

Lan Oak Park District  
Committee of the Whole Meeting  
March 18, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by President Tropp. The following were present: Commissioners Kelly, Shaffer, Aguilar, Tropp. Absent: Lewis. Staff Present: Senior Superintendent of Strategy & Operations Desjardins, Superintendent of Park & Maintenance Havran, Superintendent of Recreation McMahon. Guests: Diane Lund, Doug Cable.

**Communications & Addresses from the Audience:** Diane Lund spoke about the park district making mowing accommodations along the bike path to protect the Monarch butterflies. Doug Cable asked the committee about its plans for the Lansing Country Club.

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

**Senior Superintendent of Strategy & Operations – Report:** Desjardins offered the 2024-2025 capital projects currently being considered by the staff, the punch list items still outstanding at the skate park, proposed staff pay increase for the next year, the outcome of the staff interaction with the new owners of the Lansing Country Club property, and update for the trademark violation issue, a reminder about the Decennial Committee meeting, the conclusion of the district's attempt to acquire property adjacent to the Park Plaza, continued problems with SSSRA and the staff efforts to acquire services from the organization, the extended date for compliance with the Paid Time Off For All requirement, updated plans for the July 3 event this year.

**Superintendent of Parks and Maintenance – Report:** Havran reported on the increased number of fitness memberships, the plan to purchase new cardio equipment, the replacement of the whirlpool filter tank, the painting of the recreation locker rooms, the plan to purchase an outdoor Playskool sign, the plan for upcoming tree assessments, the readying of park shelters for the summer season, vandalism at the new skate park, the new equipment for the dog park, upcoming projects, fitness/aquatic program enrollment, and current fitness membership numbers.

**Superintendent of Recreation – Report:** McMahon reported on current recreation enrollment numbers, preparations for summer day camp, Playskool progress, new recreation programs being offered this summer, the summer special events, and the upcoming easter egg hunt scheduled for March 30. Plans for the Mildred Burt Nature Center and a new sensory room in the Eisenhower Center were reviewed. Recreation supervisor trainings and current programs 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** – Commissioner Kelly asked about any long-range plans in the parks.

**New Business** – The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new skate park has been scheduled for the May 18, 2024.

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

Adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sharon Desjardins  
Board Secretary  
Senior Superintendent of Strategy & Operations