

Lan-Oak Park District  
Board Meeting  
October 27, 2008

President Flanagin called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Upon roll call the following were present: Commissioners Reynolds, Long, Flanagin. Also present: Primack, Wilson, Celmer. Absent: Beymer, Kuniej. Commissioner Leck arrived at 7:30pm.

Motion made by Reynolds to approve the Consent Agenda as presented that consisted of Board Meeting minutes of August 18, 2008 and September 22, 2008; Public/Special Meeting minutes of October 6, 2008; Committee Meeting minutes of October 6, 2008; Executive Session meeting minutes of September 22, 2008; and AP Payment Selection Reports - AP of September 11; Refunds & Payroll W/H September 18, October 2 and October 16; AP Invoices of October 27, 2008. Second by Long. Primack suggested that the September 22<sup>nd</sup> board meeting minutes have corrections made to it in regards to the BINA meeting statement. He also suggested that there be corrections made to the explanation of what a life estate is. Wilson asked Primack for a copy of suggested corrections with Primack providing one to Wilson. It was noted that the motion would reflect the correction as pointed out by Primack. Upon roll call the following voted "aye"- Long, Reynolds, Flanagin. No "nays". Motion passed.

Wilson presented his report. Commissioner Long asked Wilson if he had received any of the answers to his questions in regards to the Pennies for Parks program. Wilson responded no; he had not received any answers as of yet. Flanagin explained to the board that the Foundation has not had a meeting yet to discuss the program details. He stated that people are just putting coins in the cans and that there had not been a discussion yet about placing the cans in the local schools. Wilson responded by saying that there is already information out there that was published in the Shopper Newspaper. Reynolds stated that the board had talked about the Pennies for Parks program last time and questioned why there was still no meeting about it.

Flanagin brought up to the board the upcoming 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the park district. He asked the board what their thoughts were in regards to a dinner or maybe a golf outing. There was no response.

Reynolds asked Flanagin if the Foundation met on the financial request from the park district relating to the Park Plaza. Flanagin stated that they had not had a Foundation meeting yet. Reynolds inquired as to what the Lansing Chamber of Commerce had donated with Wilson responding that the Chamber had donated \$500.00 towards the holiday tree and that they had bought a commemorative brick. Reynolds asked Wilson what the cost of the tree was with Wilson responding that the tree was \$1500.00 and that the dirt to build it up was around \$300.00 to \$400.00 for a total cost of about \$1800-\$1900.00

Reynolds presented her report. She stated that the Halloween festivities were very successful and that the staff did a nice job of putting it together. Wilson responded by saying that there was about the same or more participants than last year. Reynolds asked Wilson if for next year there was any thought to having the Halloween parade before the Ghostly Games that way the excess candy could be used. Wilson explained that Desjardins had already cut back on the candy from years past from 1000 to 750. Reynolds stated that it seemed like a lot of candy was left over from the parade with Wilson agreeing.

Primack presented his report. Wilson stated that he had not received any reply from United Energy. Primack stated that if they do not respond that they will not be receiving their

money. Wilson explained that he would need to replace light bulbs in the gym that had a 3-year warranty. Primack stated that it would be okay to take the cost of the light bulbs out of the United Energy payment. Reynolds asked Wilson if he had to rent a man lift to replace the light bulbs with Wilson responding that the park district bought a lift around 6-7 years ago.

Wilson discussed the Planning report. He explained a letter in regards that the County needs to buy property somewhere near the bike path on Wentworth Avenue. Flanagin asked Wilson if he had talked to ComEd regarding the Pennsy Spur with Wilson responding that he would be in touch with ComEd either this week or the following week.

Flanagin asked Wilson if he had heard from the developer of the 144 unit senior living facility and 36 unit town homes that is being planned behind Ridgeway Chevrolet. Wilson responded no, that he had not heard from anyone but that it needed to be discussed. Flanagin asked if it should be discussed at the Committee meeting for everyone to hear with Wilson replying yes.

