited us to dinner. It was a really good time. We had 2 State Senators there and one Representative. We had several Representatives from the Village Trustees, the School Board was there, the library district was there, the Police Chief was there, and the Fire Chief was there. The Mayor gave a speech on how everyone in this community works together. It is not like that in our surrounding communities. So, he stressed that on New Lenox is where it is because of all the agencies that can work together and help each other out across the board where they can. That was a big part of what his speech was about. Every group got up and said a little bit about what they had going on. I volunteered Greg to get up and give a speech about the Park District and then Senator Hastings got up and spoke about the New Lenox Park District on how he wishes some of his other districts would do what we do here in New Lenox. How the other communities are not getting the other grants like we have, and it was defiantly noted by several of the State Reps and Senators that we send someone down to Springfield and vindicate for us and that’s why we truly are where we are.

Adjournment

At approximately 6:50 p.m., President Schulz requested a motion to adjourn the June 18, 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 voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jacque Tuma
Recording Secretary