

Lan Oak Park District  
Committee of the Whole Meeting  
August 19, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Tropp. The following were present: Commissioners Kelly, Lewis, Aguilar, Tropp. Absent: Shaffer. Staff Present: Senior Superintendent of Strategy & Operations Desjardins, Superintendent of Park & Maintenance Havran, Superintendent of Recreation McMahon. Guests: Bob Malkas, Jennifer Yos, Patricia Yos, Darlene Kader, Norm Abbott.

**Communications & Addresses from the Audience:** Bob Malkas, Norm Abbott, and Darlene Kader discussed The Lansing Journal trademark violation and requested that the park district forfeit the trademark. The board responded that The Lansing Journal had a obligation to request permission to use the trademark and, to date, has not done so. Bob Malkas also inquired about the July 3 event.

**Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes:** None.

**Senior Superintendent of Strategy & Operations – Report:** Desjardins reported that, due to an easement conflict, the planned playground for Flanagin park is delayed. She stated that she may use the budgeted funds to update the Playskool playground. She also reported that the bid for the Bock Park development is delayed due to questions arising from the submitted bid, the annual audit is in process, preliminary information for the fall bond issue has been received, the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance was filed on time, various new employees have been added, the membership agreement with Sertoma Star is signed and submitted, Sertoma Star will provide programming at the park district starting in September, Playskool is enrolling well and school starts on September 3, and a few new elements have been added to the upcoming Something Wicked event.

**Superintendent of Parks and Maintenance – Report:** Havran reported that fitness members are enjoying the new cardio equipment, PDRMA has reimbursed the park district for the cost of the June water damage, new hand dryers have been installed in the restrooms and locker rooms at the Eisenhower Center, the new doors and windows at the maintenance are installed, the to-date number of park rentals was reviewed, there is currently a conflict on the original terms of the Flanagin Park easement, a downtown business is using the Park Plaza for their property drainage, the new Playskool doors are installed, patrons are enjoying the new Schultz Park pickleball courts, the walking paths at Van Laten Park and Rotary Park has been improved, the new Playskool sign is approved and coming soon. Fitness/aquatic program enrollment, fitness membership numbers, and dog park memberships were provided.

**Superintendent of Recreation – Report:** McMahon reported on summer camps, special needs patrons enrolled in summer camps, specialty camps, a senior trip, movies in the park, current fall enrollment, outreach efforts to promote upcoming programs, the progress of the sensory rooms, and upcoming trainings she plans to attend.

**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, Kelly, Tropp. No nays. Motion passed

Adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sharon Desjardins  
Board Secretary  
Senior Superintendent of Strategy & Operations