

Lan Oak Park District
Committee of the Whole Meeting
June 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 McMahan. Guests: Robert Malkas, Darlene Kadar, Cynthia & Paul Bogue, Corrie Frank, Diane & Rich Lund.

Communications & Addresses from the Audience: Cindy Bogue asked about the district's cancellation of its membership in SSSRA and where services will be coming from moving forward, Robert Malkas and Darlene Kader asked about the park district's current lawsuit against The Lansing Journal, Diane Lund asked about receiving mulch for a planting bed at the Mildred Burt Nature Center.

Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes: None.

Senior Superintendent of Strategy & Operations – Report: Desjardins reported that summer projects have started as planned, that the Bock Park project is so far on time with 90% completion of design and specifications, that the staff is investigating a modular bathroom building to be added to Bock Park. The draft Budget & Appropriation Ordinance is provided, fund transfers approved by the board have been completed, year-end reports are showing increased revenue in the past year, staff pay rates have been implemented. Special recreation services were discussed with final issues from the former agency, SSSRA, and the attendance of all three superintendents at a monthly meeting of Sertoma Star, the new agency, an update was provided for 2024 Corporate Sponsorships, Playskool summer improvements were outlined, and the addition of a new Halloween special event was announced.

Superintendent of Parks and Maintenance – Report: Havran announced that the new fitness equipment will be delivered on June 25 and the new antenna for the fitness television service has been received. The extensive damage caused by flooding on June 5 was outlined including location of damage, photos of damage, a listing of equipment requiring replacement, and an estimate of current costs as well as projected final costs. Parks and maintenance activities were discussed including tree assessments, park rentals, memorial trees, paving at Erfert park scheduled on June 25, the replacement of Playskool doors with new security doors, the new pickleball court for Schultz Park scheduled for late June, and delay in replacing the lobby flooring. Fitness and aquatic program enrollment and current fitness memberships were reported.

Superintendent of Recreation – Report: McMahan reported that summer enrollment is healthy, day camps started on June 10, preschool camps also started on June 10 and are offering four options for families, the staff is busy finalizing fall programs, and that our first summer movie was presented on June 14 at Van Iaten Park. Playskool enjoyed a field trip, the annual family picnic, and graduation with songs and diploma presentation. McMahan outlined her meeting with landscape contractors relating to

Mildred Burt Nature Center and the cleaning of the nature center pond, and the delay in creating the new sensory room due to flooding. Training included the PDRMA Legal Update and a recreation supervisor's completion of the American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor (WSI) certification.

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 Aguilar. Upon roll call the following voted "aye": Lewis, Aguilar, Tropp. No nays. Motion passed

Adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sharon Desjardins

Board Secretary

Senior Superintendent of Strategy & Operations