

Lan-Oak Park District
Board Meeting
December 15, 2008

President Flanagin called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Upon roll call the following were present: Commissioners Flanagin, Long, Beymer, Leck, and Reynolds. Also present: Primack, Kuniej, Wilson and Celmer. Guest: Hank Vliestra

Motion made by Leck to accept the Consent Agenda A-K which included October 27, 2008 Board Meeting minutes, Special Meeting minutes of November 3, 2008, Committee Meeting minutes of November 3, 2008, Recreation Committee Meeting minutes of November 11, 2008, Community Bike/Planning Committee minutes of November 13, 2008, Executive Session Meeting minutes of October 27 & November 17, 2008. Payment Selection journals of November 27 & December 15, 2008. Ordinance Numbers 15-12-08(a), 15-18-08(b), and 15-18-08 (c). Fitness Medical Extension Policy, Vehicle Lease Agreement, Credit Card Agreement-Board of Commissioners, and Credit Card Agreement – Employees. Second by Beymer. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”-Leck, Long, Reynolds, Beymer, Flanagin. No “nays”. Motion passed.

Wilson presented his report. Leck asked Wilson if he would need a head count of Commissioners for the IAPD/IPRA annual board/staff conference dinner. Wilson stated that he had a question about whether to have it due to the finance concerns of the park district. Long stating that the park board has gone in previous years and should continue this year. Flanagin stated that dinner is fine and that everyone is fine with going.

Reynolds presented her report. She discussed the tabulation sheets for the brochure bids and asked if everyone had a chance to look at them. Flanagin discussed the McKay Printing and Sheffield Press bids and explained that the McKay bid had an adjustment of \$65.00 an hour for corrections presenting this as an unknown dollar amount for the overall coat of the brochure printing bid. Reynolds stated that Sheffield Press is the recommended printer from the staff. Motion made by Reynolds to accept the bid of Sheffield Pres in the amount of \$75,600.0 for the printing of 9 program brochures. Second by Beymer. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”-Long, Reynolds, Beymer, Leck, Flanagin. No “nays”. Motion passed.

Kuniej presented her report. She explained that no new tax money has been received. Kuniej stated that cash is \$662,000 before subtracting the approved bills. Kuniej explained that the cash is much lower than the November report shows at \$1,166,377 because the district’s bonds were paid December 1. Wilson stated that SSSRA had been paid in full as of December 1 as per the intergovernmental agreement. Flanagin asked if there were any protests out there with Primack stating yes, that they are out there but that the protests are miniscule compared to the people who have not paid taxes. Motion made by Leck to accept the Treasurer’s Report and Operating Statement. Second by Beymer. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”-Reynolds, Beymer, Leck, Long, Flanagin. No “nays”. Motion passed.

Flanagin asked Primack to explain the ordinance for the referendum. Primack explained that the ordinance seeks to increase the limiting tax rate by 10-cents. Primack also explained that the current limiting tax-rate is 31 cents and with the proposed 10-cent

increase the limiting tax rate would go to 41 cents. Primack stated that the park district is asking for the same amount as last time with Leck stating that there is less cost to the taxpayer this time. Beymer explained that it was because the assessed value of homes went down. Primack explained that the board would need to adopt the ordinance no later than February 2, 2009 and that the board should mark the January meeting as the target date. Reynolds stated that the board should decide now with Leck stating that it would give them more time to work on it. Motion made by Leck to adopt Ordinance #15-12-08(d) on April 7, 2009 as presented. Second by Reynolds. Upon roll call the following voted "aye"-Beymer, Leck, Reynolds, Flanagan. Voting "nay" - Long. Motion passed 4-1.

Primack presented his report. Primack stated that he had passed out the Executive Session meeting minutes to the board personally and that they were not put in a board packet. Primack explained that the board needed to consider taking action on those minutes.

Primack also discussed a legal case that is in the courts now that would impact park districts and the way that taxes are levied for special recreation. Flanagan asked Primack if he had spoken to Peter Murphy from IAPD. Primack responded that he had not. Primack reviewed his concerns with the matter. It was determined that the park district would have to wait for the outcome before any decisions would be made relating to our future involvement with South Suburban Special Recreation Association.

Primack discussed the revised engineering report for the clock tower that was included in the Board Packet. He explained that the contractor had saved around \$4,000-\$5,000 by cutting corners with the materials and design without authorization to do so from the architect or the Park District and that the contractor should not be enriched if they did not build the clock tower to the park districts specifications. Reynolds stated that both Primack and Braun did extra work on this issue and that if the park district has paid them for the work, then the park district should be reimbursed. Beymer stated that that made sense.

Reynolds asked Wilson about meeting with him on January 5th before the Committee meeting to work on the referendum. Leck stated that it may be too involved and that there may not be enough time before the meeting. Wilson stated that he would prefer to meet before the January 5th meeting. Flanagan discussed having a meeting on December 27th at 9:00am at the Administrative Office. Reynolds stated to the board to bring their calendars so that they could plan for more meetings.

Flanagan introduced guest Hank Vliestra-the Vice President of the Lan-Oak Park Foundation. Vliestra explained to the board that the Foundation President Ross Leck had resigned. Vliestra asked the board if the Foundation could use the building on West Avenue for meetings and storage. He explained that he needed a central place to keep all of the Foundation information, and that since the Foundation is part of the park district, they should have a building or a room to use. Flanagan stated that the building would be good for storage only and all Commissioners agreed.

Vliestra stated to the Commissioners that the clock tower had no recognition of the Foundation on it. He explained that the Village, Mark IV Landscaping and the Park District are all recognized but not the Foundation. He stated that since the Foundation had given \$50,000 to the clock tower that they should be on the plaque somewhere and that the donor of the money was very upset that the Foundation was not recognized. Wilson

stated that he would talk to the donor in regards to the plaque and also stated that it was the donor who provided the money to the Park District through the Foundation for tax possible benefits.

Long asked Wilson if he had received any of the \$8900.00 he was requesting from the Foundation for the clock tower. Wilson stated that he had received \$329.00 the night of the clock tower dedication. Flanagin explained that the Foundation is a fund raising arm and that it needs to raise funds. Vliestra explained that they only have 4 people in the Foundation. Long stated that if the Foundation is a fund raising arm than he would like to see their assets and liabilities. Long asked how much money the numerous cruises had brought in with Leck stating that it was not much. Kuniej explained that the Foundations tax return is available for public inspection and that Long could request that from the IRS. Flanagin stated that he would find out how much money the Foundation has and let the board know by the next meeting. Long asked Flanagin if he could give a total tonight with Flanagin stating that with combined funds the total is less than \$7,000. Long asked if the car shows and cruises see a cash flow. Flanagin explained that cruise nights don't see any revenue, but the car shows do. Long stated that the Foundation has been in existence for at least 10 years.

Beymer asked Wilson to look and make sure that the building Vliestra wants to use for storage is okay. Wilson stated that it is not safe now for storage and that the park district is not responsible if anything gets stolen. Vliestra explained that the Foundation has insurance with Wilson responding yes, that it is through the park district.

Beymer asked the Commissioners if anyone was interested in going down to just 1 meeting per month instead of 2 like they did in the summer. Reynolds stated that it did not matter to her. Flanagin stated that they would discuss it in January.

Wilson passed around to the Commissioners the new credit card agreements that they needed to sign.

Flanagin stated that the Heritage Development has been granted preliminary approval and that the developer had been contacted about contribution of money and consideration of wider sidewalks.

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

Adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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