

Lan-Oak Park District
Planning Committee
December 28, 2009

Committee Chairperson called the meeting to order at 2:10pm. Upon roll call the following were present: Committee Members: Commissioners Long, Kelly. Staff Liaison: Wilson. Guests: Commissioner Gaffney.

Wilson updated the Committee regarding the letter sent to the Mayor seeking financial assistance from the Downtown TIF District fund for the further development of the Park Plaza. The letter was mailed on 12-19-09. Wilson will be contacting the Mayor after the first of the year to follow up on the contents of the letter.

Discussion was held on the type of work that could be completed with the financial assistance of the TIF funds. Projects could include the burying of overhead power lines, concrete walls/barriers along the alley and bike trail, drainage, turf development, water features, brick paver sidewalks, memorial gardens, purchase of a portable band shell, and landscaping. Per a previous conversation, it was noted, with the Mayor that the parking lot north of the superior stone building is currently being engineered and construction in all likelihood will take place in 2010. In general all improvements north of the planned parking lot is targeted by the Park District for development by the use of TIF funding – if the Village would agree to the concept. Wilson will review the master plan for these proposed improvements and make any revisions to the proposed unit costs for the Committee's review.

Discussion centered on the proposed route for the Pennsy Greenway Spur with Wilson providing an update surrounding the section of the proposed path currently being leased by the Monaldi Manor Condo Association from ComEd. There may be a meeting of the condo membership on January 25 that Wilson has requested to appear before the Condo Board and its membership to discuss the use of the ComEd property that they are leasing.

The neighborhood meeting schedule for the referendum was reviewed by the committee. During the months of June-August 2010 members of the Board will host several meetings throughout the community to discuss the facts surrounding the referendum with the residents. Discussion ensued on the proposed referendum. Committee Members agreed to meet on Wednesdays from January through March at 6:30pm at the Administration Office to review and plan for improvements in each park throughout the community. This action would be the foundation for the referendum. In January the committee will review the major

parks; February a review will be conducted on all of the smaller parks; and, in March the Eisenhower Center and all other facilities will be reviewed.

The Committee commented on the naming of the Meekma Park development. It was suggested that any discussion be tabled until the January Board meeting and after the upcoming meeting with the Volunteer Community Group.

Wilson updated Committee on the Munster Pennsy Greenway Connection. At this time the connection may be delayed which would delay the proposed special event being planned at the State Line celebrating the connection in June 2010. Wilson will keep the Committee updated on the progress of the connection.

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

Adjournment at 3:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Wilson, CPRP
Secretary to the Park Board