

Lan Oak Park District Board
Committee of the Whole Meeting
November 19, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Kelly. The following were present: Commissioners Tropp, Long, Smith, Kelly. Commissioner Gulotta arrived in the meeting at 6:48 p.m. Staff Present: Senior Superintendent of Strategy & Operations Desjardins, Superintendent of Park & Maintenance Havran. Guests: Melanie Jongsma.

Communications & Addresses from the Audience: Melanie Jongsma inquired about the park district possibly erecting a chimney swift tower in one of the parks. The committee discussed the possibility of one in the Mildred Burt Nature Center dependent upon cost and specific needs and requirements of such a tower.

Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes: None

Senior Superintendent of Strategy & Operations – Report: Desjardins announced that the bocce courts at Potts Park, the horseshoe/cornhole area at Lan-Oak Park, and the new concrete pads and benches at Lan-Oak Park are all complete and look great. Symphony at Winterhoff Park is delayed as some of the pieces required for the equipment are delayed.

All construction documents and bid documents are complete for Oakley Park, making it ready to bid in Early 2019. Desjardins spoke of adding the previously discussed Bock Park playground to that bid process and it was the consensus of the committee to do so.

The short-term park project plan developed in 2017 was reviewed as Desjardins highlighted the projects being considered for 2018-2019. Planning Chairperson Gulotta requested that a planning committee meeting be scheduled for Thursday, December 18 at 5:00pm.

The recent bond issue, the anticipated tax levy and Truth in Taxation Resolution, the initiation of the 2019-2020 budget, and an increase in the pay rate for program coordinators were discussed.

Desjardins addressed aspects of the recreation department – the winter/spring 2019 is expected to be in the mail by November 21, two new pages have been added to the program brochure publicizing destination parks and new volunteer offerings, fall 2018 program participation is at 783. The Halloween events were very successful.

Superintendent of Recreation - Report: None

Superintendent of Parks and Maintenance – Report: Havran updated the committee on equipment repairs in the fitness center and with mechanical units, announced the purchase of new entry doors in the fitness center and main gym in order to make them more ADA compliant, maintenance activities in order to winterize the parks, and outlined the plan for snow removal this winter. Current projects – the horseshoe/cornhole area, the dog park, the bocce courts, Symphony, the Copper Muggers Park sign, and the relocation of the community Christmas tree were reviewed. Current fitness center membership is

2256. The committee extensively discussed the placement for new tennis courts with the current proposed choice being Bock Park.

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 – The proposed Park Plaza development was discussed and Desjardins provided a proposal from Hitchcock for initial project activities

New Business – None

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

Adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Senior Superintendent of Strategy & Operations