

Lan Oak Park District Board
Committee of the Whole Meeting
November 21, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m. by President Tropp. The following were present: Commissioners Lewis, Aguilar, Tropp. Absent: Kelly. Staff Present: Senior Superintendent of Strategy & Operations Desjardins, Superintendent of Park & Maintenance Havran. Guest: James Shaffer.

Communications & Addresses from the Audience: None

Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes: None.

Senior Superintendent of Strategy & Operations – Report: Desjardins reported that she has contacted Hitchcock Design Group to discuss some of the 2023 projects that will require their involvement – a possible phase one at Bock Park, the re-bid of the skate park project, and a possible master plan for a new location. It was the consensus of the committee that these projects should be considered. Desjardins announced that the fall bond issue proceeds have been received, that the district will not require a public hearing for this year’s tax levy, and that no tax proceeds have been received as of yet from the county. The recreation department has received 812 so far for the fall 2022 season, senior programming is growing since the change in offerings, Playskool is holding at 65 enrollments and is looking forward to the first family event since COVID, the Halloween events went well with 375-400 attendees at Ghostly Games and 40 kids for the costume party, promotion is underway for the youth basketball league, and the Winter/Spring 2023 program brochure is expected on or before November 28. Desjardins directed the committee’s attention to a message received from the district legal counsel notifying the district of an hourly rate change and updated the committee on the progress of projects on the recreation side of the Eisenhower Center – new paint, new furniture, new gym amenities, new Playskool lockers, new wall hangings, and new resistant glass at the front desk.

Superintendent of Parks and Maintenance – Report: Havran updated the committee on the fitness equipment, fitness whirlpool repair, the potential bid for new pool mechanicals, the RecTrac migration and its effect on the fitness turnstiles. Havran discussed the fencing at Volunteers Park, tree removal at Potts Park, brush removal and fencing at Oakley Park, the electrical switches at the new sand volleyball courts, and the planting of 9 new memorial trees. Havran stated that the district has been contacted about a land donation and, after research and consideration, the staff recommends rejecting the offer. The Eisenhower Center marquee sign is progressing well, the bike path work scheduled for 2022-2023 will likely occur in spring 2023, the parking lot and shelter floors project at Erfert Park will likely occur in spring 2023, and the Bike Share program has ended for the 2022 season. Havran reported on enrollment in fitness classes, swim classes, and fitness memberships.

Recreation Committee – No Report

Buildings & Grounds Committee – No Report

Planning Committee – No Report

Finance & Personnel Committee – No Report

Bike Path Committee – No Report

Special Projects Committee – No Report

Old Business – None

New Business - None

There being no further business. Motion by Lewis to adjourn the meeting. Second by Aguilar. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”: Lewis, Aguilar, Tropp. No nays. Motion passed

Adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sharon Desjardins
Board Secretary
Senior Superintendent of Strategy & Operations