

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, December 18, 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 December 18, 2024, 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: Kraemer, Fischer, Ott, and President Schulz.

Also in Attendance Executive Director Greg Lewis, Attorney Angelo Vitiritti, Assist. Director of Golf Ethan Bedsaul, Director Parks-Maintenance Ken Stephens, Director of Recreation Lea Pipiras, Deputy Director of Business Services Jason Braglia, Office Coordinator Aurora Abbott, Recreation Supervisor Amy Maher and Guest Services Supervisor Melissa McGrath.

Special Guests President Schulz made a motion to amend the agenda to move Resolution #24-17, #24-18, and #24-19 to the Special Guests Section. Motion made by Commissioner Ott, seconded by Commissioner Kraemer. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #24-17 – Honoring the New Lenox Mustangs Widget Championship Season

President Schulz requested a motion to approve Resolution #24-17 of the New Lenox Community Park District Honoring the New Lenox Mustangs Widget Championship Season. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Ott. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Recreation Supervisor Maher read the resolution out loud to the public and congratulated the players, coaches and New Lenox Mustang Organization. President Schulz congratulated everyone and noted it was a great accomplishment!

Resolution #24-18 – Honoring the New Lenox Mustangs Legacy Minis Cheerleading Squad 2024 ICA State Championship

President Schulz requested a motion to approve Resolution #24-18 of the New Lenox Community Park District Honoring the New Lenox Mustangs Legacy Minis Cheerleading Squad 2024 ICA State Championship. Motion made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Ott. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Recreation Supervisor Maher read the resolution out loud to the public and congratulated the cheerleaders, coaches and New Lenox Mustang Organization. President Schulz congratulated everyone and noted it was a great accomplishment!

Resolution #24-19 – Honoring the NLYFA Lightweight Junior Knights Championship Season

President Schulz requested a motion to approve Resolution #24-19 of the New Lenox Community Park District Honoring the NLYFA Lightweight Junior

Knights Championship Season. Motion made by Commissioner Ott, seconded by Commissioner Kraemer. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Recreation Supervisor Maher read the resolution out loud to the public and congratulated the players, coaches and New Lenox Youth Football Association Organization. President Schulz congratulated everyone and noted it was a great accomplishment!

Treasurer's Report Commissioner Kraemer quoted the totals from the monthly Treasurer's Report as presented for November 30, 2024. President Schulz requested any questions or comments regarding the monthly Treasurer's Report for November 30, 2024. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented for November 30, 2024. Motion made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Ott. 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 November 30, 2024. President Schulz requested any questions or comments. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Payment of Bills as presented for November 30, 2024. Motion made by Commissioner Ott, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Communications President Schulz noted that we received from NPRA a packet highlighting "2024 Engagement with Parks Report."

President Schulz reported that the park district was just notified that they were awarded a \$600,000 OSLAD Grant for the Sharon's Bay Park Redevelopment from the State of Illinois. We were one of two park districts in Will County that were awarded a grant. Executive Director Lewis noted that this project will not happen overnight and there are several steps to take prior to beginning the project.

Approval of Minutes Approval of the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2024
President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2024. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2024, 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 November 20, 2024
President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2024. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2024, as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Ott, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Committee & Staff Reports

Business Services Commissioner Ott reported that a visit from IParks Lost Control and noted that they went and toured some of our updated parks and highlighted the positive feedback and they had no recommendations. Commissioner Ott thanked the staff for taking the time to sit with them.

Facilities / Planning President Schulz reported that the staff has been busy winterizing the buildings transferring the ice-skating equipment and basic general maintenance.

Golf Course

Golf Course

Commissioner Kraemer reported November was one of the best on record. The increase can be attributed to the Toptracer being available and is proving to be a fantastic investment. He noted that the two days of the Chili Open were sold out with 52 pans of chili, 144 participants each day and the players' feedback was all positive. Commissioner Kraemer stated that the Food and Beverage did just over \$15K in sales which is a nearly \$5K increase over last November and he feels that this will continue to happen during the winter months. He stated that we went over 38,000 rounds at the course, and this is big for a municipal golf course.

Commissioner Kraemer reported that the grounds staff have prepared the golf course for the winter months. They have covered the new practice greens for the off season, and they should look great when they are uncovered in the spring. They applied the winter applications and winterized the sprinkler systems. He noted that the 3 Yamaha Umax UTVs have arrived. They have begun the winter preventative maintenance on the equipment and some more intensive maintenance this time as parts is more readily available than in the past couple of years.

Assist Director of Golf Bedsaul noted that the Penguin Open is scheduled for January 18th, which is an any weather, walking event and ask that the participants bring a non-perishable item for the New Lenox Food Pantry.

