

Lan Oak Park District Board
Committee of the Whole Meeting
July 16, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by President Kelly. The following were present: Commissioners Gulotta, Tropp, Long, Smith and Kelly. Staff Present: Senior Superintendent of Strategy & Operations Desjardins, Superintendent of Park & Maintenance Havran, Superintendent of Recreation Davenport. Guests: Melanie Jongsma, Jake Gourley, Mike Gaffney, Anthony Wilson.

Communications & Addresses from the Audience: The committee reviewed a thank you note from LARC. A person in the audience (name not given) stated that she was the sister-in-law of Lena Maniel and questioned why she was charged additional damages for a park rental. President Kelly answered the question and stated that the charge will stand. Mike Gaffney from LACE spoke about the items LACE is requesting from the park district for the upcoming AutumnFest event. Several board members responded relating to the park district being named as a sponsor of the event.

Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes: Motion by Gulotta to approve the Planning Committee meeting minutes of July 10, 2018. Second by Tropp. Upon roll call the following voted "aye": Kelly, Gulotta. No nays.

Senior Superintendent of Strategy & Operations – Report: Desjardins reported on dog park progress, the contract being negotiated between legal counsel and Hitchcock Design Group, the recently completed annual audit, the now completed acquisition of payroll services and new financial software, the July 4th event and summer movie series, and an upcoming intergovernmental dinner. Current police reports of note were provided.

Superintendent of Recreation - Report: Davenport reported the ACH figures for July 1, current program enrollments, SSSRA patron participation, and the running total of corporate sponsorships received. Janet Porter from South Suburban Special Recreation Association conducted a presentation for the committee explaining the services the park district is receiving from SSSRA and the programs Lansing residents are enjoying.

Superintendent of Parks and Maintenance – Report: Havran spoke about and showed pictures of the new free weight equipment that is now received and being used by fitness members. Google Business Reviews submitted by patrons were provided to the committee, along with the progress being made by maintenance staff, in park rentals, and in current park projects. Fitness program enrollment was discussed and current fitness membership was reported as a very healthy 2254 members.

Recreation Committee – No Report

Buildings & Grounds Committee – No Report

Planning Committee – No Report

Finance & Personnel Committee – No Report

Bike Path Committee – Currently Inactive.

Old Business – None

New Business – Commissioner Gulotta stated that he has received many positive comments about the maintenance of the parks.

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

Adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sharon Desjardins
Board Secretary
Senior Superintendent of Strategy & Operations