

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, March 19, 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 March 19, 2025, meeting to order at approximately 6:01 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: Larson, Fischer, Ott and President Schulz.
- Also in Attendance** Executive Director Greg Lewis, Deputy Director of Business Services Jason Braglia, Director of Parks-Maintenance Ken Stephens, Director of Golf Bob Schulz, Director of Recreation Lea Pipiras, and Office Coordinator Aurora Abbott.
- Treasurer's Report** President Schulz quoted the totals from the monthly Treasurer's Report as presented for February 28, 2025. President Schulz requested any questions or comments regarding the monthly Treasurer's Report for February 28, 2025. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented for February 28, 2025. Motion made by Commissioner Ott, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Payment of Bills** President Schulz quoted totals from the Payment of Bills as presented for February 28, 2025. President Schulz requested any questions or comments. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Payment of Bills as presented for February 28, 2025. Motion made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Approval of Minutes** Approval for the Game Committee Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2025
President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Gaming Committee Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2025. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Approval for the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2025
President Schulz requested any questions or comments on the Regular Minutes of February 19, 2025. Hearing no questions or comments, President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Minutes 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 the Business Services Department is busy reviewing proposed changes to job descriptions and district policies. He commended the department for stepping up the last few months when needed.

Deputy Director of Business Services Braglia highlighted current investments, with two maturing to over a million dollars apiece. New investments have been started for the Sanctuary Golf Course and the Recreation fund.

Facilities / Planning

President Schulz noted the updated the Crisis Communication Procedure and Crisis Management Plans were in the board packet to be approved under new business. Director of Recreation Pipiras mentioned that there are a few minor edits still to be made due to staff changes.

President Schulz provided the monthly update regarding the Crossroads Sports Complex stating that Executive Director Lewis and Director of Recreation Pipiras continue to attend weekly meetings with the Village to work on the related Intergovernmental Agreement.

Golf Course

Golf Operations

Commissioner Larson reported that due to following up one of the warmest Februarys in 2024 to one of the coldest in 2025 revenue was down this year. The new Pro Shop counters are about two months out due to supply chain issues. Credit Cards are now required for booking tee times in advance to combat no shows.

Food and Beverage Operations

Commissioner Larson reiterated that Food and Beverage Operations were down as well due to the weather. He also announced that the game room expansion is complete with the sixth gaming machine now installed along with a new slop sink.

Grounds Operations

Commissioner Larson reported that there are no updates regarding the new green mowers, but they are still expected in late spring. There were no major equipment issues during the past season and routine winter maintenance is underway. Minor bunker repairs are in progress near hole eight and some tree removal occurred near hole five.

Director of Golf Schulz announced that the Golf Course will be offering a tee time pre-pay option on the website that will go into effect either April or May.

Parks/Development

Association Update

Commissioner Larson reported that Girl's Softball registration has started with 470 players signed up to start practice April 1st and the Baseball Association had their pre-season meeting on March 18th. School District 122 just submitted their schedules for the upcoming baseball/softball season. There are plans to resurface Ron Rob Field with mid-low mix and new bench seats will be added as Fields 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11. Director of Parks-Maintenance Stephens noted the project form from the New Lenox Baseball Association to install batting cages will be moved to new business for approval.

Out in the parks Commissioner Larson noted that Port-A-Johns have been placed for the season and all precast cans have been cleaned. Haines Ice Rink is officially closed for the year and volleyball courts are opened.

Commissioner Larson mentioned the recent issue with dirt bikes at Bristol and Water Chase Parks. Director of Parks-Maintenance Stephens has met with the Police Department regarding this to try to get extra patrols at those parks. Director of Recreation Pipiras stated that the marketing team is working on a social media campaign to remind the community that dirt bikes and similar vehicles are not allowed at our parks.

New Lenox Crossroads Sports Complex

Commissioner Larson reported that Umax utility carts and toro mowers are in for the sports complex, with the turf tank robot striper, Kromer paint removal systems, and bleachers ordered.

Sharon's Bay Park Update

Director of Parks-Maintenance Stephens recapped his meeting with the Forest Preserve for trail connections to the park. The target schedule is June 1st for bid opening and bid award on June 18th for the park redevelopment. Planning Resources sent in two plan options for the park which have been shared with the Village.

Recreation

Special Recreation Update

Executive Director Lewis reported that they are finishing up the Sensory Garden and Sensory Bus projects. LWSRA is continuing to work on becoming a Distinguished Agency by updating various policies and procedures. Commissioner Fischer commended the LWSRA for the success of the programs, notably for the wheelchair basketball team's recent first place ranking at several tournaments in Wisconsin and Indiana.

Committee and Staff Report Update

Commissioner Fischer reported that the ACES Before and After Care Program just meet 500 participants for the school year. The Children's Basketball League ended on February 23rd and evaluations were sent out to participants and coaches to provide feedback about games and practices. Several Kids First contracted programs started mid- February and the Adult Pickleball League is going strong with seventeen teams. Kiddie Kampus Preschool just had a visit from the New Lenox Fire Department for their continued "Learn Not to Burn" program. Preschool registration for the 2025-2026 school year opened for returning families on February 6th and opened for new students on March 6th. Director of Recreation Pipiras noted that nearly all classes are filled for next year.

Update on Achieving the Distinguished Park and Recreation Accreditation

Commissioner Fischer mentioned that the plan for achieving the accreditation is to have the application submitted by April 1st.

Commissioner Fischer also commended Marketing Coordinator Caitlin Eichhorn for her analysis of the park district's Social Media insight and trends.

Commissioner Fischer announced the Friends of the Park 5k Run/Walk coming up on April 26th that will be held at the Sanctuary Golf Course starting at 8am. All proceeds will be going to the Friends of the Park non-profit foundation. Director of Recreation Pipiras announced the Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser that will be going on starting April 7th to raise funds for the park district scholarship program. This provides assistance to local families ensuring all are able to participate in our programs and events. The fundraiser will be held almost entirely online with a few pop-up booths. More information will be available soon.

New Business

Resolution No. 25-02: Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the Agreement with Andromeda Technology Solutions, Inc.

President Schulz asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding Resolution #25-02. Hearing none, President Schulz requested a motion to approve Resolution #25-02 Authorizing the Execution of the Agreement with Andromeda Technology Solutions, Inc. Motion made by Commissioner Ott, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Crisis Communication and Management Plan

President Schulz requested a motion to approve the Crisis Communication and Management Plans. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

New Lenox Baseball Association (Rebels) Project Form A

President Schulz requested a motion to approve the New Lenox Baseball Association (Rebels) Project Form A. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Ott. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Community Events

President Schulz read the community events:

New Lenox Lion's Club - Garden Party Fashion Show

March 30, 2025, from 1:30-3:30pm

All proceeds benefit the New Lenox Lion's Club

\$30 per person of table of 10 for \$250 with a soup, salad, dessert and complimentary wine.

Tickets available to purchase at:

Mainstream Boutique, 1844 E Lincoln Hwy, New Lenox, IL 60451

Moody Blues Jean Boutique, 1844 E Lincoln Hwy, New Lenox, IL 60451

For more information call Lion Lisa at (815)474-2433

Severe Weather Preparedness Health, and Safety Expo & Touch-a-Truck

Free for all ages, no registration needed

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Lincoln-Way West High School, 21701 Gougar Road New Lenox, IL 60451

Adjournment

At approximately 6:31p.m., President Schulz requested a motion to adjourn the March 19, 2025, Regular Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Recording Secretary – Aurora Abbott