

Lan-Oak Park District  
Planning Committee  
November 25, 2009

The Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kelly at 7:45pm. Upon roll call the following were present: Committee Members: Commissioners Long, Kelly. Staff Liaison: Wilson. Guests: Commissioner Gaffney.

Wilson provided the Committee with a copy of the community survey that will be a part of the upcoming program brochure. The Staff was able to get all components in the brochure layout that was originally discussed.

Discussion was held on the possible funding for various Park Plaza improvements from the soon to expire Village of Lansing's downtown TIF District. The meeting with the Mayor was briefly recapped and the Committee authorized Wilson to proceed with a letter to the Mayor officially inquiring about funds for planned development of amenities at the Plaza.

Wilson also updated the Committee about the drainage concerns with one or more of the local businesses adjacent to the Park Plaza. The Staff has been in contact with the building department about the concern but now will make an official notification about the concern that action be taken to resolve the drainage issue.

Wilson updated the Committee on the recent meeting for the development of Meekma Park. The timeline as submitted to the State of Illinois was confirmed with the meeting that was held. The Staff will have construction bids out for solicitation by January 25, 2010; the bids will be due back to the district on February 26, 2010; bid(s) recommendation will be before the Board on March 15, 2010; construction is slated to start on June 1, 2010; and substantial completion of the project will be scheduled for October 1, 2010. Wilson updated the Board regarding the issue with ComEd having a pole and electrical lines on the property without a documentation of an easement. This is based upon legal documents that were given to the Park District at closing of this developer donation. Wilson also updated the Committee that he contacted the Townhouse Association reminding them for a suggestion on the park name.

Discussion was held on the pending route of the Pennsy Greenway Spur. After the discussion the Committee authorized Wilson's request to have Attorney Primack review/research up to two hours on an option to secure the desired routing of the Spur for the Park District. Wilson also indicated to the Committee

that the next step in the connection of the Pennsy Greenway to the Thorn Creek Trail was to revise the intergovernmental agreement between the Park District and Cook County Forest Preserve to have the Spur cross their property.

A lengthy discussion was held on the planning of the referendum strategy for November 2010. Various names were submitted to be a part of the proposed sub-committee. There will be meetings over the next few months to determine the needs of the parks and finalize a proposed schedule of improvements for each park.

Kelly updated the Committee on the planning activities surrounding the holiday party slated for December 12.

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

Adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Wilson, CPRP  
Secretary to the Park Board