

**Lan-Oak Park District
Buildings & Grounds Committee
August 9, 2011**

Committee Chairperson Gulotta called the meeting to order at 7:15pm. Upon roll call the following were present: Committee Members- Long, Gulotta. Staff Liaison Wilson.

Discussion ensued on the status of the skate park repairs. Wilson reported that the SkatelitePro surfacing material has been received and they are waiting on the hardware to be delivered. Wilson mentioned that he has informed the volunteer that the material has been received. Discussion ensued about the electric service near the facility and the use of the amenity by bikes with pegs.

Gulotta asked about the status of the swimming pool mentioning that he did read about the demolition and the use of the property as soccer fields. The conversation centered on the need to find some way either by volunteers or hard line negotiations with a company to demolish the building because it is an eyesore. Wilson provided the history of the estimates he has received over the past few years and a possible use of the site by the Village of Lansing. All agreed the facility is an eyesore.

Gulotta and Wilson discussed the renovation of the dugouts at Lions Stadium. Wilson has been working on plans to make the dugouts accessible under the ADA. Gulotta informed Wilson that the Challenges use both fields for their program and not just one. Gulotta briefly discussed the need for better communication by the Old Timers with the Park District. Wilson indicated he was never told that the Challengers use both fields for their program. Gulotta provided answers on the dugouts that Wilson was waiting for to continue on with the project.

Brief discussion was held on the use of Lan-Oak Park by School District 158 regarding their baseball/softball programs. Wilson mentioned that he provided notice to the Lansing Old Timers about the School District using the ball fields at Lan-Oak Park on September 1 & 15, 2011.

A discussion was held about reaching out to local community groups to volunteer in the parks. Gulotta pointed out that there was a church group that painted the shelter at Bock Park last year. In the end he suggested that maybe the Park District could send out a flyer informing groups that there are volunteer opportunities in the parks.

Gulotta brought up the use of electric in the parks for park rentals. It was suggested that on the rules sheet for next year that we inform people about the electric and that overloading the system with roasters, and other cooking appliances, the circuit will default. With the conversation continuing on the topics of sponsorship in the parks from local community groups and rental practices of other agencies within the south suburban area, Wilson informed Gulotta that given some time he would send out an email surveying other agencies about their rental and sponsorship programs.

Wilson provided a written report on the properties leased by the Park District and when the lease would be expiring.

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 8:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**John W. Wilson, CPRP
Secretary to the Park Board**