

Lan-Oak Park District
Buildings & Grounds Committee
August 29, 2011

Chairperson Gulotta called the meeting to order at 8:14pm. Upon roll call those present were: Committee Members Long, Gulotta. Guests: Commissioners Flores, Kelly. Staff Liaison: Director Wilson.

Wilson provided an update on the skatepark. Volunteers started on August 28 taking the surfacing off and will resume work on the project over the Labor Day weekend. Gulotta mentioned that the district should have a reopening of the amenity. Discussion occurred about recognizing Mr. Grossi as a volunteer nominee for the upcoming Volunteer Recognition Dinner.

An update was made on the Dyer U14 softball project in conjunction with Bill Harrison. Wilson offered a summary of his meeting with Harrison in regards to the field length being 200 feet. Wilson found that the length of the field would run into other amenities in Lions Park and this would present a safety concern. Discussion ensued and other options for the location of the program were analyzed. Wilson indicated that Harrison will be attending the September Park Board meeting. Between now and then, Wilson will measure the fields at Schultz and Heritage to determine if those two fields could be an option.

Gulotta then inquired about the dugouts at Lions Stadium Wilson responded that the topo is completed and he will be meeting engineers at the park on August 30. Long inquired if both fields (dugouts) will be completed. Wilson indicated that the project will in all likelihood be a bid item and the bid specifications and document would be developed in a way that individual project components could be selected.

An update by Wilson was presented in regards to the removal of the playground at Oakley Park. Kids Around the World do not take playgrounds with square deck posts. The LOPD maintenance crew will add the removal of the playground on their winter list. Gulotta discussed about retrofitting the deck post legs. Wilson explained the possible ramifications of doing that and further explained that if that could be done, only half of the safety problem was eliminated.

Wilson announced that the maintenance crew in conjunction with Public Works will be removing the sand volleyball court at Van Laten. In the explanation he explained that the court is in despair and rarely used. This summer it was

invested with wasp that bury in the sand. There was no objection from the committee with this removal.

Long brought to the table the fact that Veterans Park has not been mowed and the grass is quite long. Wilson responded with the manpower at hand, 2 fulltime workers maintain 26 parks comprising 180 acres. Discussion took place about hiring more additional workers and Wilson responded that would increase expenses for hiring & training costs, unemployment costs and budgetary controls in relationship to overtime hours. He further indicated that this problem happens every year. Adding that staff provides the Park Board a proposed budget and worker/salary sheet for the upcoming fiscal year for review and approval and that would be the time to discuss hiring additional workers or adding additional funds for overtime. Gulotta questioned if there is enough work in the winter to support a fourth full time worker. Wilson responded no to the question adding the maintenance crew does a lot more work than just mowing grass. The committee suggested that the issue be placed on an upcoming Finance & Personnel Committee meeting.

Motion by Long to go into executive session for specifically to discuss the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body, 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (6). Second by Gulotta. Upon roll call the following voted "aye": Long, Gulotta. No nays.

Executive Session at 8:50pm.

The committee meeting was called back to order at 9:05pm. Upon roll call those present were: Committee Members Long, Gulotta. Guests: Commissioners Flores, Kelly. Staff Liaison: Director Wilson.

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

Adjournment at 9:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Wilson, CPRP
Secretary to the Park Board