

Lan Oak Park District
Committee of the Whole Meeting
December 16, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Tropp. The following were present: Commissioners Kelly, Aguilar, Lewis Tropp. Absent: None. Staff Present: Senior Superintendent of Strategy & Operations Desjardins, Superintendent of Park & Maintenance Havran. Guests: Benji Lindsay and family.

Communications & Addresses from the Audience: None

Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes: None.

Senior Superintendent of Strategy & Operations – Report: Desjardins reported that bidding for the Bock Park basketball project will be conducted in early January 2025, a copy of the Short Term Plan is included for review, it is likely that a major project for 2025 will be a new roof at the Eisenhower Center, Fitness Fund has recuperated from COVID and is doing well with revenue, the Recreation Fund program revenue is still lagging behind, and the new board member will be sworn in at the regular Board meeting. Desjardins explained the upcoming Cook County Paid Leave Ordinance and explained that the district will adopt the ordinance effective January 1, 2025, unless the Village of Lansing exempts Lansing government agencies from the ordinance. The former special recreation association, SSSRA, continues to mislead and confuse Lansing patrons by claiming that we remain members of SSSRA while, at the same time, charging our residents the SSSRA non-member program fees. Sertoma Star Special Recreation Services continues to serve our residents with programming in our building and outreach in Lansing schools and at resource events. Desjardins stated that the 2025 fireworks have been cancelled, the Youth Basketball League started with 102 participants, the Christmas special event was held on December 13, a 2022 police donation has been reallocated, and a citizen comment form was received regarding a pool incident on November 24.

Superintendent of Parks and Maintenance – Report: Havran reported that the fitness center had minor repairs on two pieces of fitness equipment, the new whirlpool pump has been received and scheduled for installation. the Desert Aire repair turned out to be a very minor adjustment, she is researching and obtaining quotes for a new main pool pump, and she is planning for the painting of the pool and pool deck. Havran has converted the two landlines to cell service resulting in a \$456 per month savings, delivered that LOPD Bike Share bikes for preventative maintenance, is working with the village manager regarding the alley next to the Park Plaza, is planning for the Mildred Burt pond clean-out and equipment construction, and has hired a new part-time maintenance employee. Fitness/Aquatic program enrollment and fitness membership numbers 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 – Commissioner Aguilar asked about remote attendance for board meetings. Desjardins will provide the current Remote Attendance Policy. Commissioner Lewis inquired about adding massage chairs to the fitness center.

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

Adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sharon Desjardins
Board Secretary
Senior Superintendent of Strategy & Operations