

Lan-Oak Park District  
Board Meeting  
February 21, 2011

Vice President Gaffney called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Upon Roll call the following were present: Commissioners Flanagin, Gaffney, Kelly. Also present: Director Wilson and Recording Secretary Edwards.

Motion by Flanagin to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included the Board meeting minutes of January 17, 2011; meeting minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee January 10, 2011, Planning Committee of February 7, 2011, Recreation Committee of February 7, 2011; Finance & Personnel Committee Executive Session of January 10, 2011; Refunds & Payroll W/H of January 20, February 3 & 17, 2011; AP Invoices of February 21, 2011; Second by Kelly. Upon roll call the following voted "aye": Gaffney, Kelly, Flanagin. No nays. Motion passed.

Wilson asked for any questions and or comments regarding his report as presented. Director Wilson updated the Board on the CJ Frank Building drainage into the Park Plaza. Apparently the owner of the building was to present a plan to the Park District and the Village by February 1. Nothing has been received and Wilson has contacted the Building Commissioner regarding the matter but has not received any information and or update back from the Building Commissioner. Wilson also updated the Board about the four security lights being installed in the Park Plaza by Com Ed. Gaffney ask the opinion of the Board Members regarding a possible response to the "letter to the editor" that appeared in the NWI Times relating to selling off parkland to raise capital improvement funds. After a brief discussion Kelly commented that a response would create a war of words going back and forth and will resolve nothing. There was a consensus to leave it be.

Gaffney informed the Board that in the Recreation Committee meeting he talked about the pros & cons of the Eisenhower being open on certain holidays throughout the year and that Sharon Desjardins will be compiling cost for opening and operating the Center on holidays just for information. Wilson present the Board with a letter from a program participant in the District's wrestling program seeking reimbursement for the equipment he purchased for his children for the program. This person enrolled in the class and was never able to participate in the program because of the instructor's constant cancelation of the program; changing of the program time and or day without letting the Eisenhower or the parents know he changed the logistics of the class. After a brief discussion the consensus of the Board Members present that the program participant should return the equipment purchased for the program back to the sporting goods store for a refund since the equipment was not used. Wilson will relay the Board's response to the individual.

Discussion ensued about upcoming field requests from the Old Timers as mentioned in the Superintendent of Recreation report. Wilson indicated that the Park District will be using Van Laten and Rotary for the soccer program. Gaffney points out that program attendance is up, playskool is steady, the daddy daughter dance went wonderfully, and the January fitness special raised nearly \$130,000.00 in new and or renewed memberships. The Board expressed its delight with this news.

School District 158 will be renovating Oak Glen School and the building/site plans calls for addition property. Kiwanis Park adjacent to Oak Glen School has been leased by the park district for many years and School District

158 recently informed the park district that they will be need to use the entire Kiwanis Park site. The park district will need to remove the playground equipment and any other amenity in the park. Wilson provided information to the Board about a firm he has been working with to remove the playground at no cost to the district and the firm uses the playground equipment for communities in third world nations. Motion by Kelly to declare the modular playground unit, one spring animal, and two sand diggers as surplus equipment. Second by Flanagin. Upon roll call the following voted "aye": Gaffney, Kelly, Flanagin. No nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Flanagin to authorize the Director to enter into the Playground Equipment Donation Agreement after all necessary reviews of the Agreement have been completed by the District's Staff, legal counsel and risk management association. Second by Kelly. Upon roll call the following voted "aye": Kelly, Flanagin, Gaffney. No nays. Motion passed.

Kelly briefly recapped the last Planning Committee meeting where the attendance was low, but all who were there seemed satisfied after Wilson took them through the tax calculator and showed them how little the tax increase would impact their property tax bill. Kelly then reminded the Board about the town hall meeting on March 23 where information will be provided on the referendum.

The Board viewed and discussed the Resolution supporting the funding level for state side funding of the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). Motion by Flanagin to approve the Resolution supporting the allocation of at least 40% funding for Land and Water Conservation Fund to the state assistance program. Second by Kelly. Upon roll call the following voted "aye": Flanagin, Gaffney, Kelly. No nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Flanagin to accept the Treasurer's Report of January 31, 2011 as presented. Kelly seconds. Upon roll call the following voted "aye": Flanagin, Gaffney, Kelly. No nays. Motion passed.

Kelly questioned why personnel information/charges were not on the attorney's report in the packet. Gaffney indicated he was not aware of any legal expenses incurred by the District on personnel issues since January. Wilson questioned Gaffney about the legal expense of January 3 where his agreement was reviewed, "check LOPD website re "successes" dates of parks, etc, drat letter re end of agreement 2012." Gaffney indicated he did not know what that entailed. Wilson also inquired when he would be getting the letter relating to his agreement from the legal counsel and or Board that has been a project since at least September 2010. Gaffney did not know but would look in to the matter.

Renaming of a ball field at Lions Stadium has been approved by all parties involved with the Park. Little League has agreed to share the cost of the sign with the Park District. Motion by Kelly to officially name the ballfield at Lions Stadium as the Tom Gavin Field. Second by Flanagin. Upon roll call the following voted "aye": Gaffney, Kelly, Flanagin. No nays. Motion passed.

Wilson presented the Memorandum of Agreement with the Cook County Department of Public Health which has deemed the Eisenhower Fitness & Community Center to be adequate to serve as a site for the performance of clinical activities in the event of a public health emergency. In the discussion Wilson briefly explained that the Center has in the past been approved by the State as a disaster relief site and the efforts of the Superintendent of Recreation to have the Center serve as a warming and or cooling center for the Village. The Board was good with the Agreement but had concerns about the potential liability

of the endeavor. Wilson indicated that he would not be committing the Park District to the Agreement without the proper views by the legal counsel and the District's risk management association. Wilson also indicated he was preparing a letter to Congressman Jackson seeking Homeland Security grant funds for a backup generator, blankets and cots for the Center in case there was a public health emergency. Motion by Kelly to authorize Wilson to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the Cook County Department of Public Health for Use of Site after all legal and risk management concerns have been reviewed and resolved. Second by Flanagan. Upon roll call the following voted "aye": Kelly, Flanagan, Gaffney. No nays. Motion passed.

Wilson provided the unofficial results of the RFP for portable toilets in the parks for the Summer of 2011. Wilson wants to further investigate the RFP's further and will provide official results at the March Board meeting.

Gaffney provided the Board information about the last Village Board meeting where there were talks about charging inspection fees for events like the Farmers Market. Gaffney indicated that the Village Board decided they would not be charging inspection fees.

There being no further business Motion by Flanagan to adjourn the meeting. Second by Kelly. Upon roll call the following voted "aye": Flanagan, Gaffney, Kelly. No nays. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:13

Respectfully Submitted,

John Wilson, CPRP  
Secretary to the Park Board