

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, October 13, 2021**  
**At NEDSRA Offices**

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Ellmann called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:** The following Roll Call was taken:

**Members Present:** Leslie DeMoss, Addison Park District  
Michael Hixenbaugh, Butterfield Park District  
Keith Knautz, Village of Glendale Heights  
Maryfran Leno, Itasca Park District  
Paul Friedrichs, Lombard Park District (1:43 p.m.)  
Bruce Baum, Medinah Park District  
Greg Gola, Village of Villa Park  
Matthew Ellmann, Wood Dale Park District

**Members Absent:** Phyllis Schmidt, Bensenville Park District  
Cathy Fallon, Oakbrook Terrace Park District  
Randy Splitt, Village of Schiller Park

**Staff Present:** Rick Poole, Executive Director  
Jerry Barton, Superintendent of Recreation  
Kristen Seefurth, Marketing/Fund Development Manager

**Guests Present:** None.

Chairman Ellmann noted that a quorum was present to take any action required on the agenda. He also noted that Sue Martellotta, Recording Secretary was not here and the recording duties were being handled by Executive Director Rick Poole, and also that Trustee Friedrichs would be late. Chairman Ellmann requested that "Other Business" agenda item be moved before the "Health Plan Selection." The Board agreed to move item 4 before item 3.

3. **Other Business.** Chairman Ellmann turned the meeting over to Director Poole who introduced Marketing/Fund Development Manager Kristen Seefurth. She reported on the 2021 Golf Classic, stating that there were 128 golfers. The budgeted net revenue was \$33,125 and the actual net revenue, including the \$14,415 invoice from Bensenville/White Pines, is \$33,686. There was an increase in registrations and sponsorships. She noted that staff will seek proposals from other courses for future events. The Trustees expressed their support for this idea. They also expressed some disappointment in the golf course and facility. There was a consensus to explore moving the event to another course, but not without giving Bensenville ample notice. There was discussion that the course would not have to be owned by a Member Partner, but within the areas covered by the 11-member boundaries. The Chairman believes NEDSRA should speak with Bensenville/White Pines if and when it is decided to move the event. Director Poole thanked the Trustees for all of their support in this event and Chairman Ellmann thanked staff for all of their work.

Superintendent Barton spoke about Reach for the Stars event and the limited seating. The event is November 10. It will be a live event and will be recorded for a Zoom watch party and also posted on the website for anyone to watch it at a later date. He presented the results for the awards and Jeena Greenwalt Scholarship. The Jeena Greenwalt Scholarship fund is at about \$14,000 which includes the Board recommended transfer of \$10,000 into that fund. Two individuals were chosen from four applicants. The Board asked Superintendent Barton to verify resident status of the town/park district of the recipients.

4. **NEDSRA Health Plan Selection for 2022.** Director Poole again stated that Sue Martellotta was not in attendance due to illness and he would be able to answer any questions. He highlighted NEDSRA is using the PDRMA health plan. He said the figures for 2022 include one additional staff. The increase to the budget number is at 1% for the total cost. He explained that going forward the Member Partner survey will be formatted differently. Currently the enrollment is eight staff with one opt out, expecting this to be nine staff with one opt out in the next year. Staff is recommending no change to plan types from current. There were some changes made to PPO employee portion, however making the vision plan at no cost to employees. The other change was to make the opt out amount \$2,500 per year up from \$2,000 per year. Trustee Leno recommended that the employee percentages for Vision be the same as the health percentages. Trustee Knautz asked why the employee percentage of the PPO went up if the cost went down. Director Poole explained that it was to keep the costs budget neutral. Trustee Leno explained how and why the PDRMA costs were derived.

A motion was made by Trustee Leno to approve NEDSRA Health plan offerings by PDRMA Health for 2022 to include a PPO \$2,000 Deductible /\$1,500 HRA, an HMO plan, a Dental with Orthodontia plan and a \$600 Vision plan with employee rates as presented, however universally applied for health, dental and vision; and an increase to the Opt Out option to \$2,500 per year. The second was made by Trustee Knautz. There being no further discussion on a roll call vote, voting aye: Trustee Hixenbaugh, Butterfield Park District; Trustee Knautz, Village of Glendale Heights; Trustee Leno, Itasca Park District; Trustee Friedrichs, Lombard Park District; Trustee Baum, Medinah Park District; Trustee Gola, Village of Villa Park; Trustee DeMoss, Addison Park District; Trustee Ellmann, Wood Dale Park District. Motion passed with 8 ayes, 0 nays.

5. **Other Announcements/Comments.** Trustee Gola announced that Villa Park Recreation received a DCEO Grant of \$10,000,000. Trustee Leno has a new Superintendent of Recreation, Sandy Harris. She will be the Itasca Alternate for the NEDSRA Board. Itasca has been holding vaccination clinics. Trustee Knautz hoping to finish their OSLAD grant before the end of the year. Trustee Friedrichs also is working on his and apologized for being late. He wanted to add how disappointed he was in how disrespectful Bensenville was and how grateful he is to staff for getting the event back on track. Trustee Baum said that ComEd has an outdoor LED lighting program and Medinah is refitting their outdoor lighting. He will pass the information on. Trustee Hixenbaugh will be talking to NEDSRA staff on the HR and Payroll systems. They are looking to improve and automate. Chairman Ellmann expects "390 Golf" to open in November and invitations will be sent out for the V.I.P. opening night. Trustee Baum requested that the second invoice for Partner contributions from Medinah be sent before the end of 2021 as Medinah is on a calendar year.
6. **Adjournment:** Chairman Ellmann stated that the next regular meeting date was November 3, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. and that there being no further business before the NEDSRA Board of Trustees, he would entertain a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Trustee Gola and a second by Trustee DeMoss. There being no further discussion on a roll call vote, voting aye: Trustee Knautz, Village of Glendale

Heights; Trustee Leno, Itasca Park District; Trustee Friedrichs, Lombard Park District; Trustee Baum, Medinah Park District; Trustee Gola, Village of Villa Park; Trustee DeMoss, Addison Park District; Trustee Hixenbaugh, Butterfield Park District; Trustee Ellmann, Wood Dale Park District. Motion passed with 8 ayes, 0 nays. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Susan Martellotta, Recording Secretary



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Matthew Ellmann, Chairman



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Keith Knautz, Vice-Chairman

