

APPROVED

COUNCIL OF THE WHOLE MEETING **NEW LENOX BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**New Lenox Village Hall,
One Veterans Parkway
Monday, June 15, 2015**

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CALL TO ORDER

The Council of the Whole Meeting of the New Lenox Village Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Baldermann in the Council Chambers of the New Lenox Village Hall.

ROLL CALL

Upon Roll Call by the Clerk, the following members of the corporate authorities answered "Here" or "Present":

Trustees Smith, Butterfield, Johnson, Madsen, Dye and Mayor Baldermann

The following were absent:

Trustee Bowden

QUORUM

There being a sufficient number of members of the corporate authorities in attendance to constitute a quorum, the meeting was declared in order.

OTHER OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Also in attendance were Village Administrator Kurt Carroll, Village Clerk Laura Ruhl, Village Engineer Will Nash, Finance Director Kim Auchstetter, Building and Zoning Administrator Warren Rendleman, Community Development Director/Assistant Administrator Robin Ellis, Director of Public Works Brian Williams, Chief of Police Bob Sterba and Attorney Chris Spesia

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Baldermann announced that Item C on the agenda has been taken off. He had a meeting with the developer of Lincoln Station where the conclusion was to invite the community to attend a "Town Hall" style meeting where the only item talked about is Lincoln Station. There are so many things the public has been discussing that are not true. The Mayor asked the Board if they were available on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 7:00p.m. The Board concurred.

Trustee Dye suggested that the developer of Lincoln Station be ready to address the question of a right-in, right-out in-lieu of all of the traffic having to use Prairie Rd.

Ms. Ellis stated that she doesn't know where they would be able to do this.

Trustee Dye asked if this could be possible by the Statuary property.

Ms. Ellis stated the statuary site is separated from the apartments by wetlands. So even if you got a right-in, right-out they would not be able to bridge as a secondary access.

Trustee Dye stated she thinks, from hearing from the community, is looking for an additional way to access the development.

Ms. Ellis stated she doesn't know that they have any other point of access. Ms. Ellis will pass this along to the developer.

Mayor Baldermann requested that Item B be discussed first on the agenda. The Board concurred.

Discussion of Video Gaming – New Lenox Park District

Greg Lewis, representing the New Lenox Community Park District, addressed the Village Board regarding video gaming at the Sanctuary Golf Course. He presented a PowerPoint presentation and explained that video gaming will help off-set costs. Mr. Lewis stated that 90% of golfers at the Sanctuary are non-residents and the idea is to target the person that is coming into golf and then leaves town. Because of this he feels there will not be any impact on the American Legion or the VFW.

Trustee Butterfield stated that he is for video gambling and agrees that this will not affect the business at the American Legion and VFW.

Trustee Smith asked how many machines there will be.

Mr. Lewis stated there will be five in the area that is designated.

Trustee Dye asked if the NLCPD has a 501-C3.

Mr. Lewis stated the NLCPD is a "Municipal Corporation Tax Exempt"

Mr. Lewis went over the capital improvements that are needed and the projected numbers. He went on to say that statewide other park districts had video gaming. Mr. Lewis stated that the golf course is a 257-acre site with the clubhouse in the middle, not close to any residents. The hours of operation will be the same as the golf hours. The golf course is open year-round as long as there's no snow.

Trustee Smith asked if the hours would change.

Mr. Lewis stated no, the hours will not change. The location of the games will be in a locked room. The door will be locked when there are kid's leagues. Mr. Lewis said the goal is create capital funds to go back into the golf course.

Trustee Smith asked if the Video Gaming Ordinance would have to be amended.

Trustee Dye asked what the benchmark will be. The NLCPD made a very good case but what will the next one be.

Mayor Baldermann stated when the Sanctuary has kids leagues the area with the games will not be open. He went on to say the NLCPD is a taxing body and the more money they make from people that live out of New Lenox the less money they will have to charge our residents.

Resident Bill Walter, 1022 Grandview Drive, stated that he thought to have a video gaming license the establishment had to be a year round business.

Mayor Baldermann stated the Sanctuary Golf Course is a year round business.

Mr. Lewis stated that the Sanctuary Golf Course is a weather driven business and no matter what there is always someone at the course. The winter months they are booking all the golf outings that take place all year long.

The Board concurred to amend the ordinance.

Mr. Lewis concluded he always has an open door. If there are any concerns please contact him.

Discussion of Crystal Cove Landscaping

Mr. Williams presented pictures of the entrances to Crystal Cove subdivision. Near the entrances on Sojourn Road and on Ruthenbeck Lane are some landscape beds that have fallen into an unsightly state. The homeowners association in Crystal Cove would like the Village to correct this condition as it is unclear who should be responsible in maintaining these areas. In the effort to make them more maintenance friendly we are looking to put grass. The Homeowners Association is in agreement.

Trustee Smith asked if Wildwood can also be looked at.

Mayor Baldermann stated the Village is in the process of looking at the Wildwood island.

Mr. Williams reported that the Wildwood island is on their list along with Tower Lane.

Trustee Smith asked if the Village taking ownership of the existing sign or just the median.

Mr. Williams stated in Wildwood Staff is going to removed everything that is in the median and putting a couple layers of fabric and decorative rock and planting maintenance free shrubbery that can stand up against the salt. Would like to do the same to Tower Lane. The signs are not the Villages responsibility.

Discussion of Lincoln Station

This item was taken off the agenda. A special meeting on July 8, 2015 will take place at 7:00p.m. in the Village Board Room of the New Lenox Village Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting made by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Dye. Upon voice vote, the motion carried recording Trustee Bowden as ABSENT. The

Council of the Whole Meeting of the Village of New Lenox Board of Trustees held on June 15, 2015 was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Laura Ruhl, Village Clerk