

Lan-Oak Park District
Committee Meeting
April 6, 2009

President Flanagin called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Upon roll call the following were present: Commissioners Flanagin, Leck, Beymer, and Reynolds. Long arrived at 7:12pm. Staff present: Rushmeyer and Davenport. Also present: Wilson, Primack, and Celmer. Guest: Mike Gaffney. Absent: Desjardins and Havran.

Wilson presented the Board with an article that had been put in the Chicago Athlete magazine. Wilson explained that he had no idea who had written the article. Davenport stated that a person from the Active Transportation Alliance called and had asked her a few questions about a month ago, and now there is an article stating that Lansing is one of the top 5 communities to watch.

Reynolds presented Desjardins report. Reynolds stated that the youth basketball program was a success and also that the March non-resident fitness special did very well with 41 memberships sold. Reynolds stated to the Board that there was supposed to be a fitness member at the meeting to talk about his suspension and she asked if he was there-which he was not. Wilson stated that the suspended fitness member stated that there would be a Board member representing him at this meeting. Reynolds asked Beymer, Flanagin and Leck if any one of them would be representing a suspended fitness member, with all replying no. Reynolds stated that she would not be representing anyone either. Flanagin asked Primack if improper use of fitness equipment could be a liability for the park district with Primack responding yes. Wilson explained to the Board that there were pictures included in their Board packet that showed exactly what the fitness member was doing improperly. Wilson stated that the member had improperly rigged a boxing stand to be able to do the exercises that he wanted to do, and even after he had went through an equipment orientation with Fitness Supervisor Havran, he proceeded to move to a different spot and did it again. Wilson stated that the proper machine for him to use was within eight feet of the equipment he was rigging up but chose to do it improperly again. Reynolds stated that she was fine with the suspension since he was warned and told not to do it again. Beymer asked if the member had done an equipment orientation with Wilson explaining that he had already done one. Leck asked if he was the member who had gone

into the sauna fully clothed with Wilson stating yes, indicating that is was a health hazard to the member and that there are signs stating that proper attire is required in this amenity.

Flanagin asked Wilson about the citizen comment form in regards to people using the walking lane to swim. Flanagin asked if they could float a lane marker to identify it as a swimming/walking lane. Wilson stated that they have 3 swim lanes and 1 walk lane and all are identified with a buoy and a sign at the edge of the pool. Beymer stated that when the lap lanes are full people don't want to wait for their turn. Wilson also stated that walkers go in the swim lane also.

Reynolds presented Havrans report. Wilson discussed with the Board the pictures of the Dectron unit coils. Flanagin asked about the unit being cleaned and flushed. Beymer asked if it was due to the elements. Wilson explained that the unit is the victim of the environment it is in. Wilson explained that the Dectron unit was put in in 1991 when the pool was built and the usual life expectancy is 12-13 years. Wilson commended Flanagin for babying the unit and keeping it going. Flanagin stated that that would be a \$250,000 repair if it were to break down.

Rushmeyer presented her report. Reynolds stated that the Hop-A-Thon did well this year with Rushmeyer agreeing. Flanagin asked Rushmeyer about the archery program and what ages are in it. Rushmeyer explained that the teen archery program was for 13-17 year olds but they did take a 12 year old into the class. Flanagin asked if they are having a good time with Rushmeyer explaining that 4 of the students had taken 2 or more sessions of the archery program and that she also had a few new students. Rushmeyer stated to the Board that they had hired a new Camp Director-Carrie Seymour-and that she is teaching 2 programs right now.

Long arrived at 7:12pm.

Davenport presented her report. Reynolds asked Davenport if the Easter Egg Hunt is always the Saturday before Easter with Davenport responding yes. Leck stated that a lot of other communities have their hunt 2 weeks before the holiday and that maybe next year they could change it since it will be at the Park Plaza. Davenport stated that the candy pick-up has always been on Good Friday. Reynolds asked Davenport how the Memorial Dedication night went with Davenport stating that it went well and that she had handed out brochures regarding summer camp and upcoming programs. Flanagin asked Davenport if she had heard from all of the egg hunt volunteers with Davenport stating that she had not heard from the Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis clubs but she knows they will be there.

Beymer asked Davenport how many of the Farmers Market applicants did she hear from. Davenport stated that she has heard from 2 vendors. Beymer stated that that was not good with Davenport agreeing. Wilson stated that the hardest part of the farmers market will be getting it started. Wilson explained to the Board that both he and Davenport were going to an Illinois Department of Agriculture workshop in DeKalb on Thursday, April 9th that was specifically for organizers and managers of farmers markets. Beymer stated that it would be a good way to learn how to attract people to our farmers market. Long asked Davenport where the farmers market would be held with Davenport explaining that it would be held on Wednesdays from 5-8pm, June through August at the Park Plaza. Long asked where at the Park Plaza was it going to be held with Davenport explaining that it would be more towards Ridge Road.

