

Lan-Oak Park District
Policy & Ordinance Committee
May 16, 2011

Chairperson Long called the meeting to order at 8:36pm. Upon roll call the following were present: Committee Members Kelly, Long. Guest: Commissioner Gaffney. Staff Liaison Director Wilson.

Commissioner Long questioned the limited number of exceptions in the proposed Remote Attendance policy providing for a board member that is unable to physically attend a meeting. Wilson responded that the policy as presented was taken directly from the state statutes. Long mentioned that he would like to see vacations added to the policy and per the district's legal counsel he felt that was a reasonable addition. Wilson responded he would look into the suggestion but again indicated that the policy was taken directly from the state statute. Kelly had no problem with the addition of vacations but stated he wanted the policy to be within the legal bounds of the law.

Discussion ensued on the issue of overnight parking of semi trailers at Bock Park. Long contacted the police department and wording for the sign was specifically given for the matter. Wilson will have two signs made up. One will read "No Overnight Parking and the other sign will read "No Unauthorized Parking". The signs will be placed at each entrance of Bock Park and other parks with large parking lots.

Discussion ensued on the possible amendment of Ordinance 11-5-09 amending Section 14-8 of the general park district ordinance. Wilson provided a brief history on the evolution of the ordinance as it stands today. Wilson explained that the Lan-Oak Park Foundation would like to establish a restaurant row with a beer garden in the Park Plaza for their cruise nights. Based upon a conversation with the district's legal counsel, as per the ordinance the park district could sponsor the event and contract the beer tent to the Foundation. Wilson pointed to the July 4th celebration and the beer garden hosted by JJ Kelly's last year. The park district sponsored the event and JJ Kelly's was authorized to operate the beer garden by the district. The committee discussed the means to allow the beer garden but were concerned for the safety of the participants and the park district from liability. Possible rules and regulations were discussed along with the fact that the park district, if it were to be the sponsor, would receive some type of monetary gain and would have no costs incurred on the operation. The committee was at a consensus to further investigate this matter and Wilson will discuss the options with the legal counsel on one – the event being sponsored by the park district as per the current ordinance with some type of formal agreement and, two, to see if the current ordinance could be modified to include the Foundation as a sponsor and not to open the possibility of other groups requesting the same type of event. It was agreed that this research may not be completed prior to the first cruise night but it is the desire of the committee to have something in place by at least the second cruise night.

The various policies for review on the agenda were tabled until the next meeting.

There being no further business Motion by Kelly to adjourn. Second by Long. Upon roll call all present votes "aye". No nays.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Wilson, CPRP
Secretary to the Park Board