

Lan-Oak Park District
Building & Grounds Committee
November 25, 2009

The Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Long at 6:10pm. Upon roll call the following were present: Committee Members: Commissioners Kelly, Long. Staff Liaison: Wilson. Guests: Commissioner Gaffney.

Long discussed the Schultz Park funding and concern with the proposed swings that the group will be recommending for purchase. Confirmation was made that the Park District will still match the funding raised by the neighborhood group and in addition the installation costs for the equipment and mulch for the structure. Continued discussion on the height of the proposed swing was held by the committee. There is a concern for the height and amount of green space the swing unit will take up because of safety standards. The committee agreed that the position of the district for a lower height swing unit will be, 1) liability- could end up being too close to the baseball field; 2) any swing unit over eight feet would be going against the master plan for the immediate past and future swing units installed, and 3) the need to keep park improvements within the area of the park as designated for the improvement. Long will be calling a member of the neighborhood group to discuss this position from the Park District before the group meets again in January 2010.

The Committee reviewed the asset listing and proposed improvement listing of the parks within the boundaries of the Park District. Wilson and Kuniej will be reviewing the list to update several of the original costs and replacement costs associated with various assets in several of the parks. Document will be a part of the planning process for the upcoming referendum in November 2010.

After a discussion relating to the mowing of property for School District 171, the Committee will be recommending to the full board that at this time no action be taken with mowing property owned by the school district. It was mentioned that since District 158 will be taking over mowing responsibilities of their property, this position the Committee is taking with District 171 can be justified that there are park district activities on their property. Any future decision about mowing will be tabled until the Pennsy Greenway Spur route has been determined.

In light that there may be a possible donor for the fence material for a dog park, a discussion was held on this proposed project for the community. A possible location could be Bernice Park. Long and Kelly reviewed their recent trip to two dog parks to see their operations. Both individuals talked to several of the users and received some good information about the local dog parks they visited. Wilson will be researching the possibility of a dog park in Lansing in addition to seeing if there would be interest from local businesses about sponsoring a portion of or all of the amenities that would be associated with a dog park.

There being no further business Motion by Kelly to adjourn the meeting. Second by Long. Upon roll call all present voted "aye". No nays.

Adjournment at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary to the Park Board