

Lan-Oak Park District  
Buildings & Grounds Committee  
September 13, 2010

Vice-Chairperson Kelly called the meeting to order at 8:04pm. Upon roll call the following were present: Committee Members-Commissioners Kelly, Long (Arrived at 8:10pm); Guests- Commissioners Gaffney, Flanagan; Staff-Director Wilson.

Wilson discussed a potential problem with the management of the Buford Walker Senior Housing. They are claiming that the maintenance staff has hit their fence while mowing the Eisenhower Center. Wilson mentioned he has gone out and inspected the fence and feels the damage was not done by the maintenance staff. From a similar incident in 2009, the maintenance staff did in fact hit the fence and the LOPD paid for the repair of the fence. Since that time the grass adjacent to the fence has been cut by a hand mower and Wilson directed the maintenance staff to keep all large mowing equipment away from the fence. Wilson also noted that there are other areas, not adjacent to park district property, along the fence where there is similar damage. Wilson will be meeting with the representative of the senior housing and informed the Committee that based upon the information he has and his investigation, the District should not be paying for any damages to the fence. In the future, should the District be forced to pay for any damages, the maintenance crew will not be mowing the grass adjacent to the fence.

Discussion centered on the previous problems brought to the attention of the Park Board by the residents adjacent to Volunteers Park (Meekma Park Development). Since the August Park Board meeting signs have been posted announcing the hours that the park is open and the police have been making regular patrols at the park. Wilson informed the Committee that the police have issued six citations for ordinance violations in the park. Conversation turned to security lighting in the park. Wilson will be meeting with representatives from ComEd to discuss the possibility of security lights for the front out lot and the playground area. Wilson will be getting the cost for the lights and will report back to the Committee.

Long updated the Committee on the meeting he just attended for the Schultz Park Neighborhood. A lengthy discussion ensued about the wishes of the group for future park development ranging from following the park site plan on file to what the park district and residents can do now. The Committee felt that if the maintenance crew could finalize the installation of the park bench, bike rack and

repair the baseball backstop fence would be beneficial to the group. The Committee agreed that the group could plant trees in the park as per the working plan on file at the park office. Wilson will provide the Committee with the cost breakdown for the sand volleyball court that was built at Lan-Oak Park. That information will eventually be passed along to the resident group at Schultz Park.

Long asked if the planning grid for Schultz Park could be given to the residents on how the proposed improvements ranked. Wilson will provide that information to Long.

There being no further business Motion by Kelly to adjourn. Second by Long. Upon roll call all present voted "aye". No nays.

Adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Wilson, CPRP  
Secretary to the Park Board