

LAWRENCE DDA

SPECIAL MEETING

JUNE 12,2023 AT 6:00 PM

157 N PAW PAW STREET

Special Meeting of the Lawrence DDA, being properly noticed, was called to order at 6:00pm with the following members present: Theresa Stroud, Mike Chappell, Chris Sariano, Steve Petersen, David Quick, Gary Barton and Dale Gribler. Absent Kim Thompson.

The Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the recommendation from the Lawrence Park and Rec Committee to apply for a SPARK grant to replace the Childrens Palace in the Village Park.

Motion by Chappell supported by Barton to recommend to the Lawrence Village Council to apply for a Spark Grant of \$800,000 to remove, replace and fence the Palace Playground. Discussion followed:

1. The cost seemed to be excessive based on the estimates provided
2. The consensus of the members feel the process leading to this meeting was not what was expected, the members thought additional public input sessions were to be held
3. Members did not understand why an rfp was not prepared and proposals not obtained
4. Members felt we have expended over \$11,000 to the consulting firm of the original \$14,500 budget but did not receive what we anticipated . However, members also understood the time constraints given to all last week and feel we need to move forward.
5. The basketball and pickleball courts to be addressed in Phase II

Question called with all members voting yes with Steve Petersen abstaining.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm, Next scheduled meeting of the DDA Committee is  
June 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

*Bob Smith*