Parks/Development

Athletic Associations/Sites

Director of Parks Maintenance Stephens reported that the NLYFA have a new president and vice-president and thanked the outgoing members for their time. He noted that he will be sending out emails to all the associations regarding their upcoming Spring meetings taking place in March. Director of Parks Maintenance Stephens reported that this years Out of District fees totaled \$30,950 and this will help offset purchased equipment and upcoming equipment.

Contracted Services

Director of Parks Maintenance Stephens reported that there is a storm drain being replaced at Lions Community Center parking Lot

Fleet & Equipment

Director of Parks Maintenance Stephens stated that he received the new Ford F-250 4x4 on December 4th and had decals added to it. The equipment has gone through 6-month safety lane checks, yearly oil changes and waxing of vehicles have started. Truck #5 received a new engine coil and the plows/salt spreaders have been brought to the shop and checked out.

Out in the Parks

Director of Parks Maintenance Stephens noted that water has been added to Haines Ice Rink. The staff was able to go to Arborist class at the Bolingbrook Park District and he thanked the staff for another great year.

Development Update

Hibernia Park Phase II – OSLAD Grant

Director of Parks Maintenance Stephens noted that they are still working on the audit for the project.

Sharon's Bay Park Redevelopment

Director of Parks Maintenance Stephens stated again that we received the grant from IDNR for the park redevelopment.

Water Chase OSLAD Grant

Director of Parks Maintenance Stephens noted that he found out that they will have Water Chase completed by Friday, December 20th with the only item left to do is the playground and we will be taking down the fencing and opening the park on December 23, 2024.

Recreation

Special Recreation Update

Executive Director Lewis asked if there were any questions about the material that is in the board packet. He noted that the President of the LWSRA Foundation has decided to step down and they are looking to fill this position. He did tell them that Commissioner Fischer and Commissioner Kraemer enjoyed themselves at the Sports Banquet that was held in October. He reported that they are working on their Sensory Garden and Sensory Bus, and he feels there is a lot of good things coming from LWSRA.

Recreation Update

Commissioner Fischer highlighted our adult programs including on Thursday, November 14th we had 24 participants attended Teatro Zinzanni Chicago and on Friday, November 22nd we had a group of 11 participants attend the Christkindl Market in Aurora. All participants on both trips had a great time.

Commissioner Fischer reported that we had four athletic programs held in the month of November, including Hatha Yoga, Soccer Shots and 2 Rugby with a total of 91 participants. Our indoor pickleball leagues concluded on November 17th with a single-elimination tournament.

Commissioner Fischer stated that our Before and After School ACES program has a total of 474 participants and our Beyond the Bell program ran during November during days off school and had 147 participants.

Commissioner Fischer noted that our Kiddie Kampus program held Thanksgiving Food Drive and collected over 500 food items and donated to the New Lenox Township Food Pantry. The Kiddie Kampus students enjoyed a field trip to the New Lenox Police Station and were visited by the New Lenox Fire Department.

Commissioner Fischer highlighted our specials events that included the Daddy Daughter Date Night on November 1st. The event met its maximum number of participants of 175, 96 daughters and 79 dads. They enjoyed a catered dinner of Pizza from Joey's Pizza and a great time was had by all. Our Gobbler Gauntlet 5K Race/Walk was held on November 16 with 313 participants. Commissioner Fischer thanked the staff at the Sanctuary Golf Course for letting us host the run.

Commissioner Fischer reported that the Winter/Spring registration is now open with many different types of programs available going online to www.newlenoxparks.org.

Director of Recreation Pipiras highlighted the hours for the Ice Rink in the Village Commons.

New Business

Resolution #24-26 – Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the Agreement with First Security Systems, Inc.

President Schulz asked if there were any questions regarding Resolution #24-16. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve Resolution #24-16 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the Agreement with First Security Systems, Inc. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Ott. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**Community
Announcements**

President Schulz extended a heartfelt thanks for choosing the Park District to bring recreation and joy into your family's lives and that we recognize that you have many excellent options in New Lenox, and we deeply appreciate your support throughout the year. He wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

**Adjourn to
Executive Session**

President Schulz requested a motion to adjourn to a closed Executive Session for Section 2(c) 1 Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. Motion was made by Commissioner Ott, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**Resume to
Regular Meeting**

President Schulz requested a motion to resume to the Regular Monthly Meeting of December 18, 2024, from Executive Session. Motion made by Commissioner Ott, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Motion passes.

Adjournment

At approximately 7:08 p.m., President Schulz requested a motion to adjourn the December 18, 2024, Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Recording Secretary – Melissa McGrath