

Lan-Oak Park District
Park Board Meeting
September 19, 2011

President Long called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Upon roll call the following were present: Commissioners Gaffney, Kelly, Flores, Gulotta, Long. Guests: Bob Malkus, Bill Harrison. Staff: Wilson.

Motion by Flores to approve the Consent Agenda which included August 15, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes, Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting minutes of August 29, 2011, Finance & Personnel Committee meeting minutes of August 29, 2011, Planning Committee meeting minutes of August 29, 2011, Executive Session meeting minutes of Buildings & Grounds Committee –August 29, 2011, Executive Session meeting minutes of Finance & Personnel Committee- August 29, 2011, Refunds & Payroll W/H of August 18 & September 1, 2011, AP Invoices of September 19, 2011, Additional bills representing check numbers 20678, 20680, 20681, 20682, & 20699, Resolution 19-9-11- Supporting the Village of Lansing’s Proposal to Extend the Completion Date of the Ridge Road Redevelopment Project. Second by Kelly. Upon roll call the following voted “aye” – Flores, Gaffney, Gulotta, Kelly, Long. No nays. Motion passed.

President Long requested the Board allow for a change in the agenda and to give the floor to the guests present.

Bob Malkus discussed the loud music that was playing at a picnic being held in Rotary Park. He indicated the police were called for the matter. A discussion was held about the Village’s sound ordinance. The Park Board will discuss the matter at a later time. Malkus thanked the Board for their time on the matter.

Malkus left the meeting at 7:12pm

Bill Harrison was present to discuss the continued use of Lions Park for his Dyer U14 girl’s softball team. Kelly lead the conversation indicating that the continued use of Lions Park by the team would present several safety liabilities for the Park District since the team will be moving up to the next level of play. With the field length being 200’ it will interfere with the volleyball and tennis courts and come very close to the restroom building.

Harrison provided the safety measures he takes currently at the park. Discussion centered on the possible use of Schultz Park. Long announced that the matter will return to committee for further discussion and consideration.

Harrison left the meeting at 7:25pm.

The Park Board discussed the noise issue at Rotary Park as presented by Mr. Malkus. Wilson indicated he received a call from the Eisenhower Center staff on that same Saturday. The Staff informed him that there have been several complaints about the noise being created by a picnic at Rotary Park. Wilson further explained that he called the police and the Park Foreman- both went to Rotary Park. Wilson talked to both, the Police and the Park Foreman, while both parties were actually at the park. According to Wilson the police talked to the

group, they disconnected the woofers and would not reconnect them. The Park Foreman also talked the group and they assured both the police and Park District staff that they would not turn up the speakers.

Wilson reconfirmed the skatepark re-opening on October 9, 2011, 2:00pm at Bock Park. The event will be very simple with hotdogs, chips and pop being served to the participants.

Long questioned the Park Board about the nomination of T.J. Grossi as the Park District's volunteer nominee. Mr. Grossi was instrumental with getting the skatepark renovated with his volunteer assistance. Based upon the ensuing conversation, the consensus of the Park Board was to nominate Mr. Grossi as the Park District's volunteer nominee for the upcoming dinner recognizing the many volunteers in the community. It was determined that Wilson will contact Patricia Leck to inform her of our nominee.

Flores presented the highlights from the Recreation Committee meeting. She indicated that the staff has secured prices for a new steam unit and are waiting on various installation prices. She also mentioned that the legal counsel would be reviewing the material on the current Mr. Steam unit to solicit his opinion if the Park District would be in jeopardy of using any ground on the efforts to have the manufacturer and/or installer to replace the current Mr. Steam unit if they moved ahead with the purchase of a new steam unit.

Discussion then centered on the sports of lacrosse and field hockey with Flores indicating the staff felt that there was no real space for these two sports. Gulotta said the field hockey was suggested by him but it was floor hockey and not field hockey. Kelly thought there was room for lacrosse at Winterhoff Park. Discussion ensued on the sport at the high school level. Flores provided information that there has been no interest for the sport at this time and may be the Park District could look into offering the sport in the future.

Flores announced that the individual wanting to provide a badminton program did not response to the inquiries from the Superintendent of Recreation. Long indicated the individual is still interested in offering the program but returned to Lincolnway for this season. Long mentioned that he will contact this person.

Discussion was held on the recommendation to eliminate the annual Just a Little Run race. Flores provided information surrounding the decline of runners, the lack of the involvement from the family over the last year, staff time and the costs. It was the consensus of the Park Board to agree with the recommendation to eliminate the race in its current format and to work with the Humane Society with a new race format but wanted the staff to consider keeping the Evans name in the race.

The revised job descriptions relating to the Playskool instructors will be placed on the October agenda for Board's consideration.

