

Lan-Oak Park District  
Board Meeting  
June 16, 2008

President Flanagin called the meeting to order at 7:28pm. Upon roll call the following were present: Beymer, Long, Reynolds, Flanagin. Leck arrived at 7:55pm. Staff present: Desjardins, Davenport, Havran, Rushmeyer. Also present: Primack, Wilson, Celmer.

Motion made by Reynolds to accept Consent Agenda as presented which consisted of Board Meeting Minutes April 21, 2008, Finance & Personnel Committee Minutes of April 26, 2008, Executive Session Minutes of May 5, 2008(1), Finance & Personnel Committee Minutes of April 26, 2008, payment selection journals, and the Treasurer Report as of May 31, 2008. Seconded by Beymer. Upon roll call the following voted "aye"-Long, Reynolds, Beymer, Flanagin.

Desjardins presented her report. Flanagin asked Desjardins what band would be playing at the Grand Old Fourth of July celebration and Desjardins replied that it would be the Good Times Band which is the same band that has played the Fourth the past several years.

Havran presented her report. Flanagin asked Havran if memberships have taken a downturn due to summer. Havran responded that membership numbers are actually higher than in the month of May. Long asked Havran about the hours that she can be reached in her office. Havran responded that she is in the building between the hours of 9:00am-5:30pm-Monday through Friday. Wilson discussed the contribution that Helen Evans made to the Little Run stating that she did not want the donation to go towards operations. Wilson stated that staff discussed the idea with family members of a park bench being placed in the Park Plaza with a plaque on it in both - Helen's son Bill and Helen Evans.

Rushmeyer presented her report. Desjardins discussed the fact that the 1-hour early childhood programs are starting to grow and that there are more kids enrolled in preschool at this time than last year. Desjardins also discussed Elaine Vana's dance programs that now have over 40 kids enrolled. Reynolds asked Desjardins about the option of starting an after school program for kids in Districts 171 and 158. Reynolds

stated that there had been a survey taken several years ago at District 158 and many parents were interested. But when the program was offered less than five families signed up. Wilson also responded District 171 had also been included in the survey. Desjardins stated that there is no competition right now for this program and that it would be something she would be looking into.

Flanagin questioned Rushmeyer about the day camp numbers. Rushmeyer stated that the pre-post camp had around 16 kids with day camp having 60 campers enrolled.

Wilson discussed with the board the option of having an LOPD and Mayor's update for Channel 4 during the intermission at the Grande Ole Fourth where the audience would be able to ask questions. All board members agreed that they would not be interested in doing that.

Reynolds asked Desjardins about changing the registration dates for the Fall/Winter basketball program so that it did not coincide with Districts 158 & 171's basketball season. Desjardins stated that she did change that age groups to now have it be 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> together and 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> together. Reynolds stated that the junior high girl's season runs from September to November and that the junior high boy's season runs from November to January. Reynolds discussed the option of having 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades play in the fall and have the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades start in January.

Davenport presented her report. Davenport discussed the Fishing Derby that had been held on June 14<sup>th</sup>. She stated that there had been issues with the early delivery of the fish by the fish company and that people had come before the derby and fished the pond. Davenport reported that there were around 150 people at the fishing derby and that not many fish had been caught. Reynolds stated that years ago park watch had stayed at the park and made sure that no one went fishing before the start of the derby. Flanagin asked Davenport how much was spent on the derby with Davenport responding that \$1800 was spent on fish and another \$100 was spent on trophies and prizes. She stated that there was no registration fee for Lansing residents and non-residents were charged a \$5.00 fee. The park district took in \$200 in non-resident registrations. Davenport questioned whether the park district could put up signs before the next fishing derby stating that the park was closed. Primack responded yes, that legally the park district could post signs and close the park for a special event like that.

Flanagin discussed the upcoming garage sale in the park. He asked Davenport about what type of promotion she would be doing with Davenport responding that she would be doing a type of commercial promo with Channel 4 and that it would also be posted on the marquis outside of the Eisenhower Center. Reynolds asked Davenport if she was going to be starting chess in the park program and if she was to please contact her because she knew of a person who would be interested in helping out with the program.

Havran asked Commissioner Long if he had a specific problem that he needed to discuss with her regarding the fitness center since he was questioning her office hours. Long responded by saying no, that he did not have any problems to discuss. Desjardins stated that Havran is managing a fitness center and that she would not be doing her job if she were in her office all day long. She stated that Havran is the only Supervisor who is has programs in both the fitness center side and the recreational side of the building and that she is not always in her office during business hours.

Desjardins, Havran, Rushmeyer, and Davenport left the meeting at 7:50pm.

Wilson presented his report. Flanagin discussed the issue with the Dixon family with Primack responding that he did not see any legal issues with the Dixon family's complaint. He stated that it was more of a public relations issue than a legal matter. Flanagin stated that the conflict is with the Chicago Heights Post Office rather than the park district because even though their subdivision is on the border of Lansing and Lynwood, their mail is delivered by the Chicago Heights post office. Wilson informed the board that Ms. Dixon was given many options regarding proving Lansing residency, which Ms. Dixon promptly refused.

Commissioner Leck arrived at 7:55 pm.

