

Lan Oak Park District
Committee of the Whole Meeting
January 22, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by President Tropp. The following were present: Commissioners Lewis, Kelly, Aguilar, Tropp. Absent: Shaffer. Staff Present: Senior Superintendent of Strategy & Operations Desjardins, Superintendent of Park & Maintenance Havran. Guests: Dave DeJong, Deb DeJong, and Wilma Straten.

Communications & Addresses from the Audience: Dave DeJong and Deb DeJong inquired about an article in The Lansing Journal stating that the park district is suing The Lansing Journal. The situation was explained and the committee was thanked for its response.

Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes: None.

Senior Superintendent of Strategy & Operations – Report: Desjardins reported that the administrative staff is currently planning projects for 2024-2025, the tax levy was filed on time, a renewal contract with the auditors was signed, a reduced quote was received from Hagg Press for the next three years of printing, and that the staff intends to interview and hopefully hire a new Superintendent of Recreation. Fall recreation registration was reported, the committee received an update for the Youth Basketball League and special events. A status update was given for the current January fitness special, The Lansing Journal trademark violation, the upcoming July 3 event, and the Illinois Paid Leave for All Act.

Superintendent of Parks and Maintenance – Report: Havran reported on the repair of a few pieces of fitness equipment in the fitness center, the new fitness members we have received from the closing of Esporta, the replacement of the whirlpool filter tank, and upcoming update of the RecTrac system. The park maintenance crew has been busy with tree assessments, an incident with a homeless person at Bock Park, and the use of and vandalism at the new skate park. Upcoming projects were discussed including outstanding punch list items for the new skate park, projects for the new fiscal year, and lobby improvement at the Eisenhower Center. Fitness and aquatic program enrollment and fitness membership numbers were discussed.

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”: Kelly, Shaffer, Lewis, Aguilar, Tropp. No nays. Motion passed

Adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sharon Desjardins
Board Secretary
Senior Superintendent of Strategy & Operations