

Lan-Oak Park District  
Board Meeting  
May 18, 2009

President Flanagin called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Upon roll call the following were present: Commissioners Reynolds, Long, Beymer, Leck, Flanagin. Also present: Wilson, Primack, Kuniej, and Celmer. Guests: Mike Gaffney & Family, John Kelly & Family, April Haynes-Dudley.

Motion made by Reynolds to accept the Consent Agenda A-E consisting of Executive Session minutes from May 11, AP Payment Selection Reports of Refunds & Payroll W/H April 29, May 14 & 18, 2009 AP Invoices April 30 & May 18, 2009, Budget & Appropriation Ordinance #18-05-09, Annual Meeting Public Notice for FY2009-10. Second by Leck. Commissioner Long stated that he had a question regarding Item D on the Consent Agenda, which was the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. Long asked if it included the salary increases for employees. Flanagin stated "yes". Long asked if it was in effect, with Flanagin stating yes if the Board of Commissioners approves the document. Long asked Flanagin why the Ordinance has to be approved instead of leaving it for the new Board members to vote on it considering that they would be the ones that would have to deal with the public. Long asked the Board what would the park district be telling the taxpayers of Lansing by giving raises of 2.55%, considering that the park district had asked for money on 2 referendums? Long asked the outgoing Board members if they had any input. Reynolds stated that she has seen what the staff had done for the last 12 years and that they deserve the raise. She explained that the new Board members do not know what the staff does. Long asked the Board about the criticism that they would receive and asked what they would tell the taxpayers. Reynolds stated that the referendum asked for funds to fix equipment, capital improvements, not operations. Long explained that people don't understand that. Primack explained that Long could ask for Item D to come off of the Consent Agenda and have it voted on separately. Long stated that he had asked for Commissioner Reynolds and Beymer's comments and that if they are not open to it, why bother. Beymer stated that it is the way that it is since he has been here and that is the way it will be. Long thanked

Beymer for his comments. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”- Leck, Reynolds, Beymer, Flanagin. Voting “nay” – Long. Motion passed, 4-1.

Wilson presented his report. Commissioner Long stated that he had an update on the Vince Award situation. Long explained that he was supposed to meet the Volunteer Committee members on April 25, but he was unable to attend. He stated that there are 12 people on the Volunteer Committee and they were not aware of what the Vince Award was. Long stated that he wasn't sure if Commissioner Leck was 100% aware of what the award is because the Volunteer Committee was under the impression that the Vince Award only goes to park district employees. Leck stated no, she did not say that, but that the award has gone to park district employees in the past. Long stated to Flanagin that 2 years ago Flanagin had spoke at the volunteer dinner and that he was supposed to speak for only 2 minutes, but ended up speaking for 20 minutes and that they were not aware that he was going to be presenting an award. Long explained that there was a meeting on Tuesday and that if he is still Vice-President he will go to the meeting or he would be happy to go with someone else to the meeting. Long stated that now that they know more about the award that they may allow the Vince Award to be presented on that night. Long stated that the award has gone to park district employees who go above and beyond their duties and that the last employee to receive the award was Jim Heresma. Beymer stated that they had received the award because it was technically doing service on their own time. Long listed other park district employees who had received the award in the past- Jim Kijeski, Lee Geiger, Mike Fish, Norm Cox and Ken Straka. Wilson stated to Long to just let him know when everything is finalized. Flanagin stated that they would need feedback from the Committee if they will allow the award to be given on that night.

Flanagin discussed with the Board the upcoming IAPD Boot Camp and recommended that the 2 new Commissioners attend and to just let Wilson know who would be attending.

Reynolds presented the Recreation Committee report. Wilson stated that they had received another produce seller for the upcoming Farmer's Market. Reynolds asked Wilson how many sellers they had, with Wilson stating that it is now up to 10. Long asked when the first date of the Farmer's Market was with Wilson stating that it is on

June 3. Wilson stated that he had gone to the Chamber of Commerce luncheon and that the local businesses are very excited about the Farmer's Market.

Leck presented the Planning Committee report. Leck asked Wilson about the Meekma update with Wilson explaining that he was just waiting on the agreement from the state.

Kuniej presented her report. Kuniej explained that the year-end fiscal statements were in the board packet and if there were any other changes that they will be minor. Kuniej stated that the collection of tax money was short about 2% each year until 2007 when it was 5%. Kuniej explained that for 2008 they have collected 48%. Wilson stated that he had read an article that legislation is trying to do away with it across the state and just have a market value instead of an assessed value. Primack stated that Cook County Assessor Jim Houlihan wants to lower the assessed value on homes in Cook County with Wilson stating that it may not help all homeowners. Kuniej stated that they have a debt service payment of \$61,000 due on June 1 and that there is a deposit in Total Operations of \$160,000. Kuniej also stated the park district had finished the fiscal year in pretty good shape.

Motion made by Beymer to accept the Treasurer's Operating Report as Information. Second by Leck. Upon roll call the following voted "aye"-Long, Reynolds, Beymer, Leck, Flanagan. No "nays". Motion passed.

Primack presented his report. Primack explained that there was a memo in the packet in event of possible litigation, and negotiation with the village. Primack explained that he had received an email from Jan Nation with a tentative approval from the state in regards to the Wentworth property transfer/Yasko exchange, but he still needs the official letter from the state.

