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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2026 9:48 AM
To: Cristy Garbacik; Erin Crane; Erin Rohlfig; Rosemary Ford
Cc: Wesley Sanchez; Darwin McClary; amundsonm@lakeorionpolice.org; Teresa Rutt; Sonja Stout
Subject: Re: Parks and Recreation Special Meeting

PnR Committee,

I am traveling this week and won't be able to attend Wednesday's special meeting, but wanted to provide my thoughts for consideration.

First, I believe we should consider eliminating the fee for Green's Park. This fee is an outlier since we don't charge a fee for any of the other parks, and we should be consistent across all parks. I understand there are other costs associated with Green's Park (attendant and lifeguards), however I also feel those should be eliminated, and I will be suggesting the elimination of the attendant and lifeguards as council reviews the 2026-27 FY budget later this month. I would also consider removing the fence around Green's Park. Again, the fence is an outlier for our parks and serves no purpose as I see it. It isn't effective in eliminating (or even reducing) access after hours as some believe, and if that is the desire, more frequent police patrols would be more effective.

Second, I do support the boat pass and associated fees, since this is specific to use of the public boat docks and specific to boaters. However, the change I would consider is that the boat pass fees be set aside in a specific account and used in the required upgrades and maintenance of the public boat docks, and if there are funds remaining, they be used specifically to cover the cost of the village marine patrols on the lake. The boat pass fees shouldn't simply go into the village general fund for use anywhere in the village.

Thanks in advance for taking my thoughts into consideration.

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It appears that we will have a quorum for Wednesday, 6:30 PM. I will put out a special meeting notice and send out the agenda momentarily. The specific reason for this meeting will only be to discuss the park and boat passes and develop a recommendation to provide to Village Council at the Monday meeting.

Sonja