Wilson questioned if the Board would be using 5 to 10 minutes during the intermission of the band playing at the Grande Ole Fourth. Flanagin questioned Long about the Vince Award, Long stated no nominations were received. Since there will be no Vince Award given at the Fourth, the Board along with the Village would just do brief introductions during the intermission.

Reynolds questioned why the certain individuals and families would be receiving a brick that would be placed in the Park Plaza before the dedication. Wilson responded

that certain individuals had helped out with the clock tower project at the Plaza at no cost to the park district that the brick would recognize that contribution. Wilson discussed the dedication for the Park Plaza, which is scheduled for August 23. Wilson asked the Board what type of activities they would like planned and when they would like to do them. Flanagin responded that it would be best to have the lighting ceremony of the clock tower right before dark and to keep the speeches to a minimum. Wilson also discussed that the individuals and groups that would be invited.

Wilson informed the Board that new Village Christmas tree would be planted in the Park Plaza sometime in the near future. It is planned that the 2009 Village Christmas tree lighting would be scheduled there.

Leck discussed the Meekma project. Wilson explained that the plans could be changed to eliminate 2 park benches and move the playground down closer to the picnic area/entrance of the park. But added caution as he did at the public hearing, the playground would then be closer to the back of the townhomes.

Long asked Wilson the guarantee of getting the grant funds. Wilson stated that there are no guarantees connected to receiving the grant funds. Long stated that since there is no guarantee of the park district receiving the grant money, why doesn't the park district just put in a sitting area and use the field as a soccer field. Wilson explained that even with the grant it would cost the park district \$50,000 to complete the project and if the park district does receive the grant and does not build, they would be off of the grant cycle for 3 years. Wilson explained the grant reimbursement guidelines. Long commented that since the Locust Avenue Homeowners Association did not want playground equipment then the park district should not develop a park on this property. Flanagin stated that the park district has a responsibility to provide a park for other residents in the area that this proposed park is not exclusive for just the townhomes.

Beymer asked about the plans regarding the Meekma project. He stated the Homeowners Association is just a small majority of people and not representative of the whole group and questioned whether the park district needed to change the plans just to suit the group. Flanagin stated that the playground should be moved more for safety purposes so it would be more visible for the police patrolling the area.

Motion made by Leck to accept the Resolution of Authorization of the Meekma Park Development. Seconded by Reynolds. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”- Reynolds, Beymer, Leck, Flanagin. “Nay”-Long. Motion passed 4-1.

Motion made by Leck for the Park Board to authorize the Director of Parks & Recreation to forward with the Meekma Park Development Grant Application Submittal. Seconded by Reynolds. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”-Reynolds, Beymer, Leck, Flanagin. “Nay”-Long. Motion passed 4-1.

Beymer discussed the prevailing wage ordinance. Motion made by Beymer to accept the Prevailing Wage Ordinance as presented by Attorney Primack. Second by Reynolds. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”-Beymer, Leck, Long, Reynolds, Flanagin. No “nays”.

Leck discussed the Annual Fiscal Report ending April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Long stated that at the last Executive Session from the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, it was requested that Treasurer Kuniej be present at the monthly meetings. Wilson was asked if Kuniej was aware of this. Wilson responded to Long saying that he was not privileged to information in the executive session that this request was made of Kuniej, so he had no knowledge of the request.

Primack discussed the trademark statute for the Clock Tower.

Long questioned the Board about the requested meeting with fitness member Norman Komorowski. Reynolds stated that the meeting was scheduled for 2:30pm on June 17 and that both she and Beymer would be attending. Reynolds asked Commissioner Long if he was going to be attending because if 3 Board members would be attending the meeting legally it would need to be posted for the general public to be able to attend.

Motion made by Reynolds to appoint Wilson as the regular board member and Desjardins as the alternate board member to represent the Park District at the meetings of the South Suburban Special Recreation Association Board of Directors. Seconded by Leck. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”-Leck, Long, Reynolds, Beymer, Flanagin.

Motion made by Leck 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)-22. (e) Second by Beymer. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”-Long, Reynolds, Beymer, Leck, Flanagin.

Executive Session began at 8:27pm.

President Flanagin called the board meeting back to order at 8:40pm. Upon roll call the following were present: Commissioners Leck, Long, Reynolds, Beymer, Flanagin. Also present-Wilson & Primack.

Motion by Leck to authorize the extension of the employment contract of the Director of Parks & Recreation. The employment term of the contract will be May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2011. Second by Beymer. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”-Beymer, Leck, Reynolds, Flanagin. “Nay”-Long. Motion passed 4-1.

Motion by Leck to approve the FY2008-09 salary schedule A1-A3 as presented based upon a previous meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Second by Reynolds. Discussion ensued. Leck requested the President’s authorization to rescind her motion. President Flanagin agreed if Commissioner Reynolds agreed to withdraw the second to the motion. Reynolds agreed to withdraw her second.

Motion by Leck to approve the FY2008-09 salary schedule B1-B3 as presented by Director of Parks & Recreation Wilson. Second by Beymer. Discussion ensued. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”-Leck, Beymer, Flanagin. “Nay”-Long, Reynolds. Motion passed 3-2.

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

Adjourned at 8:50pm

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Wilson, CPRP  
Secretary to the Park Board