

Lan-Oak Park District
Planning Committee
August 29, 2011

Chairperson Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:33pm. Upon roll call those present were: Committee Members Kelly, Gulotta. Guests: Commissioners Flores, Long. Staff Liaison: Director Wilson.

Kelly requested Wilson to provide a brief presentation on the three grants still on the books for the LOPD. 1) The recent summer youth grant, 2) The CMAQ grant for the construction of the Pennsy Greenway Spur, and 3) the Enhancement Grant for the Pennsy Greenway. In the presentation Wilson and Kelly reviewed the meeting and outcome with the Monaldi Manor Condo Association for the new board members in attendance. Wilson updated the committee on the process of the Pennsy Greenway Spur engineering with the railroad crossing on Wentworth Avenue and the fact that the Park District will have to file for a hearing with the ICC to improve the railroad crossing with letters of support from the Village and Cook County. Kelly explained to the new members that the one thing the LOPD does not want to do is turn back any grant funds. Doing so will put the district on a black list for future funding opportunities.

Kelly led a discussion on the leased properties and tot lots owned and/or managed by the LOPD. Ideas about the use of these smaller properties if playgrounds are removed were discussed. Wilson mentioned that the Champaign Park District has small pocket parks at intersections that are just landscaped – which could be an idea for the smaller parks. Flores suggested looking into grants that could be available for gardening or landscaping of these properties.

Kelly asked if there was any other business for the committee. Wilson offered an item tabled by the Park Board from the June 20, 2011 Board meeting. It was suggested that the committee investigate some type of memorial for Dennis Flanagan. Discussion ensued and it was felt that Wilson would investigate some items that could be associated with some type of memorial and the committee would revisit the proposal at a later date.

Wilson suggested that if the Park Board was contemplating to conduct another referendum - planning on the referendum should start in the near future.

Long informed the committee that he was approached by a representative from the Copper Muggers about donating funds for improvements to a park since they will be losing their park in the near future because of the expansion of Reavis School. Committee Members informed Long that they would like to meet and discussion the possible project with Copper Muggers.

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

Adjournment at 8:14pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Wilson, CPRP
Secretary to the Park Board