The Board discussed the medical request from a fitness member. After reviewing the information from the staff surrounding the request, it was the consensus of the Park Board to take no action on the medical request. Long indicated that if the individual wanted the Park Board to reconsider the medical request that person would need to appear before the Park Board.

The Park Board discussed the continued use of Lions Park by the softball team of Bill Harrison. Each provided their opinion on the safety issues to consider. Attention turned to Schultz Park and any possible safety issues that may be there. There is a concern that the field length would go into basketball court. It was felt that the court could be downsized. In the end, it was agreed that the matter would go back to the Buildings & Grounds Committee for further discussion.

Gulotta commented on the flyer prepared by Wilson that will be mailed out to all the community groups seeking volunteers for various park projects.

Wilson updated the Board on his findings from the recent Wind Power conference he attended in Des Moines, Iowa. In the future he will be meeting with various dealers/manufactures of wind turbines to determine the feasibility of using wind as an alternate source of energy.

Kelly discussed the letter addressed to Mayor Abbott that would accompany Resolution 19-9-11. Wilson said he would revise the project list by including the proposed parking lot on West Avenue that has been discussed for the last three years with the Village.

The email sent to the President of Monaldi Manor was reviewed by Wilson and Kelly with the Board. A meeting will be held in the near future between the two groups.

Motion by Gaffney to approve the Soccer Goal Safety & Education Policy as mandated by 430 ILCS 145/, also known as Zach's Law. Second by Gulotta. Wilson briefly reviewed the policy and discussed that the policy training would be incorporated in the coach's meeting in the future. Upon roll call the following voted "aye"- Commissioners Gaffney, Gulotta, Kelly, Flores, Long. No nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Gaffney to approved the Treasurer's Report and Operating Statement for August 31, 2011 as presented. Second by Kelly. Upon roll call the following voted "aye"- Commissioners Gulotta, Kelly, Flores, Gaffney, Long. No nays. Motion passed.

From the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting Gaffney made a Motion to donate \$100 to the community garden volunteers with the check payable to Steve Kasper, in care of the community garden. Second by Kelly. Upon roll call the following voted "aye"- Commissioners Kelly, Flores, Gaffney, Gulotta, Long. No nays. Motion passed.

Gaffney informed the Board that IAPD responded to the contribution made by the District for its dues to IAPD. The amount was half of the total due. Discussion ensued on the subject of joining or not joining the Association. It was the consensus of the Park Board that at this time they would not be joining. Gaffney mentioned that the matter could be brought back to the table in the future. Flores indicated that she really could not make a decision at this time and would be in a better position after attending the conference in January to judge the benefits of the Association. Motion by Gaffney to reconsider the payment of the District's annual association dues to the IAPD. Second by Flores. Upon roll call the following voted "aye"- None. Those voting nay- Commissioners Flores, Gaffney, Gulotta, Kelly, Long. Motion failed 0-5.

Gaffney announced he had one item for executive session.

The Board reviewed the proposed schedule for the 2011 bond issue and upcoming tax levy as authored by the legal counsel.

Wilson presented the Affiliate Group Agreement that has been tabled by the Board several times. The proposed agreement was placed on the Policy & Ordinance Committee agenda.

Gulotta discussed the idea of going paperless for the Board packet. The consensus of the Park Board was to move forward with the investigation.

Motion by Gaffney 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) – (25). Second by Kelly. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”- Commissioners Gaffney, Gulotta, Flores, Kelly, Long. No nays. Motion passed.

Executive Session at 9:04pm

President Long called the regular meeting back to order at 9:15pm. Upon roll call the following were present: Commissioners Gaffney, Kelly, Flores, Gulotta, Long. Staff: Wilson.

Motion by Gaffney to approve the following executive session meeting to be released in full or partial format for viewing by the public. The meeting minutes of April 2, 2007 –Special Meeting; May 16, 2011 – Finance & Personnel Committee; May 24, 2011- Park Board; June 20, 2011 –Park Board; and June 27, 2011- Special Meeting will be fully released. The meeting minutes of August 2, 2010- Finance & Personnel Committee and August 16, 2010 –Park Board; will be partially released. Second by Flores. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”- Commissioners Gaffney, Gulotta, Flores, Kelly, Long. No nays. Motion passed.

Gaffney announced that there would be a Finance & Personnel Committee meeting on Monday, October 3, 2011, 6:30pm at the Eisenhower Fitness & Community Center.

There being no further business Motion by Gaffney to adjourn the meeting. Second by Gulotta. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”- Commissioners Gulotta, Flores, Kelly, Gaffney, Long. No nays. Motion passed.

Adjourned at 9:16pm

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Wilson, CPRP
Secretary to the Park Board