

**DeKalb Park District
Tuesday, February 15, 2005
Board Workshop**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Mason, Dave Male, Mary Gawrys, Matt Volk, (Mike Teboda was absent)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Mogle, Lisa Small, Brad Garrison, Josephine Knoble

OTHERS PRESENT: None

I. Meeting Called to Order

Matt Volk called the February 15, 2005 budget workshop meeting to order at 5:25 p.m. Dave Male seconded the motion and all members voted unanimously in favor.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Mary Gawrys made a motion to approve the February 15, 2005 agenda. Dave Male seconded the motion and all members voted unanimously in favor.

III. Comprehensive Plan

Dave Mogle reviewed the comprehensive plan and all completed improvements at district facilities and parks.

Dave Male inquired about parking spaces at Annie's Woods. Mogle referred the question to Brad Garrison.

Garrison reported that the City had completed extensive road work in that area and that parking was available around the circle drive at Annie's Woods.

Dave Mason inquired about the Ellwood House rail fence paint project that showed signs of peeling. Garrison explained that he had taken photographs of the fence and was in the process of contacting the contractor who restored the fence.

There was also discussion about a piece of property in Overlook Point located behind the church. Small and Garrison suggested the land be donated to the church. Mogle suggested that the land could perhaps be leased to the church for \$1.00/year for 30 years.

Lisa Small suggested that the Nestle Company be contacted as perhaps a funding source for renovations at Sweet Park. Small also suggested that if funding was available through Nestle, the park could be re named Nestle Sweet Park.

Brad Garrison suggested the district reevaluate its land acquisition policy.

Garrison also explained that he had conducted a meeting with department heads to discuss maintenance issues and that he had also met with each maintenance employee.

Garrison asked the board for input on maintenance issues or concerns.

Mary Gawrys suggested that the maintenance department solve small problems, such as emptying overfilled garbage cans, repairing pathway potholes and spreading mulch. Gawrys further explained that taking care of small issues made lasting impressions.

Dave Male was in favor of updating and maintaining the district's parks and facilities.

Dave Mason recommended that all staff be aware of problems throughout the district and know which department to report such problems to. Gawrys also suggested keeping accurate employee records and providing the maintenance staff with a list of daily duties. She further recommended the staff seek input from residents.

IV. Meeting Adjourned

Dave Male made a motion to adjourn the February 15, 2005 meeting at 7:35 p.m. Matt Volk seconded the motion and all members voted unanimously in favor.