

Lan-Oak Park District  
Board Meeting  
January 19, 2009

President Flanagin called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Upon roll call the following were present-Flanagin, Long, Beymer, Leck, Reynolds. Also present: Primack, Kuniej, Wilson, and Celmer.

Commissioner Reynolds stated to the board that she had a question in regards to the November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 board meeting minutes where it states that the planning of the fitness specials is up to the Board of Commissioners and not the staff. She explained that she had thought that the board was just going to make changes to the January special and that all other specials were going to be left up to the staff to decide what they would be. Flanagin explained that Reynolds could bring that up at the Recreation meeting. Reynolds asked if she voted yes to accept the Consent Agenda that that would mean she accepted the meeting minutes the way that they were stated. Flanagin explained that if she voted yes to accepting the Consent Agenda that it would mean she is just accepting the information. Primack explained to her that she could bring up her questions during her recreation report.

Motion made by Leck to accept the Consent Agenda A-E which includes the Board Meeting of November 17, 2008; Special Meetings of December 27, 2008 and January 12, 2009; the Committee Meeting of January 5, 2009; the Executive Session of November 3, 2008 (#1); the Refunds & Payroll W/H 12-11-08, 12-25-08 & 1-8-09; AP Invoices of 1-19-09; the revised Lan-Oak Park District Room Rental & Rental Fee Policy; and, the declaration of Surplus Park Equipment. Second by Beymer. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”-Leck, Long, Reynolds, Beymer, Flanagin. No “nays”.

Wilson presented his report. Wilson discussed with the Commissioners the 2009 Burnham Gap Economic Stimulus. He explained that it is a 4 million dollar project that would go to closing the gaps in the Burnham Greenway and that Steve Buchtel from the Active Transportation Alliance (formerly the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation) had contacted that park district to be a signor to the letter, which would go to representatives in Washington. Long asked Wilson is there would be any cost to the park district with Wilson responding no, that it is a federal project that would be providing funding for

various public work projects. Motion made by Beymer for the Park District to sign on to the letter supporting the 2009 Burnham Gap Economic Stimulus. Second by Leck. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”-Long, Reynolds, Beymer, Leck, Flanagin. No “nays”.

Flanagin asked the board if everyone would be okay with having just one board meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup>, due to the IAPD conference. Motion made by Beymer to have the board meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Administrative Building and to cancel the committee meeting scheduled for February 2. Second by Reynolds. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”-Reynolds, Beymer, Leck, Long, Flanagin. No “nays”.

Reynolds presented her report. Reynolds stated that the staff would be in charge of all fitness specials in the future. She explained that the board had only wanted to try something new for January fitness special but that everyone is very happy with the staff’s fitness specials. Motion made by Reynolds for the staff to decide what fitness specials to run throughout the year at the Eisenhower Fitness & Community Center. Second by Beymer. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”-Beymer, Leck, Reynolds, Flanagin. Voting “nay” Long. Motion passed 4-1.

Wilson provided the Board with the flyer as designed by Desjardins for the March fitness special. The board requested to see the flyer prior to mailing that would solicit non-residents to join the Eisenhower Fitness Center. Wilson discussed with the board the hiring of the catering company and stated that JimBoos had the best deal. Leck stated that there was only a \$20.00 difference between Waldo Cooney’s and JimBoos. Wilson explained that for the Waldo Cooney pricing that there are additional fees included and that there was no price for children and that the package that they offer did not include food that children would eat. Long stated he would like to see the business stay in Lansing and that if the park district expects people to sponsor events, the park district should do business in Lansing. Wilson explained that as a board they have the responsibility to spend taxpayer’s dollars wisely, and that if Lansing businesses want the park district’s business then their pricing should show that without the park district negotiating with them after the fact. Reynolds stated that she would like to see the business stay in Lansing also. Wilson stated that hiring a catering company from Lansing would be more costly and that he thought that the board was concerned with spending the district’s money. He also stated that one of the duties that the Board is responsible for is

to manage the district's money properly – accepting a higher price from a Lansing business would only result in passing that cost on the taxpayers attending the special event.

Long stated that he wanted to make a motion that for all catering needs the park district has to stay within Lansing village limits. Primack stated that the board might not want to do that because the park district may need to bid on something in the future. Flanagin stated that the motion died because of a lack of a second.

Leck stated to Wilson that the cost of Benchwarmers catering per person was the same as JimBoos, but there was a different amount for the total. Long stated that the board should go to the Lansing businesses and tell them exactly what they need. Flanagin stated that it was a good idea and that they need to find a good kids menu. Leck stated that she could go and talk to businesses in Lansing. Long stated that there should be a comparison of Lansing businesses. Wilson stated that all vendors are given the same list but that he will get a new list together, all inclusive of the needs for the catering event. Long asked Wilson if JimBoos was the ideal menu with Wilson replying yes. Long stated that Lansing businesses should be approached with the same menu to see what their cost would be and asked if the staff was too busy to do that. Wilson responded to Long by saying that the staff was not too busy to do the calling. Leck stated that maybe they could talk to Nancy Lucas from Dairy Queen with Reynolds explaining that Dairy Queen is closed now. Reynolds again stated that she would like the business to stay in Lansing. Wilson asked the board for direction in regards to going to Lansing businesses for all of the park districts needs, and asked if the board wanted him to buy from Lansing vendors from now on or should he go with the best price, quality of the merchandise as the purchasing policy. Flanagin stated that right now they were just talking about catering needs and not supplies. Flanagin stated that Lansing businesses should be shown what JimBoos prices are and try to match them.

Kuniej presented her report. She explained that they are still short \$100,000 on real estate taxes and that no money has come in in the month of January. Wilson asked Kuniej about Corporate Fund being short by \$240,000. Reynolds asked the board when taxpayers would see the increase due to the referendum. Primack explained that the increase would be on the second tax installment of 2010. Reynolds asked when the park

district would get the money to spend with Primack stating that it would be in the Fall of 2010. Kuniej explained to the board that the Operating Statement is on budget. Motion to accept the Treasurers Report and Operating Statement of December 31, 2008 by Beymer. Second by Leck. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”-Leck, Long, Reynolds, Beymer, Flanagin. No “nays”.

Kuniej discussed with the board the 17 shares of MetLife that the park district owns. She explained that the shares only bring in small dividends and are worth only about \$500.00. Reynolds asked what would happen if they didn't sell with Kuniej responding that the park district would just continue to receive checks for very small amounts. Motion made by Beymer to sell 17 shares of MetLife. Second by Reynolds. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”-Long, Reynolds, Beymer, Leck, Flanagin. No “nays”.

Primack presented his report. Primack stated that in order for the park district to sell wine or have a wine tasting at a farmers market that they would have to do that in conjunction with a retail outlet and that it would require a retail liquor license. Leck stated that they could use a Lansing business with a license. Primack stated that that would be okay as long as they have a state and local license and that the ordinance would need to be amended to accept that. Long asked if the park district would need insurance. Primack stated that DRAM insurance would be needed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

