

Minutes of the Local Government Efficiency Decennial Committee Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at approximately 7:00pm in the Board Room of the Village Hall, New Lenox, Illinois.

## **GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

- Call to Order** President Schulz called the May 17, 2023, Local Government Efficiency Decennial Committee Meeting to order at approximately 7:03pm.
- Roll Call** President Ted Schulz, Commissioner Brian Fischer, Commissioner Dale Larson, Commissioner Kraemer, Commissioner Ott were present.
- Also Present** Executive Director Greg Lewis, Director of Recreation Lea Pipiras, Director of Parks-Maintenance George Travnicek, Director of Golf Bob Schulz, Director of Business Services Kathy Lynch, Deputy Director of Executive Services Jacque Tuma, Friends of the Park Members Stacy Schulz, Jen Ruhl, and Tom Eddy
- Absent Members** Friends of the Park Members Paul Manzi and Connie Starczewski
- Overview** President Schulz stated the background of the Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency requires units of local government that levy any tax to form a committee to study local government efficiencies and provide a report to the county board in which the unit of local government is located.
- President Schulz noted that the Illinois Association of Park Districts worked with state legislators and other stakeholders to relieve the most costly and burdensome provisions of this legislation before it became law. Although still an unfunded mandate, the law gives park districts, forest preserves districts and conservation district the ability to appoint the committee membership and provides an opportunity for these agencies to demonstrate the countless ways in which they efficiently and effectively deliver park, recreation, and conservation programs, facilities, and services to their residents.
- Committee & Staff Reports** Executive Director Lewis stated that we are going to use this as an opportunity to display to the residents what we do and how well work efficiently with the other New Lenox government bodies. Executive Director Lewis thanked the New Lenox Friends of the Park committee members for taking the time to assist us in this process. He noted that the committee members will have the most input on our policies and procedures. These policies and procedures are reviewed on an annual basis and are updated from guidelines that are received from IAPD. The board will get a full copy of the updates. We will also look at all the Intergovernmental Agreements. There are no rules to this procedure, but we are taking this as an opportunity to mesh this into an annual report. By our third meeting we will hope to have this all reviewed and put together. Along with all those items we will add the Lincoln-Way Special Recreation into the report. Executive Director Lewis noted that once all the reports have been reviewed, a report will be sent to Will County.

Executive Director Lewis noted that the timeline is over the course of 18 months. Deputy Director of Executive Services Tuma reported the dates that have been set as Wednesday, November 15, 2023, Wednesday, March 20, 2024, and Wednesday, August 14, 2024. This will give us enough time to compile our report before October 31, 2024, which will be within our 18-month deadline after we made our committee. Executive Director Lewis stated that we will get the report out to everyone.

Executive Director Lewis asked the staff, board members and committee members if anyone had any questions or concerns.

### **Adjournment**

At approximately 7:10pm, President Schulz requested a motion to adjourn the May 17, 2023, Local Government Efficiency Decennial Committee Meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Kraemer. Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa McGrath  
Recording Secretary