Flanagan discussed with the Commissioners the bid for the pool and spa drain repair at the Eisenhower Center. Primack asked if the bid specifics would provide for prevailing wage with Wilson stating that it is all in the bid pack. Long asked what the percentage was with Wilson stating that it was 7%. Beymer made a motion to acknowledge that bids were advertise for the pool and spa drain renovation as directed by the recently federal mandate. Second by Reynolds. Upon roll call the following voted "aye"-Reynolds, Beymer, Leck, Long, Flanagan. No "nays". Motion passed.

Flanagin presented the Official Certificate Results of the April 7, 2009 Consolidated Election for the Referendum as provided and certified by the Cook County Clerk. The totals were yes-1920 votes, no-3095 votes for a total of 5015. The referendum failed. Motion made by Reynolds to accept the Certificate of Election Results. Second by Long. Upon roll call the following voted “aye-Beymer, Leck, Long, Reynolds, Flanagin. No “nays”. Motion passed

Flanagin presented the Official Certificate Results of the April 7, 2009 Consolidated Election for Lan-Oak Park District Commissioner 6 year term as provided and certified by the Cook County Clerk. The totals were Michael Gaffney-2, 281 votes, John Kelly-2, 781 votes, David Andres-1, 221 votes, and John Beymer-1, 540 votes, for a total of 7,823 votes. Motion made by Beymer to accept the Certificate of Election Results. Second by Long. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”-Leck, Long, Reynolds, Beymer, Flanagin. No “nays”. Motion passed.

Flanagin proceeded with the election of the new park board commissioners and called for Secretary Wilson to do the swearing in. Motion made by Beymer to adjourn sine die. Second by Long. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”-Long, Reynolds, Beymer, Leck, Flanagin. No “nays”. Motion passed.

Wilson conducted the oath of office for the newly elected park board commissioners, John Kelly and Michael Gaffney. After each took the oath of office Wilson presented each of them with lapel pins and a Pennsy Greenway paperweight. Outgoing Commissioners Reynolds and Beymer vacated their seats for the incoming Commissioners and took a seat in the audience.

Wilson read a card that he had received for Commissioner Reynolds from her family that said thank you for your 12 years of volunteer service on the Park District Board of Commissioners.

Flanagin presented Beymer with a plaque commemorating his 2 years of service as a member of the Lan-Oak Park District Commissioners. Beymer thanked Flanagin and wished the new board members good luck. He also thanked the staff for doing a good job for the community.

Flanagin presented Reynolds with a plaque commemorating her 12 years of service as a member of the Lan-Oak Park District Commissioners. Reynolds thanked

Flanagin and stated that she had a lot of fun being on the Board of Commissioners and felt that they had done a lot for Lansing. Reynolds told the new Commissioners that they would learn a lot in their new positions, to keep the good work going and the staff was great to work with.

Wilson opened the floor up for nominations for the office of President. Leck nominated Commissioner Flanagin and Commissioner Long nominated himself. Wilson asked for a motion to close the nominations for President. Motion by Leck. Second by Flanagin. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”-Kelly, Gaffney, Leck, Long, Flanagin. No “nays”. Motion passed.

Wilson asked those voting for Flanagin as President, to vote by saying “aye”- those voting “aye” – Flanagin, Leck.

Wilson asked those voting for Long as President, to vote by saying “aye”- those voting “aye” – Gaffney, Kelly, Long.

By the vote of the Park Board of Commissioners Long is elected Park Board President.

Wilson opened the floor up for nominations for the office of Vice-President. Long nominated Gaffney. Wilson asked for a motion to close the nominations for Vice-President. Motion by Long Second by Gaffney. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”- Kelly, Gaffney, Leck, Long, Flanagin. No “nays”. Motion passed.

Wilson asked those voting for Gaffney as Vice-President, to vote by saying “aye”- those voting “aye” – Flanagin, Gaffney, Kelly, Leck, Long.

By the vote of the Park Board of Commissioners Gaffney is elected Park Board Vice-President.

Commissioner Long thanked the Board for nominating him for Park Board President and stated to Flanagin that he hoped he would help him with the transition.

Long entertained a motion to retain the services of Ron Primack, Attorney. Motion made by Flanagin to retain the services of Ron Primack, Attorney for the Lan-Oak Park District. Second by Kelly. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”-Leck, Kelly, Gaffney, Flanagin, Long. No “nays”. Motion passed.

Long entertained a motion to retain the services of Leynette Kuniej, Treasurer.

Motion made by Flanagin to retain the services of Leynette Kuniej, Treasurer for the Lan-Oak Park District. Second by Kelly. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”- Flanagin, Kelly, Gaffney, Leck and Long. No “nays”. Motion passed.

Long entertained a motion to retain the services of John Wilson, Secretary to the Park Board. Motion made by Flanagin to retain the services of John Wilson, Secretary for the Lan-Oak Park District. Second by Kelly. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”- Kelly, Gaffney, Leck, Flanagin, Long. No “nays”. Motion passed.

Long asked if there were any communications from the audience. There were none.

Long discussed with the Board the new committees that he had formed and provided to the Commissioners. Long stated that it did not include the bike committee and that he would have that ready by the next meeting. Long also stated that the new Finance and Personnel Committee would include Commissioner Flanagin as the Chairman and Commissioners Gaffney and Kelly as Co-Chairs.

Motion made by Gaffney to adjourn the meeting. Second by Kelly. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”-Gaffney, Leck, Flanagin, Kelly, Long. No “nays”. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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