

Lan-Oak Park District
Buildings & Grounds Committee
July 6, 2011

The Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Long at 8:00pm. Upon roll call the following were present: Committee Members- Commissioners Kelly, Long. Guests- Mike Gaffney. Staff- Director Wilson.

Wilson announced that the Park District received word from the Governor's Office that the District was awarded an Illinois Youth Recreation Corp Grant in the amount of \$20,400.00. The grant will pay for 5 workers between the ages of 16-19 for a period of 60 days. The state will pay 100% of all wages associated with the grant. The grant application specified the work to be done on the Pennsy Greenway.

Wilson indicated to the committee two maintenance workers were suspended for a day because of unacceptable work habits.

Discussion center on the condition of the bathrooms at Lions Stadium on June 26 & 27. The park district did not clean the bathrooms because of the condition that they were left in. Gaffney explained the problem/concern of leaving the bathrooms in the condition that they were in with many people using them. Gaffney also indicated to the committee that he cleaned the bathroom at Lions Stadium. Long sighted that the matter gave the Park District a black eye with public relations in the community. Wilson provided pictures of the bathrooms on the dates in question and suggested the condition presented in the pictures does not happen within a few seconds. Wilson explained that he was operating on the direction given to the staff from 2006 that the park district would not clean the bathrooms at the Sports Complex and/or Lions Stadium if the staff found them in deplorable condition. After a discussion on the matter, Kelly suggested that he was familiar with a conversation regarding the action of the park district back in 2006; Gaffney indicated he remembered the matter being discussed at the Lansing Old Timers meeting. Long wanted to move forward and correct the issue at hand. Kelly commented that Wilson and the staff was acting on the direction of a former board and if the board members now wanted to change the directive for the staff a plan needed to be put in place. Kelly offered that in the future when the bathrooms are found in the deplorable condition as on the last two incidents, the staff should take pictures, clean up the mess in the bathroom, provide the information about the incident, along with pictures, to the Park Board, the President of the Lansing Old Timers, and the Director of Concession Operations,

and if the problem continues, then there will be a meeting between all parties to discuss a resolution to resolve the negative situation.

Kelly inquired about the Lansing Lions request for Heritage Park. Wilson commented that Sharon received all of the information for the park permit and he was working with her to get the requested amenities to the park before July 11. Kelly announced that the Lions are using the park earlier this year because they will be hosting a camp for football and cheerleading.

Long informed the committee that District 158 will be organizing a competitive softball and baseball program and they would like to use both ballfields at Lan-Oak Park. District 158 will pay for all expenses to install the proper bases as per their rules/regulations. In addition they will be responsible for the field maintenance and preparation of the field for their games. The only dates requested were September 1 and 15. Wilson will verify if the dates are available and if there is a current certificate of insurance on file from the School District.

Gaffney announced that the Lansing Old Timers would be hosting a tournament this year as similar to last year. They would like to use the Babe Ruth Field at Lan-Oak Park as they did last year. Gaffney will give the dates to Wilson for this tournament.

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

Adjourned at 8:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Wilson, CPRP
Secretary to the Park Board