



**Exposed concrete next to motorcycle rocker is a potential tripping hazard. Motorcycle has broken & sharp edges.**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Replace Wood Chips, Remove & Recycle Motorcycle Rocker**

**Phase 1 – Making the Playground Safer**

**Wood chip surfacing is the most economical surfacing option; in the past our cost was about \$3,000 for 200 yards of playground mulch – I am getting quotes now – the POA spent about \$1,500 for 80 cubic yards this year.**



**The wood chip surfacing is severely degraded & weedy**



**There are broken and sharp edges on the car climber.**

**The car climber is too close to the swings for safety.**



**RECOMMENDATIONS: Remove and Recycle Car Climber**  
**\*Note: Scrap Metal is going for \$175 a ton at Dixon Iron & Metal**

**Phase 1- Making the Playground Safer, continued**

Attachment 2

**Digging Pit Surround  
is Broken.**



**Swing set bars are rusty;  
swings are rusty &  
outdated.**

**RECOMMENDATIONS: Move & Rebuild Digging Pit, Refresh Sand;  
Prime & paint swing set bars, replace swings, move blue climber,  
move & repaint balance beam.**

**Phase 2- Updating & Moving Existing  
Equipment**



Canyon Ridge (29'X31' use zone)

**Smaller Unit Total Cost**  
**\$ 14,347.00**  
 (not including surfacing and installation)

Equipment	\$12,847.00
Shipping	\$1,500.00



Land Slide (40'X39' use zone)

**Upgrade Total Cost**  
**\$ 22,185.47**  
 (not including surfacing and installation)  
 Original Cost: \$41,793.97

Equipment	\$ 39,264.00
Shipping	\$2,529.97
Grant	(\$19,608.50)

Cost Difference to upgrade w/ Sale - \$7,838.47  
 Cost Difference to upgrade w/out Sale - \$27,446.97

## Price & Size Comparison

Game Time (with sale)	40'x39'	\$22,185.47 (price good 'til 10/31/12) (\$19,655.50 + \$2,529.97 shipping)
Landscape Structures	40'X42'	\$33,890.00 (price good for 6 mos.) (\$32,425 + \$1,465 shipping)



Design 400 by Landscape Structures



Land Slide by GameTime

# Competitors Price on Similar Product

For a scaled back play set of this size, potential cost sharing could be as such: RCD – \$6,000, POA – \$5,000, & P for P – \$4,000.



\$14,615 - Design 404 by Landscape Structures



\$14,347 – Canyon Ridge by Game Time

**If the RCD is not ready to make a commitment by October 31, there are other, scaled back options for next year's budget.**



## LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD

### October 9, 2012      Time: 7:00PM

I. **Call to Order** - Glenn called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

**Board Members Present – Glenn Baldwin – President**

**Tim Spelde – Member at Large**

**Dennis Cantrell – Vice President**

**Marty Portner – Member at Large**

II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

III. **Motion to Approve the Agenda** – Marty motioned to approve the agenda and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10-12-01]

IV. **Motions to Approve the 8/11/2012 Minutes - Tabled**

V. **Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report** – Marty asked if the RCD received all of their money from the county yet and Becky said that we received about \$140,000 of the \$146,000 that they expect to receive; there will likely be a little more to come in from late payments. Marty asked how much the POA charges the RCD for their portion of the newsletter and Becky said that they pay a percentage of the total cost of the newsletter –their portion is around \$150. Dennis motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10-12-02]

