

Lan-Oak Park District
Committee Meeting
November 3, 2008

Flanagin called the Committee Meeting to order at 7:50pm. Upon roll call the following were present: Commissioners Flanagin, Long, Beymer, Leck, Reynolds. Staff present: Desjardins, Davenport, Havran, Rushmeyer. Also present: Primack, Kuniej, Wilson, Celmer.

President Flanagin discussed with the board the article in the Times newspaper in regards to the referendum on the November 4th ballot asking for funds for capital improvements. He stated that due to the difficult economic times that everyone needs to be more mindful of the money and what is done with it. Flanagin asked that for the next budget cycle, whether recreation or fitness, programs or maintenance, there needed to be a way to get things done to increase revenue and efficiency to raise money to support the park district. Flanagin stated that everyone needed to think about ways to better operate-whether it is in bulk purchases, programming or combining supplies. Reynolds asked Flanagin if the park district was in a good financial situation with Flanagin responding yes.

Desjardins presented her report. Leck asked Desjardins whether the new program book could include a page for the purchase of the commemorative bricks for the Park Plaza. Desjardins replied yes, that in the new brochure the brick application would be a perforated page for easy tear-out.

Leck asked Desjardins about the new dance instructor Vi Donalds, from the newly closed Dance Around Studio. Desjardins explained that the studio is now located in ½ of the Active Edge Gym and that when Desjardins had given her a call she seemed very excited and would be coming to the Eisenhower Center on Friday, November 7th to meet with Desjardins.

Flanagin stated that he was glad to see a new relationship with the Buford Walker home. Desjardins replied that she had tried to build a relationship in the past with the senior home and now LaTonya Gamble from Buford Walker is helping to coordinate some ideas. Leck stated that the Women's Club has another bingo game scheduled there.

Leck also asked Desjardins if the Eisenhower offered a boot camp class and that she had heard it was a good class. Desjardins explained that there is already a boot camp class and that the first time it was offered it didn't go but now it is a popular program. Desjardins also stated that another great fitness class being offered was Turbo Kick.

Commissioner Beymer asked Desjardins if she had enough kids to work the night of the Haunted Hallway. Desjardins replied yes, but it took until the night before the hallway to get enough. Leck asked if there was a problem having kids show up, with Desjardins replying that some of the kids did not know about the meetings prior because the sign-up sheet that was at T.F.South had gotten lost and than found again.

Leck stated to Desjardins that the new archery class that was being offered was a great idea. Reynolds asked where the kids would be shooting, with Desjardins replying that they would be holding the class in the gym. Beymer asked about the type of equipment that we have with Desjardins replying that she has bows, arrows, targets, and arm guards. Beymer asked why Memorial Jr. High didn't offer archery anymore with Long stating that it was dropped because of the lack of facilities. Desjardins stated that she has wanted to offer the class for a while and now is the right time.

Leck stated to Desjardins that SSSRA was going to be having a lot of classes at the Eisenhower Center. Desjardins stated that they would also be having their Winter Formal Dance there.

Desjardins explained to the board that she has lowered expenses and increased revenue compared to last year. She stated that revenue was up by \$9,844 and expenses were down by \$9,030 compared to the previous year operating statement.

Reynolds stated that the Haunted Hallway and the Ghostly Games seemed to go well. Desjardins replied by stating that the Ghostly Games were very fun and that the Haunted Hallway had 11 scenes in it, which was up from the 5 scenes last year. Leck stated that it was a job well done.

Beymer asked about the parents of special needs patrons who participated in the Special Recreation Association prior to the park district joining the SSSRA who were opposed to the switch - have they registered for any of the programs being offered by the district. Wilson stated that majority of the families have not.

Havran presented her report. Flanagin thanked Havran for the help with the IT person today.

Rushmeyer presented her report. Flanagin asked Rushmeyer about the article in the paper in regards to more competition by churches in the area with preschools and what kind of feedback she is receiving. Rushmeyer responded by saying that she had not heard of any new

programs and that the Playskool just had 2 new children enroll. Desjardins explained that Tiny Town has received a grant from the state that is allowing them to offer a free program. She explained that enrollment is down by about 8 children from last year. She also stated that there would probably be another few who would enroll in January when they turn 3 years old.

Reynolds asked Rushmeyer if there were any problems with preschoolers wearing costumes or bringing candy on Halloween with Rushmeyer responding no, there weren't any issues. Reynolds asked if the children are allowed to bring in birthday treats on their birthday with Desjardins responding yes, but by law the treats can't be served in the preschool but they can be sent home.

