

Lan Oak Park District
Committee of the Whole Meeting
August 21, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by President Tropp. The following were present: Commissioners Lewis, Shaffer, Kelly, Aguilar, Tropp. Staff Present: Senior Superintendent of Strategy & Operations Desjardins, Superintendent of Park & Maintenance Havran. Guest: Lisa Drzewiecki.

Communications & Addresses from the Audience: Lisa Drzewiecki introduced herself and spoke about some of the services offered through the South Suburban Special Recreation Association (SSSRA).

Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes: None.

Senior Superintendent of Strategy & Operations – Report: Desjardins updated the committee on the progress of the Park Plaza Phase One project and the staff decision to add another project to the current 2023-2024 project list adding swings to Rotary Park. The committee discussed the problems arising with the auditors presenting an incorrect audit, the upcoming BINA public hearing in September, and the success of our new full-time front desk secretary. The recreation department ended the summer season with 772 enrollments which is slightly behind last summer enrollment, the fall 2023 program brochure was delivered on time and registration has started registration with 178 enrollments, Playskool continues to register with school starting on September 5, senior trips are receiving many enrollments and are a hit, and new contractors are being contacted for programming in the winter/spring programming season. The staff discussed the concerns it has with the current lack of service being provided by SSSRA, the current lack of outreach by SSSRA, and the lack of programming being provided in Lansing. Both superintendents informed the committee of the new July 3 conditions being placed on the park district by the police department and various options were discussed relating to the event. The committee discussed the addition of pickleball at Schultz Park and Commissioner requested a outlining of current capital funds available and current projects already committed.

Superintendent of Parks and Maintenance – Report: Superintendent Havran reported that the July BOGO fitness special was a success with over \$12,00 collected for membership fees, the addition of new members coming over from Esporta which has closed, the completion of the new fitness center flooring, the painting of the fitness center which is still in progress, the completion of the installation of new lockers in the recreation locker rooms, and the upcoming receipt and installation of new patio amenities on the Playskool patio. The bike share program continues to be popular, discussion ensued on the future of Oakwood Park playground as it is need of replacement, the Lansing Chamber of Commerce donating a new bench to the Park Plaza Phase One project, the plan for adding swings to Rotary Park, the receipt and installation of new sinks in the Playskool bathrooms are, and the installation of new ADA doors in the multi-purpose room and small gym. Havran gave details of the progress at the new skate park, the upcoming installation of the shelter, and the start of the pump track portion of the project. Fitness and aquatic program enrollment and current memberships were reported.

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 Kelly to adjourn the meeting. Second by Lewis. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”: Shaffer, Lewis, Kelly, Aguilar, Tropp. No nays. Motion passed

Adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sharon Desjardins
Board Secretary
Senior Superintendent of Strategy & Operations