VI. **Director/Volunteer/Reports**

**A. Steve Larry – Property N. of the Campground** - Steve met with Bill Kleiman two weeks ago and walked the area on the opposite side of the campground to look at the area that the Nachusa Grasslands would want to annex. Their purpose of annexing the land was to ensure that it stays a green space and to give them an access point to do controlled burns on their property. If Nachusa did get the property, they would maintain it by putting in native grasses and hardwood trees. The RCD would retain a permanent easement through the property so that they could continue to care for the creek bed from both sides. Nachusa would pay for the quick-claim deeds and surveying that would need to be done. Glenn said that he would like to bring up the possibility of getting an easement for a vehicle/walking path and maybe letting the RCD put their silt spoils on their land. Steve said that in the future, they would probably approach Bill about letting them put silt spoils on their land that is adjacent to the Flagg Rd silt basin to dewater. Regarding the walking path, Steve said that it might be a better fit for the POA to approach them (if they are interested) about a walking path rather than the RCD as the RCD is in the lake preservation business vs. the park business. Steve asked if the RCD takes the property off of their asset sheet by donating it to Nachusa, would that affect the amount of money that the county gives us through taxes and Becky said no, the money that they receive from taxes is based on the taxed amount of property so since both the RCD and Nachusa don't pay taxes on their land, it wouldn't affect the amount of taxes that they get from the taxed property in the district. Marty said that it would affect their balance sheet in terms of fixed assets and Becky agreed that it would lessen their fixed asset amount; however, it should affect them negatively in terms of getting a loan or anything since those are based on their ability to pay back the loan rather than the amount of their fixed assets. Dennis said that property has value and he was asked if they keep giving away property, would it affect their standing when applying for grants and Steve said no. Becky added that from the EPA's stand point, they like to see multiple owners involved in a grant request vs. one owner so there would be a value to having Nachusa own it if they went in together to get a grant from the EPA. Dennis asked what the negative would be of giving them just usage rather than giving the property away. Steve said that in terms of burning and taking care of the property like The Nature Conservancy wants to do, they'd have to ask Bill that question, whether the RCD would have to go out for burn permits for that section instead of the Nature Conservancy. Glenn said that they have about \$170,000 in reserves and if they get the grant approved next year for the work on Babbling Brook, they'll need \$120,000 to budget toward that. Steve agreed, stating that it may be less than that since they will be able to use in-kind work to match it as well. Glenn said that three years later they will be looking to dredge the lake and he wondered what that cost was (*in 2003 it cost about \$172,000 to mechanically remove 47,000 cubic yards of silt*). **Lot 16 Stabilization Bid** - Glenn had Shawn go out and find the markers for lot 16 and he measured the property and put stakes in so that it is well marked for contractors wanting to bid on the job. LCC Basement -

**B. Glenn Baldwin** – Shawn said that as far as he knows there are no more leaks – the main culprit was the grinder pump – there was a leak in line which was discharging into a wall that the grinder pump was sitting in. Sean tore down the wall and removed the sewage that was behind there. It is dry down there now and smells a lot better. Glenn also wants keep an eye on where the water might be coming in from rain too. Becky asked about painting the walls to help with any seepage that they might have and Dennis said that the type of leaking that they have is not from a porous foundation and he thinks it's under control. The electrician also moved the electric box that was down there. Glenn said that they have a really good staff with Shawn, Gene, Becky and Don that helps the RCD function well.

**C. Dennis Cantrell - - Grass along LCC Bare** – Dennis said that the grass behind the LCC is gone and they need to get some grass or plantings in to keep the soil from washing into the lake. He thinks that next year they should also increase the riparian strip of native grasses that they let grow along the LCC shoreline to help protect the shore there.

**LCC Playground Update Presentation** - Dennis said that the Pennies for Parks group have already been allotted the \$2,000 from the RCD to start their park improvement. Frank Durkin presented the Pennies for Parks slide show to the board that highlighted the various phases of park improvement that the Pennies for Parks group would like to see. He started by stating that Lost Lake is a secure and safe community to raise a family. He added that to attract new young families to purchase homes in the community and to make our existing property owners proud that they are residents of Lost Lake; the time to update their parks is now. He would like to see the RCD and POA budget a certain amount for the upgrading of the LCC playground in their next couple of year's budgets to help them realize their goal of an updated park sooner. He listed the Pennies for Parks members – Becky Breckenfelder, Holly Woolard, Lisa Stocksdale, and Dave Strasemeier. **Outdated and Broken Equipment, Potential Liability** - Frank said that the current LCC playground equipment is outdated, circa early 1990's and earlier, it is in disrepair and a potential liability. Glenn asked about the liability and whether there have been any accidents and Frank repeated that it is a potential liability. There is exposed concrete by the motorcycle rocker, broken and sharp edges on the rocker and the car climber, the car climber is too close to the slide, and the woodchips are highly degraded and weedy. **Phase 1:** The Pennies for Park's recommendation would be the replacement of the existing degraded wood chip surfacing, removal of the old digging pit and either removal & recycle or movement and repair of the motorcycle rocker, car climber & balance beam that poses a safety hazard. (See attachments 1, 2, & 3) **Phase 2:** To relocate and rebuild the digging pit and move the car climber, repair the rocking motorcycle, paint the rusted bars of the swing set and replace the existing swings. Glenn asked how the swings were outdated and Becky said that the rubber swings are becoming dry rotted and the newer swings have a saddle base instead of hard plastic and the newer baby swings are designed not only 2-5 yr olds, but have a larger seat with a molded plastic back and a safety strap that can also accommodate a handicapped child from age 5-12. The swing set chains are also rusted and would be replaced with chains that are coated with a Landscape Structures Pro Guard finish that is much more rust resistant than galvanized steel. Carla Anderson said that they should get rid of the sandbox completely because outside cats use sandboxes for their litter boxes. Dennis said that phases 1 and 2 were very doable and affordable. **Phase 3:** Would be to purchase some new equipment using a combination of donations from the RCD, POA, private donors, fundraisers, and grants and install it with volunteer labor. Frank presented an end of year sale from Game Time where they would have the opportunity to purchase a unit with a 40"X39" use zone that is normally \$41,793.97 for \$22,185.47; the caveat is that it would have to be purchased by October 31, 2012. Less expensive units that they are looking at that are not on sale are around \$14,500 for units with about 28"X28" use zones (see attachments 4, 5, & 6). Dennis asked if any of the equipment can be bought in sections and Becky said that Landscape Structure's equipment can be bought in phases, but the cheapest unit that she saw was about \$20,000. Glenn asked how many designs they looked at because he googled playground equipment and came up with hundreds of pieces of equipment on sale for a lot less. He wondered why the committee was looking at something so expensive when they put together the committee, he thought they were going to get the money for the equipment through fundraisers and other donations and collecting \$20, 0000 from such a small community he thinks would take years. Frank said that when he looks at the park out there he sees that in the last 40 years neither the RCD nor the POA has made any plans to make major changes to the playground equipment. This should have been incorporated into the POA's and RCD's budgets 5-10 years ago – building up small amounts in order to be able to purchase larger priced designs. Anticipating resistance to the price of the sale equipment, the committee has a cheaper alternative for \$14,500. A cost sharing scenario could be as such – POA - \$5,000, RCD- \$6,000 and Pennies for Parks - \$4,000. Dennis thinks that the POA and RCD numbers should be flipped and secondly, why would Pennies for Parks drop their contribution? Becky said that the numbers were arbitrary, she had