Wilson stated to the board that he had a flyer for the Commissioners to look at in regards to the upcoming Restaurant and Finance Development Conference. He stated that based upon the attendance list he was the only Park & Recreation person attending.

Flanagin stated that the Treasurer was not at the meeting due to a personal issue. Motion made by Reynolds to accept the Treasurers report as information. Second by Long. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”- Reynolds, Long, Flanagin. No “nays”. Motion passed.

Flanagin explained to the board that there was going to be a meeting with the Auditor on Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Reynolds asked Flanagin if the questions that had been brought up in the meeting packets would be answered with Flanagin responding yes. Primack asked Wilson about the audit extension that he had asked for from Kuniej. Primack stated that action on the audit could be taken at the special meeting scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Primack discussed the email solicitation he had sent for bids on park bonds. He stated that they were due on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> and the bids would be up for consideration at the special meeting. Primack also discussed the need to have a Truth in Tax Hearing in regards to the tax levy. Primack explained that the levy numbers should be solidified by November 12<sup>th</sup> and that it would need to be published between November 17-24<sup>th</sup> for a hearing on December 1, 2008. Primack stated that the latest date for final pass is December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Flanagin asked Primack if there should be a motion made to finalize a timeline. Primack responded by saying yes, that he would recommend a motion to have a Truth in Taxation hearing. Motion made by Long to schedule the Truth in Taxation hearing for December 1, 2008- 7:00pm. Second by Reynolds. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”-Long, Reynolds, Flanagin. No “nays”. Motion passed.

Primack discussed with the board the correspondence between the park district and the police department in regards to the placement of 3 new alert sirens. Primack stated that he had drafted a license agreement for the sirens to be placed at Erfert, VanLaten and Bock Park. Wilson asked Primack when the effective date would be with Primack explaining that when Sergeant Henry and Wilson get together to discuss the matter and have all the details for the agreement – it could be that date of the date the Board approved the agreements. Wilson asked if the police department would need a special license to have ingress and egress with Primack responding that the contract will cover that. Motion made by Reynolds to accept and approve the three license agreements with the Village of Lansing allowing the Lansing Police Department to place emergency sirens and there support facilities on property of the park district as indicated in

each agreement. Second by Long. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”-Long, Reynolds, Flanagan. No “nays”. Motion passed.

Primack discussed with the board the village annexation of the year. He stated that there were no new annexations by the Village so the park district’s boundaries would be the same.

Primack told the board that he would be going to a legal symposium on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 sponsored by the Illinois Association of Park Districts.

Commissioner Leck arrived at 7:30pm.

Flanagan discussed with the board the upcoming IAPD conference. He stated that he would serve as the delegate and the board agreed that the newest board member-John Beyer-would be the alternate. Motion made by Reynolds to have Flanagan as the delegate and Beymer as the alternate delegate for the annual IAPD business meeting at the State Conference. Second by Leck. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”-Long, Reynolds, Leck, Flanagan. No “nays”. Motion passed.

Wilson asked the board if they were planning a holiday party this year. Leck responded by saying yes. Wilson explained that the board had stated that the budget was tight this year and that the staff might question why the board would have a holiday party. Flanagan asked the board for an alternative to a holiday party. He thanked Wilson for watching the budget. Reynolds asked about what kind of alternatives Flanagan was talking about. She stated that either the board has the party or it doesn’t. Primack suggested that this matter be discussed in executive session since it deals with personnel.

Motion made by Reynolds to go into Executive Session. Second by Leck. Upon roll call the following voted “aye”-Reynolds, Leck, Long, Flanagan. No “nays”.

Executive Session at 7:32pm

President Flanagan called the regular session back to order at 7:45pm. Upon roll call the following were present: Commissioners Long, Reynolds, Leck, Flanagan. Absent Beymer. Also present-Wilson, Primack.

Wilson provided the IAPD Legislative Survey to the Board for input.

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

Adjourned at 7:46pm

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Wilson  
Secretary to the Park Board