

Lan-Oak Park District
Buildings & Grounds Committee
May 16, 2011

Chairperson Long called the meeting to order at 9:17pm. Upon roll call the following were present: Committee Members Kelly, Long. Guest: Commissioner Gaffney. Staff Liaison Director Wilson.

Commissioner Kelly provided an update on the recent meeting he and Director Wilson attended with the Monaldi Manor Condo Association. The discussion ensued on the two options for the Pennsy Greenway Spur to travel across the leased ComEd property. One option is to request a 30' easement and the second option is to obtain the entire parcel of property that Monaldi Manor is now leasing from ComEd. It was determined that in the best interest of both parties the most reasonable option would be to pursue a 30' easement on the south side of the leased ComEd property. Director Wilson will develop the proposal and submit it the condo association.

Discussion ensued on the repair of the skate park. Discussion centered on moving the facility to the near by vacated tennis courts at Bock Park; developing a new site at Winterhoff Park; and/or repairing the current amenity at Bock Park. After the costs of each were reviewed, the committee decided to invest in only the repairs at the current site. The committee authorized to spend a minimum \$5000 on the repairs. Wilson indicated that there was a resident who has volunteered to assist the park district with the repairs.

Long mentioned the recent email to the Building Commissioner for the Village regarding the CJ Frank building drainage in to Park Plaza. Kelly commented that he is done talking and was wondering if the park district could sue for damages to resolve the matter. Wilson indicated that he was not informed of a recent meeting were the building owner appeared before a hearing judge on the violations. Apparently from that meeting the building owner was given another 60 days to resolve the problem. It was the consensus of the committee to wait until the 60-day period expires to see what direction the park district should go.

Long questioned the mowing schedule. Wilson responded that April and May are the worst months due to the shortage of manpower; rain and this year the backup mower went to the repair shop to have the engine switched out. Wilson further explained that the maintenance crew attempts to stay current with the mowing of its parks with district-sponsored activities, the Ike Center, and the Park Plaza. Noting that this is the first season the district actually had its seasonal help on board before June. Also it was pointed out that the maintenance crew has more duties than just mowing.

Discussion ensued on the proposal by William Harris to improve the field at Lions Parks for the use by his traveling softball team. It was determined by the committee that if he is interested in improving the field and would like to have the inclusive use for 2-3 of the week, they would be willing to work with. Wilson will meet with Harris and prepare a proposal for all parties to consider.

Kelly requested that the committee consider eliminating the district's smaller lot parks and leased parks to minimize expenses. There was a quick review of the leased and smaller tot lot parks. Kelly mentioned that Wilson prepared a listing for him and requested that the list be shared with the rest of the board. The committee will continue to investigate this proposal.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Wilson, CPRP
Secretary to the Park Board