Rushmeyer and Davenport left the meeting at 7:15pm.

Wilson presented his report. Flanagin asked the Commissioners who would be going to the LARC dinner on April 17th with a ticket cost of \$50.00. Reynolds said no, with Beymer and Leck unsure if they were going. Flanagin asked Wilson when he would need to know by, with Wilson stating that the deadline was April 3. Commissioners Beymer and Leck then stated no, and Flanagin stated that he had already purchased his tickets for his wife and himself, the Park District will be paying for Long's dinner ticket

Long discussed with the Board the Vince Award. He explained that it had been talked about and he stated that it was decided to be held on the same night as the volunteer dinner. Reynolds asked when the dinner was, with Long explaining that it is held in September or November and that the award would be handed out then. He stated that the nomination dates are the same as in the past and that it is far enough in advance that there should be no problems. Leck stated that the dinner was on November 13th. Wilson asked what it was going to be called with Leck explaining that it was going to be called "Evening of Thanks". Reynolds asked if it was going to be done the same way and stated that the decision should still come from the Park Board. Long explained that the recipient would still be given a plaque to signify that it is coming from the park district and not the volunteer group. Reynolds asked if the volunteer dinner committee had been talked to, with Long stating that he would talk to them. Long stated that the dates are still the same but just eliminate where the award is given at to state that it will be given at the "Evening of Thanks" dinner. Wilson stated that the Board needed to make sure that the volunteer dinner committee was okay with the arrangements explained by Long, since the

committee has not be asked before he sends out the press release for nominations. Long stated that he would let Wilson know by Wednesday, April 8th.

Reynolds asked the Commissioners who was going to be participating in the Good Neighbor Day parade. Reynolds, Flanagin and Beymer stated that they would be in the parade. Reynolds asked if they still wanted to hand out candy with all stating yes.

Wilson discussed with the Board the issue of flooding at near the Pennsy Greenway and Burnham Avenue. He explained that the owner of the property blames both the park district and the Village of Lansing for the flooding due to the bike path being built. Robinson Engineering has been out and has determined that neither the park district nor the village were the cause of the flooding. Wilson stated that he had talked to Mayor Podgorski about the situation.

Beymer discussed with the Board the changes to the Purchasing Policy, which was put in place on May 2000. Due to changes in state statutes regarding competitive bidding the original bid limit of \$10,000 was still in the policy and the new bid limit, as per state statutes has increased to \$20,000 nearly 3 years ago. Primack stated that it was January 1, 2007. Flanagin asked Beymer if he wanted it on the April 20th Consent Agenda to change. Long requested that the policy should be left under Policy and Ordinance Committee. Long asked why it would be moved to the Consent Agenda from Policy and Ordinance. Flanagin stated that the when items go from the committee action they usually are put on the Consent Agenda for final action by the Board. Flanagin stated that this item was just a housekeeping issue.

Leck discussed with the Board the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance that was handed out by Wilson. Wilson explained that the ordinance was in tentative form. Primack stated that the B & A Ordinance should be made available for public inspection and that it should be posted in the administration Office. The public hearing for the ordinance is scheduled for May 11, 2009, 7:00pm at the Eisenhower Fitness & Community Center.

Wilson stated that the Finance and Personnel Committee had met on Saturday, April 4th to go over the proposed operating budget which is a part of the budget and appropriation ordinance, and the proposed salary schedule. Long asked Primack about the timetable for the ordinance review with Primack stating that it will be all right as presented. He explained that the public hearing will be on May 11th, with final consideration by the Board on May.

Reynolds asked about the upcoming meetings and wanted to know when the new Commissioner would be sworn in. Wilson explained that it has been past history of the Board

that new Board members take the oath of office at the annual Board meeting which is the third Monday in May, which would be May 18th.

Beymer discussed with the Commissioners the request by the Lions Club to allow liquor on the Park Plaza on either May 26th or July 28th. Beymer explained that the Lions Club had donated 2 benches to the Park Plaza and that the Lions Club wanted to have a dedication ceremony of 1 of those benches. A very long discussion ensued about the request to serve alcohol at the Park Plaza for the Lions and others. The Board of Commissioners requested that Primack draft an ordinance that would be representative of the conversation that would be presented to the Board for consideration at the April 20, 2009 meeting.

Wilson discussed with the Board the drain covers being investigated for the pool and whirlpools. Specifications are being prepared and the specifications will also include painting the swimming pool and pool deck.

There being no further business Motion by Beymer to adjourn the meeting. Second by Reynolds. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”-Leck, Long, Reynolds, Beymer, Flanagin. No “nays”.

Adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Wilson, CPRP
Secretary to the Board of Commissioners