



## Lost Nation New Landing RCD Special Meeting

Date: August 13, 2003

### Members

**Present:** Tina O'Malley - President  
Joe Gargano - Vice President  
Amy Spelde - Treasurer  
Joe Olliges - Secretary  
Fred Stegbauer - Personnel

**Guests:** Bob Bortman  
Mel Jackovich  
Ralph Petersen

**Agenda:** -**Lake Court Center**  
Playground Improvement  
Parking Lot Improvement  
Flooding in Basement  
Landscaping

### -Taylor Township Land Gift Update

**Called to Order:** The August 13, 2003 LNNLRCD meeting was called to order at 8:04PM.

### Lake Court Center

#### **Playground Improvement**

Joe G. felt that they had sufficient funds allotted for the upcoming dredging operation and felt that they could reduce the \$130,000 approved for dredging by \$10,000 and apply it to the tasks related to the lake court center. He didn't feel that taking \$10,000 away from the dredging budget would affect it very much.

Joe O. said that he thinks that the parking lot and the landscaping can wait until next year, while the playground and the basement flooding are the two important issues this year. He wants to spend as much of the \$130,000 on the lake that we can.

Fred said that he feels that \$130,000 should go into the lake. Everything else waits until spring or we look at other options. Tina said that her only concern is that the playground is a liability right now. Fred said that the mulch that is there now has turned into soil and that anything else you put in there is going to do the same thing.

Tina said that with the mulch, you have to put geo-tech fabric down first, then the mulch, which you will have to replace a certain amount of every year. Sand is another option, but it is higher maintenance because you have to rake it every so often to prevent it from compacting. Pea gravel is not a good thing to use around little kids, because they have a tendency to stick them up their noses. Crushed up tires can be used, but the tires can get hot and sticky, and some places aren't as careful as others, and there can be pieces of metal in there from radial tires. Joe O. asked how much less sand cost and Becky said it is the same cost to put it in and Tina said that there would be more labor involved with the constant raking. Joe G. was surprised at how low Jeff Lewis' quote of \$1475 was and he was afraid that if they waited until spring it might go up to \$2,500. However, he was concerned with the high cost of the playground mulch. To lower the material costs, Joe G. suggested that they could have Jeff haul in some of our sand from the gravel pit and

then have some clean sand hauled in to top it off, but then there is the maintenance of it. Tina said that if they did go with the sand, in order to keep the 12"-15" around the edges of the playground that is required for safety, they would need to put the timbers in, which would be another \$2300 cost. Joe G. agreed. The board didn't like the look of the mulch from IPS.

Discussion ensued about how the lake was the priority and that even though they could probably get what they originally wanted done for less than the \$130,000, Fred doesn't want to take any of the money budgeted for the lake and dredging, away from it. Tina asked how much they have spent on dredging so far this year and Joe G. said \$5000. Fred asked how much they spent last year and Joe said about \$13,000. Amy said that she agreed that the lake was the priority, and yes 90% of the funding should go into the lake, however, there is more to the community than the lake. Tina thinks that they have done quite a bit this year on beautifying the properties, with the shoreline improvement done at the dam and the new signs at the properties, and she agrees that they shouldn't spend the money on anything considered frivolous, however, anything that could put them in a lawsuit, like playground safety, she is concerned about. She added that there is no place in the budget to take the money out of for the playground.

Joe G. said that he likes the layout of the budget with the 3 columns that Amy printed out for him, but he is wondering why the working budget on one sheet is \$268,685 and on the other sheet \$211,286. Tina said that the difference is the accrued accounts, which is what they started the year with (to include the money market, CD, and checking account at the beginning of the year. There is \$35,000 in the money market and Joe G. would like to take out \$10,000 to cover some of the projects on the agenda. Tina said that they could take the money out of the money market, however, it has always been their emergency back-up fund and she doesn't want to deplete it completely.

Joe O. asked if the money in the CD and money market accounts has ever been voted on as such for emergencies. Tina replied no, because that is not income coming in this year, and so it does not get identified on the budget. Joe O. said that addressing the liability of the playground is the only issue he is in favor of. Joe G. asked his opinion on the basement and Joe. O. said that when they repair the basement, they should fix it once and for all, not piecemeal it. Ralph said that they should at least control the amount of water coming into the basement so that the sump-pump can handle it, because if the sump-pump goes out, then they will be losing the \$500 water-heater that they just installed.

Tina motioned to take \$5000 out of the money market to cover the playground improvement, to include accepting the bid by Lewis Pools and the purchase of mulch. Amy seconded the motion. Bob Bortman suggested that they put in a base of gravel or sand beneath the mulch and geo-tech fabric for drainage. Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote. [08-13-03-01]

Fred wanted to look into Cyprus; Tina suggested Becky look at what Anne's has to offer. The board asked Becky to get more quotes on different types of mulch.

### **Parking Lot Improvement**

Joe G. motioned to approve Nordman Excavating's quote for \$2,310 to put 50 ton of grade 2 for a base, 60 ton of grade 6 for a surface, remove parking stops, remove 75 yards of soil and top soil, and place and grade rock. (Funding to come out of money market account). No second on the motion. Motion failed. [08-13-03-02]

### **Flooding in Basement**

Joe G. said that they need to hire someone to excavate and cut the 3 lines going in under the walk on the east side of the building to help reduce the amount of water coming into

the basement during rainstorms. Those lines are responsible for about 80% of the water that comes into the basement. Joe G. motioned to take money from the money market account to hire a contractor to sever the 3 lines coming into the basement to reduce the amount of water coming in, with the cost not to exceed \$2,000. No second on the motion. Motion failed. [08-13-03-03] Ralph said that since they are not going to do anything to the basement right now, that they should make sure that the discharge doesn't freeze like it did last winter. Tina asked Becky to put "Discharge from the Basement" on next month's agenda.

#### **Landscaping Around Lake Court Center**

Amy said that a lot of people, including many members of the fishing club, have complained about how ugly the shoreline in front of the lake court center, is. She mentioned the possibility of putting in rocks or plants there, or even the old mulch from the lake court center. Her husband had asked her why, with all the money they are spending on the lake, they couldn't they use a little bit of money for cosmetic work along the shoreline. Amy motioned to take money from the money market account to hire a contractor do some beautification of the shoreline in front of the Lake Court Center, not to exceed \$2,000. Joe G. seconded the motion. Joe O. asked if the improvement is intended to be a permanent one or if that area is going to be torn up next year by dredging of the area. Joe G. responded that Amy was only talking about improving the area where the fabric is exposed behind the dock. Fred said that they should have a plan on paper, showing what they want to do before they make a decision on it. Motion failed with Joe O., Tina, and Fred opposed to it and Joe G. and Amy for it. [08-13-03-04] The issue will be tabled until September's meeting.

#### **Taylor Township Land Gift Update**

Taylor Township has withdrawn their request for an additional 75' of land.

**Adjourn:** Joe G. motioned to adjourn the meeting. Fred seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote. [08-13-03-05] The meeting was adjourned at 9:08PM.

#### **Motion List for the August 13th Special Meeting**

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