just reduced everyone's suggested commitment across that board and that she can put the Pennies for Parks committed donation back up to \$5,000. The reason that he wanted volunteers to take on the park improvement was because he felt that although the RCD is not in the park business, they are part of the community and want to work with the POA and community to improve it. He feels that the POA should be the major contributor to this rather than the RCD. Frank said that Dennis made a correct statement that the RCD is not in the business to maintain the parks; yet, they own the LCC and have a park on their property adjacent to the center that they are responsible for – the question is, how much responsibility the RCD wants to assume. Marty said that the POA has the money that it would take to get the new equipment and he thinks that they should be stepping up to help with the park because if you read the covenants that control their POA's jurisdiction, one of their by-laws is to promote the amenities of this community. He also thinks that the Long Range Planning Committee should be looking into for 100% funding; perhaps with the POA entering into an agreement with the RCD to lease the property for 100 years for a \$1 a year to take care of the property. He thinks it's a powerful argument to make; especially in light of the fact that the POA board just dedicated \$40,000 to giving all of the property owners a \$50 credit to their dues. They also committed almost another \$40,000 to improvement projects in the community, including a parking lot at the POA office. If the Pennies for Parks came to the POA board with a request for funds to improve the LCC park equipment, Marty said that they would have his vote. Dennis said that it might be on the RCD's property, but he feels that it's the POA's park as it is in their community. Everyone in the community feels that the park is theirs to use freely, yet the RCD is paying for it. Marty said that there is a significant amount of property owners that pay taxes to the RCD coffers that aren't in the POA's subdivision and in some way the RCD has to think about them so that if we dedicate a certain amount to improving the parks, they have to consider how it will benefit those people. Frank responded that they could bring their families out to the lake to enjoy the equipment. Dennis said that the RCD wants to be involved in what they are doing but they shouldn't be the main source of funding for it. Becky asked the board if they would consider approving another \$2,000 toward to cover the cost of repairing the equipment and replacing the degraded woodchips per what she outlined in Phase 1 and Phase 2. Dennis asked if she was planning on getting that done this fall and she said yes. Tim said that they have to have a commitment to that property and he would be in favor of taking care of it. Marty asked what the total cost to repair the equipment and replace the mulch and Becky said about \$4,000. Glenn would like Shawn and maybe Dennis to look at the equipment and give their opinion as to what can be done to repair it. Earlier he had mentioned the \$3,000 that they had saved on insurance so they could use part of the balance that they saved toward the playground improvement. Dennis said that they were going to put mulch in last year but he put the kibosh on it and that money was just moved forward into this year's budget. Marty said he'd like to take action at this meeting to guarantee that if they want to start work tomorrow that the funds are available. Dennis motioned to allot up to \$2,000 from Building and Grounds to Pennies for Parks to cover the expense of replacing the degraded woodchips and moving around and repairing the existing park equipment and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10-12-03]

