

**LINDENHURST PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
LINDENHURST VILLAGE HALL**

August 8, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Lindenhurst Park District was called to order by President Solbrig at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Solbrig led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present:	Todd Solbrig	President
	Victoria McCabe	Vice President
	James Stout	Treasurer
	Sean Smith	Commissioner
	Sheri Chapman	Commissioner
Park District Staff:	Dave Mohr, Jr.	Executive Director
Others Present:	Lauren Schulz	Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Stout made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. President Solbrig declared the motion unanimously carried on a voice vote 5-0.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners Minutes of July 11, 2023. Commissioner McCabe made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of July 11, 2023; Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. President Solbrig declared the motion unanimously carried on a voice vote 5-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Ryan, Andrew, and Ryan's mom – Thanked Director Mohr and LPD for servicing the outdoor hockey rink. The repairs are huge and a tremendous thank you for making this available to kids. Requested LPD look into resurfacing the rink over the next few years.

Bruce Hoffenberg 2114 Lakeshore Dr. - Thank you to all for assisting in removal of vegetation at Lake Linden and making it look great again.

John Filippo - Thank you for making Lake Linden clean again and David Mohr for stepping up and handling the day to day handling of the LPD. Thank you Director Mohr for shutting down Meyer's Beach and Linden's Landing so the residents could team up to make the community look great and supporting this project. Thank you Commissioner Stout for a tour of all the parks in Lindenhurst.

Ella Zimmerfeld 689 Federal Pkwy. - Having issues with FT staff members at open gym. Commissioner Solbrig asked her to send a detailed email to Director Mohr.

TREASURER'S
REPORT:

Discussion and motion to approve bills presented for this meeting.

Commissioner Stout presented the bill list for July 1 through July 31 in the total amount of \$198,039.70. Commissioner Stout made a motion to approve the bills presented for this meeting; Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Solbrig	Aye
McCabe	Aye
Stout	Aye
Smith	Aye
Chapman	Aye

President Solbrig declared the motion unanimously carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

STAFF REPORTS: Director Mohr presented all staff reports.

Business Department

Linda Marturano, Business Manager, reported LPD received tax payments from county totaling just over \$65,000 and received one impact fee from Briargate.

Parks Department

Dennis Carroll, Jr., Director of Parks and Facilities, reported Mallard Ridge tennis courts were addressed; cleaning and filling potholes at Millennium Park parking lot. Splash pad will close after Labor Day. Two hand rails were replaced at playground, new swing chains for Millennium Park ordered and will be replaced. Lost three trees at Millennium Park due to weather. Storage tower at Linden Landing was broken into and addressed. Community Center has one leak that is being investigated.

Recreation Department

Kate Kotloski, Director of Recreation, reported general recreation programming decrease from last year. Summer league numbers are up. Preschool numbers show an increase, and teachers are very excited for new spaces. Before/After School has options for monthly and daily registration new this year. Gym/track usage is down, but typical in summer months. Rentals/parties saw a huge revenue increase from last year due to fee structure and more splash pad rentals available. Summer and specialty camps were very successful; especially theatre camp. Live Music in the Parks have been great; have rescheduled all that were cancelled due to weather. Storytime in the Parks had great turnouts. Unplugged event was a huge success, ice cream man and foam party were big hits. Kids concerts have had great turnouts, and were able to reschedule any cancelled due to weather.

Safety and Risk Management

Katie Kotloski, Director of Recreation Safety Coordinator, reported there will be a focus on staff training and updating safety and policy procedures with PDRMA.

Incident/Accident Reports – None to report

Marketing Department

Kathy Kohler, Director of Marketing and Communications, reported new logo was installed from Fast Signs; Forest Ortho was out on July 20 for summer camp fun day, provided popsicles. Fall program out, registration is open as of 8/7; new page for WSRA; excited to bring back the staff spotlight. Touch a Truck is coming; Haunted Trail planning underway, with many new sponsors. Sponsorship for basketball league. Huge thanks to Raymond Chevy, who have been at events. Seat cushions and air fresheners have been a huge hit!

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation by Director Mohr on the park planning and OSLAD Grant for Lewis Park.

Director Mohr reported application deadline is August 31. Working with Todd from Design Perspectives. Plan is to renovate the entire park; fencing, courts, playground, removal & building back up, adding better base. Pathway, sensory garden, hammock area. Adding new bike repair station (tool kit, air pump station, stand) and solar panels to shelter for charging station. Public Input meeting Thursday Aug 10 at 5:00pm at LPD. After that, will submit application.

Discussion and motion to approve the plans for Lewis Park, including any input from the Park Board or the Public Input Meeting on August 10.

Motion to approve plans for purpose of submitting application for grant.

Commissioner Stout made a motion to approve the plans for Lewis Park, including any input from the Park Board or the Public Input Meeting on August 10.; Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Solbrig	Aye
McCabe	Aye
Stout	Aye
Smith	Aye
Chapman	Aye

President Solbrig declared the motion unanimously carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Community Center Expansion with FGM Architects, Midwest Mechanical and Happ Builders, etc

Director Mohr reported that a meeting with all parties was held on 8/8. Updates include: almost all mirrors are done in dance studio, will be shipped and installed soon; few floor repairs to be made, painting need to be done. Some issues with window screens, coming back out to fix. Overstock list needs to be put together and collected. Signs and locks are complete. Goal is completion by 8/18. LPD received great feedback and space is being used.

Update on Mallard Ridge Park improvements to include new tennis, pickleball and basketball courts.

Director Mohr reported Camosy is overseeing project. Expecting a bid packet week of August 21.

OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioner Comment

None

DIRECTOR'S
REPORT:

Update of various administrative activities; capitol and safety improvements, legal updates, finance and investments, planning and development, policies and procedures, personnel, intergovernmental, etc.

Director Mohr reported board meetings will be at community center starting in September. More staff will be attending monthly meetings with staff presentations. Audit presentation will be at September meeting. New IL bills/laws that may affect LPD: beginning January 1, 2024 - all eCigarettes will be banned anywhere smoking is not allowed. Prevailing wage acts will include power washers, and anybody that installing anything on any permanent light poles. Any paved paths crossing highways will require information signage.

CORRESPONDENCE: Director Mohr submitted letters on behalf of the LPD for Lake Villa Township and Lake Villa District Library in support of their application for OSLAD grant. Letters were shared with commissioners.


ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Chapman made a motion to adjourn at 7:06; Commissioner McCabe seconded the motion. President Solbrig declared the meeting adjourned on a unanimous voice vote 5-0.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Lauren Schulz
Recording Secretary

David Mohr, Jr., CPRP
Executive Director
Park Board Secretary

Approved by me this 12TH day of September, 2023.



Todd Solbrig - President
Board of Park Commissioners