Reynolds asked Desjardins that when she gets some free time if she could look into starting an after school program for kids. She stated that they're a lot of children who go home with just a key and that they need to be able to go somewhere. Reynolds stated that there should still be some information in the files from the previous Superintendent. Reynolds stated that Desjardins might want to wait until next year when there would be a new school Superintendent in charge of District 158.

Davenport presented her report. Flanagin asked Davenport how many people pre-registered for the Pet Parade. Davenport stated that there were a total of 9 participants and that there used to be around 15-20. She stated that if it continued to be at only 9 or less than the program might be canceled. Reynolds asked what the cost was for the Pet Parade with Davenport stating nothing. She explained that Lan-Oak bucks were given out and that there were donations from Ted's Feed Store.

Reynolds asked Desjardins about the Youth Basketball program age groups. Desjardins replied that 3rd, 4th and 5th are now together and 6th, 7th and 8th are now together. Desjardins asked if Reynolds wanted some extra flyers with Reynolds stating yes, that she would hand them out to her gym classes.

Desjardins explained to the board that in celebration of the park district's 60th anniversary the front desk has been putting together scrapbooks of old photos and newspaper clippings to display at the Eisenhower Center next year. She stated that Gerry Meekma and Linda Germeraad from the front desk are great at being able to date the photos.

Reynolds asked Havran and Wilson about the new Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act in regards to the anti-suction device. She asked if all pools had to have this device. Wilson

responded by saying it is now a mandated federal law that all pools have this device installed. He stated that in the women's and men's fitness locker room the whirlpool drains have to be 3 feet apart and that to renovate that them would be a minimum of \$10,000 each based upon preliminary conversations with the engineers. He explained that the pool would just need some retrofitting to the drain. Reynolds asked when the compliance date was with Wilson stating that it is supposed to be done by December 19th, 2008 but that the literature had just come out less than a month ago. He also stated that the park district would attempt to comply by the date but that the some of the products are not even on the market yet.

Wilson explained to the board that while the pool is drained for this unfunded mandated that the pool and the deck should be painted. Wilson stated that since the women's locker room whirlpool has been closed due to minimal use that it should remain that way. Desjardins & Wilson explained that the men's locker room whirlpool was used quite often and that it should be fixed. Flanagan stated that timing needed to be looked at in regards to shutting down the pool and whirlpool. Wilson stated that Desjardins and he would look at schedules and determine best time that would be the least inconvenient to the users of the amenities. Flanagan asked about the federal mandate stating all work had to be done by December with Wilson responding that as long as there has been an attempt by the agency that work has been initiated; agencies would get a pass on missing the deadline.

Desjardins, Rushmeyer, Havran and Davenport left the meeting at 8:17pm.

Wilson presented his report. Leck asked Wilson about the proposed Heritage Residences development. Wilson explained that Flanagan and he attended the Planning and Zoning Board where the proposed development was discussed. He would in all likelihood recommend to the park board that a cash contribution be requested from the developer. Wilson reviewed the scope of the project with the Board. Around with the cash contribution request, Wilson would recommend that the developers widen the sidewalks within the development and around the adjacent streets to accommodate bicycle riders and wheelchairs. Flanagan asked the board if everyone was okay with the two recommendations discussed by Wilson with all in attendance replying "yes".

Wilson stated to the board that there needed to be a special meeting for the Finance and Personnel Committee to review the proposed personnel policy. Flanagan and Leck stated that they would check their calendars and get together.

Flanagin stated that there would be a Consolidated Election on April 7th, 2009. He explained that there would be 2 seats open. Commissioner Reynolds's term will be expiring and the position of Commissioner Beymer will be expiring since it was created by the resignation of Jim Molenaar. Petitions along with nominating instruction, rules and regulations can be obtained from the Cook County Clerk's office. Due to the legal liability of the nominating process, the park district will not be giving out nominating petitions or any advice relating to nominating documents or other matters relating to the nominating and election process.

Motion made at 8:30pm 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 Reynolds. Upon roll call the following voted "aye"-Long, Reynolds, Beymer, Leck, Flanagin. No "nays". Motion passed.

President Flanagin called the committee meeting back to order at 8:50pm. Upon roll call the following were present: Commissioners Long, Reynolds, Beymer, Leck, Flanagin. Also present were Wilson, Primack.

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

Adjourned at 8:50pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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Secretary to the Park Board of Commissioners