**D. Tim Spelde – Security Cameras** - The RCD will join w/ the POA to purchase video cameras w/ remote cameras to be used on the POA and RCD properties to try to deter future vandalism. **Fish Stocking** – They are stocking 500 stripers, 888 walleye, 1000 perch, 300 small mouth bass and 10 muskie this year. **Fish Survey** – The IDNR came out on Monday and surveyed the lake. They caught and released a 9lb walleye, a large muskie and lots of bass. They also removed 45 carp. The RCD has removed about 1500-1700 lbs so far this year and about 10,000 shad through their various efforts. They're also going to try to get more shad later in the year using Matt Jones.

**Berger Property** – Tim got more information on the Berger property but would like to table that for next month. The estimates that he got were around \$5,600. Anything over \$2,500, they have to go out to bid. The work that would be bid on would be digging out into the lake, putting rock into the lake and putting a culvert in with fabric and rock on top of it. Tim would like to see how much lot 16 is going to cost first.

**Campground** - Turnaround – it cost \$400 to dig out the sand on the turnaround at the campground and put 3 inch and CA6 rock over the top. **Tree Removal** – Marty and Gene pulled the tree out of the creek 85-90% of the tree is gone, they just need to cut the larger piece of the trunk with a chainsaw and get it hauled out of there. Gene will be finishing the clean up on that. They have stacked the pieces of wood to let it season so that campers can use it as firewood. The wood is black locust, which takes twice as long to season as other wood so it won't be ready to burn until next year. **Casting Net** – Tim purchased a casting net for the community's use in catching shad. Tim says that he is not necessarily in favor of just giving the property away for nothing that is on the other side of the creek at the campground. He wants to listen to what Bill has to say and get some rules laid out if the board decides to go that

way. He'd write the RCD a check for \$10,000 for that property, just to deer hunt it and own it himself. If they ever have to dredge that area of the lake it would be a perfect area to put their spoils. He wouldn't want them coming in and cutting all the trees down to plant prairie grass. Marty would like to hear in the presentation how donating the land to Nachusa would be to the RCD's advantage. **Bow Hunting at the Campground**– there was an incident of trespassing on golf course property and Tim wanted to see if the board was interested in allowing bow hunters on the campground property. As for liability, he downloaded land access permission information off of the IDNR website and since the campground is closed in November, it'd be a good area to allow controlled hunting. He proposes that they allow five hunters on the north side of the creek and 5 hunters on the south side of the creek – using a lottery on a first come first serve basis and charging a fee for permission to hunt there. Dennis asked if there are some guidelines for hunting in a residential area and Tim said that he thinks that you have to be at least 100 feet away. Tim said that they could use special passes, similar to the guest fishing passes so that security would have proof that they belong there. Glenn asked Tim to work up a plan on how to do it. Jeff McKinley asked if the RCD owns the road that is over the dam and whether they gave Nachusa permission to go across it when they were accessing their property on the other side of the bridge there and Dennis said that they did give them permission to use it.

**E. Marty Portner – Facebook** – Marty got the RCD's facebook page up and running. The next step is to study how non-for-profits use facebook in addition to their website to keep people up to date. His long range plan is to use venues like facebook to get their message out more effectively than they are now with word of mouth, posting at the gates, and the newsletter, which he doesn't think is very effective because there is a limited amount of people that see what is posted on the gates and the newsletter doesn't come out often enough. Steve Fredrick said that he has been on the RCD's facebook page and he is really impressed. Becky said that another tool that they shouldn't overlook is to generate an e-mail list to send out information about the RCD to people that want it, similar to what the POA has when they list their upcoming events.

**VII. New Business – no new business**

**VIII. Guest Comments – Becky Breckenfelder – Trees from John Mulholland** - John asked if he could contribute 3 14' trees to the RCD to be planted at the N. Beach (perhaps a maple and 2 oaks). Glenn said that he can have John talk to Shawn or Gene about where to plant them.

**Jeff McKinley** – He's concerned with the RCD giving away their land, specifically, the property on Babbling Brook and Glenn said that they were actually looking at selling the property, not giving it away. Jeff would like the RCD to reconsider selling the property as it is the only public access to Babbling Brook from the shore.

**IX. Motion to Adjourn** – Dennis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:58PM and Marty seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [10-12-04]

**October 9<sup>th</sup> Motion List**

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