

Lan-Oak Park District  
Buildings & Grounds Committee  
March 31, 2010

Chairperson Long called the meeting to order at 8:00pm. Upon roll call the following were present: Committee Members Kelly, Long. Guest- Park Commissioner Gaffney, Lisa Kelly, Susan Anderson, and Bob Tropp. Staff Liaison Wilson.

Long amended the agenda to let members of the Lansing Lions Football program address the Board. Lisa Kelly and Susan Anderson discussed various improvements that they would like to accomplish at Heritage Park. When asked about their wish list, the represents provided the Committee this list:

- Aerating the property
- Seeding
- Fertilization

A lengthy discussion ensued among the parties about the various requests. The football program would pay for the improvements with some manpower help from the park district. Wilson mentioned that the District aerates all of the parks in the Spring and Fall. Discussion ensued about planting the grass seed and the growing season that would be needed for the grass to properly take. Committee members suggested that Lan-Oak Park could be used by the Lions in the Fall if they move forward with the improvements. Wilson mentioned that the District uses Lan-Oak Park in the fall for programs and that would have to be taken into consideration. The parties will review their options and regroup. The Park District will do some research on the application of fertilizer and any other chemicals, the proper grass and the proper seed mix. A brief discussion was held on the drainage improvements that were made two years ago. Wilson suggested that since there is still a drainage problem that the Lions consider topdressing the low areas and adding a few drain tiles in the worst areas to relieve the water from standing on the property.

Members of the Lansing Lions Football program departed the meeting.

Long reviewed the status of projects associated with the Schultz Park Neighborhood Group. A discussion was held about the special grass seed that they

would like to purchase. The Committee felt that if the neighborhood group wanted the grass seed they would have to raise funds to purchase the seed. Also discussed was the role of the park district of contributing additional dollars for future projects at the park after the playground is installed.

Long announced that Cathy Podgorski would be going out to the Nature Center over the spring break.

A discussion took place regarding the naming of the park associated with the Meekma Park Development. Long provided information about naming the park with Mayor Abbott. Then a concern was raised that naming the park Volunteer Park could be construed that it is being named in honor of the Volunteer Dinner Committee Members. Wilson stated that his suggestion of Volunteer Park was in no way meant to honor members of this committee. It was made to honor the many individuals who volunteer their time to make Lansing a better community. He was hoping that the Committee would assist in some way to help maintain the park since it was named in honor of the volunteers in Lansing. Continuing with the discussion Kelly and Gaffney provided their input on the naming. It was the consensus of the Committee to bring before the full Park Board the name on Volunteers Park. The Committee would also like to see some type of monument in the park that would explain the naming.

A brief discussion ensued about the seasonal maintenance crew. Wilson indicated that there would be 2 members assigned to do special projects throughout the summer and would not be involved in mowing like in previous years. Kelly discussed improving the volleyball courts and approaching the Lansing Old Timers about assisting with the funding through the volleyball league. District personnel will be renovating one court prior to approaching the Old Timers.

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

Adjourned at 9:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Wilson, CPRP

Secretary to the Park Board