

Lan-Oak Park District
Board Meeting
March 16, 2009

President Flanagin called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Upon roll call the following were present. Commissioners Flanagin, Long, Beymer, and Leck. Also present Wilson, Primack, Kuniej, and Celmer. Guests: Michael Gaffney and Ken Novak. Absent: Commissioner Reynolds.

Motion made by Leck to accept the Consent Agenda which includes Board Meeting minutes from February 16, 2009; Public/Special Meeting minutes from February 14, February 17, February 24, February 26, February 28, and March 8, 2009; Committee Meeting minutes from January 5 and March 2, 2009; Executive Session Meeting minutes January 5, February 16, and March 2, 2009; Refunds and Payroll W/H 2-19-09 and 3-5-09; and AP Invoices 3-16-09. The Letter of Intent-Bock Park and Adoption of the New Fitness Fees. Second by Beymer. On discussion, Long stated that in the February 16th board meeting minutes a question that he had asked of Superintendent Desjardins in regards to hourly employees having time cards on file at the Eisenhower Center was not included in the meeting minutes. Primack stated that in the February 16th board meeting minutes there was a paragraph where it stated that the “proposed ordinance needed to be discussed” at the April 6th Committee meeting. Primack explained that it should be changed to read that the “proposed ordinance should be made available.” These two corrections to the meeting minutes will be made. Upon roll call the following voted “aye- Leck, Long, Beymer, Flanagin. No “nays”. Motion passed.

Long asked Wilson if he receives the meeting minutes and if he checks them over before adding them to the board packet. Wilson explained that he does check them to make sure that certain points were addressed and explained correctly. Long asked Wilson about the possibility of eliminating the position of the recording secretary taking the meeting minutes and have the minutes tape-recorded so that they would be 100% accurate. Wilson explained that the meetings are being taped, but that law requires that the meeting minutes need to be in written form. Long asked Wilson if he could be the one

who transcribes the notes, with Wilson stating that it is far less cheaper for the recording secretary to do that than it is for him to do it.

Wilson presented his report. Wilson showed the board the cover of the new Eisenhower brochure celebrating the Park District's 60th anniversary. The cover showed Lansing residents who were also going to 60 this year.

Wilson reviewed the transfer of educational finds to the construction portion of the Enhancement Grant to the board, noting that this issued was discussed at the committee meeting. With the transfer of education funding in the amount of \$128,000.00 (\$103,040 is federal share and \$25,760 local share) the new total in the construction portion of the Enhancement Grant will be \$240,580.00, of which \$192,464 is the federal share and \$48,116 is the local share. Long asked what the construction would be for, with Wilson explaining that it would go towards the completion of the bike trail mainly for landscaping and signage along the trail. Long asked if the grant was previously approved. Long stated that he would like something included in the motion that states the grant was previously approved by the state. Leck made a motion to ratify the staff's action of transferring educational grant funds from the previously awarded Enhancement Grant by the State of Illinois in the amount of \$128,000.00 to the construction portion of the same grant giving the Park District a total of \$240,580.00 to be used for improvements on the Pennsy Greenway. Second by Beymer. Upon roll call the following voted "aye"-Long, Beymer, Leck, Flanagan. No "nays". Motion passed.

Wilson introduced Ken Novak, the Risk Manager for the South Suburban Risk Management Group. Wilson explained that Novak is the Risk Manager for a consortium of park & recreation agencies, which include the Lan-Oak Park District, Hazel Crest Park District, Lemont Park District and the Park District of LaGrange. Novak explained that he was at the meeting to award a plaque to the park district for scoring an Excellent B rating from the recent PDRMA 2008 Loss Control Program Review. Novak noted that the park district is one of 150 plus park and recreation agencies belonging to PDRMA (Park District Risk Management Agency) that every three years goes through a very in-depth evaluation of safety procedures being used by the park district. Novak presented the plaque to President Flanagan. As part of the award, the Park District recently received a \$500 check for this achievement also.

Kuniej presented her report. Kuniej explained that tax money has come in but none has come in since her report. She stated that she is expecting some to come this week and that she will be moving some money around and is looking for the best interest rate to invest the funds. Kuniej stated that she had some money in certificate of deposits at 1.73% and also at 2.20%. Kuniej also discussed the current IMRF situation. Kuniej stated that as of December 2007, the park district was 109% funded due to the mix of employees. She explained that due to investment losses by IMRF in 2008, employers would have to make up the difference by seeing a rate increase. Kuniej stated that they would now have to budget an estimated extra \$7,000 cost. Kuniej stated that the amount is capped at 10% per year with Primack asking if that amount is compounded with Kuniej replying yes. Flanagin stated that they would still be faced with adjusting the budget. Kuniej stated that they would be bumping up against the tax cap and that there would not be a lot of discretionary money. Kuniej asked the board if they had any questions. No questions were asked. Motion made by Leck to accept the Treasurer's Report/Operating Statement as information as of 2-28-09. Second by Beymer. Upon roll call the following voted "aye"-Beymer, Leck, Long, Flanagin. No "nays". Motion passed.

Flanagin stated that there would be a Personnel and Finance Committee meeting on March 26, 2009 at 6:00pm at the Administration office.

Primack presented his report. Indicating that he had several other items for executive session. Primack asked Wilson about the Virginia Graeme Baker Bill and asked if the engineer was looking at the situation. Wilson explained that yes, he was but due to the manufacturer's changing their design standards, there is real no definite product to be purchased at this time. Primack explained that the State could order all pools closed, with Wilson agreeing and stating that yes, they can even with the manufacturer's constant changing of the design of the proper drain covers. Ken Novak confirmed that there are still parts that are not available for the pools. He stated that the Illinois Department of Health can close down a pool and that PDRMA is in the process of discussing this situation with them.

Wilson discussed with the Board the RFP and tabulations sheet for portable toilets and stated that Portable John, Inc. had the lowest monthly proposal and would be awarded the purchase order to provide portable toilets for the upcoming season. Leck

asked if there was any difference in services in going with the lowest proposal, with Wilson stating no.

Leck explained to the board the individuals who has a garden along the bike path came into the park district office one day when she happened to be there. She stated that he had come in and explained the situation and stated that he understood that he couldn't leave his whole garden there, but would like to just leave his onion plants growing and take everything else down. Leck asked the board if he would be able to leave his onion plants alone. Primack stated that the policy could be changed but if it is done for one person, what about other people. Long asked what would happen if other people found out that he was allowed to leave his onion plants growing there? Flanagin stated that it would be on public record and asked if they wanted to set a precedent. Leck asked if the answer was a no, with Flanagin stating that they could ask Primack for legal advice, but the answer should just be no.

Motion made by Beymer to go into Executive Session for the discussion of land acquisition, personnel, probable litigation and/or other subject matters as allowed by the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS, Par. 120/2.(c)(1) – 22.(e). Second by Long. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”-Beymer, Leck, Long, Flanagin. No “nays”. Motion passed.

Executive Session at 7:24pm.

President Flanagin called the regular board meeting back to order at 7:42pm. Upon roll call the following were present. Commissioners Flanagin, Long, Beymer, and Leck. Also present Primack.

There being no further business, Motion by Beymer to adjourn and second by Leck. All present voted “aye”. No nays.

Adjourned at 7:42pm

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Wilson, CPRP
Secretary to the Park Board