

Lan-Oak Park District
Buildings & Grounds Committee
May 6, 2010

Chairperson Long called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Upon roll call the following were present: Committee Members – Commissioners Kelly, Long. Guests Commissioners Gaffney, Leck. Also present Wilson. Guests as signed in from the Stony Ridge neighborhood.

Long gave the floor to Wayne Stephens who spoke on the behalf of the residents of the Stony Ridge Park neighborhood. There was a concern about the condition on the park. Specifically the dandelions. Comments and questions were directed to the committee members and answers were provided. Long explained the size of the maintenance department and the responsibility that they have. Further explaining that the District does not do weed control for any of the parks noting that the cost would be prohibitive. A discussion was held on some of the ways that the park could be cared for, again specifically the weed control. It was suggested that they residents could come together to pay for the weed control service. Gaffney explained the procedure that this process would require. Kelly explained the procedure the group would need to take to present ideas to the Planning Committee and that the Board of Commissioners would have to approve all work at the park. Gaffney will contact a local landscaper to see if he would take a look at the park and submit a proposal for the weed control. Several members of the group spoke about their concerns relating to the upkeep of the park, taxes and the budget of the park district. In the end everyone was willing to move forward working together to resolve the concerns presented.

The residents left the meeting at 8:20pm.

The meeting continued with a discussion on the status of Schultz Park. Leck indicated that they have raised over \$12, 195.00 for the playground. Long mentioned that funding from the park district will stop with the completion of this current phase. Further improvements will be paid from funds raised by the residents. In the future the Park Board can revisit the issue of matching the dollars raised. As for the request to reseed the park with a specific kind of grass, the neighborhood would have to raise the dollars for this work. The Park District would not participate with cost sharing. A discussion centered on installing a sidewalk around the perimeter of the park. Apparently the Village has a means of providing the concrete. The park district would prefer to have an inner park pathway system

that would meet ADA requirements versus having a sidewalk on the perimeter of the park. Long will discuss this matter with the Mayor and the fact the District is not interested in the sidewalk.

The request from the Lansing Lions was discussed. Wilson presented a seed selection with pricing. It was mentioned that the Lions do not want to move to Lan-Oak Park for the time period that the proposed work is being completed at Heritage. Wilson indicated that time is running out for the work to be done this Spring. He questioned the lack of topdressing the property before seeding. It was noted that if the Lions wanted to do this work and then play on the turf later in the Fall and take a chance of damaging the turf and the work completed – it would be their choice and their dollars.

Discussion of completing various special projects was held again. Wilson indicated that when there is a full seasonal crew, two employees will be assigned to the various special projects. One project is to renovate a stone volleyball court, gather the cost and present a plan to the Lansing Older Timers for consideration of funding the renovation for the remaining stone volleyball courts. Other projects, renovating the sand volleyball courts, painting a shelter and working on the baseball fields.

There being no further business Motion by Kelly to adjourn the meeting. Second by Long. All presented voted “aye”. No nays.

Adjourned at 8:50pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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Secretary to the Park Board