

# Legislative Update



THE LATEST LEGISLATIVE ISSUES AFFECTING PARKS, RECREATION and CONSERVATION

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**TO: IAPD Members**

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**SUBJECT: Minimum Wage Legislation Reintroduced**

The House returned to the Capitol this week as both chambers began organizing committees for the 99<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. Hundreds of new bills have already been filed, and we have been busy reviewing each for its impact on member agencies. As in the past, you may access the bills we are tracking through the Public Policy webpage on the [IAPD website](#).

Two IAPD Platform bills have already been introduced. [HB 417 \(Walsh, Jr., L\)](#) would raise the bid limit threshold under the Park District Code, the Conservation District Act and the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act from \$20,000 to \$25,000. [HB 405 \(Sandack, R.\)](#) would clarify the procedures for the sale of park district property that does not exceed three acres. You can access the entire 2015-16 IAPD Legislative Platform on [IAPD's website](#).

We also want to report that a new minimum wage proposal has already been filed. [SB 11 \(Lightford, K.\)](#) is nearly identical to [HB 4733](#) that was passed by the Senate during the final week of the 98<sup>th</sup> General Assembly's Fall Veto Session. [HB 4733](#) is now dead, and [SB 11](#) must start the legislative process from the beginning.

[SB 11](#) would raise the minimum wage to \$9.00 per hour on July 1, 2015 and increase that amount by \$.50 each July 1 thereafter until July 1, 2019, at which point the minimum wage would be fixed at \$11.00 per hour. [SB 11](#) keeps the exemption for teen workers under 18 at the current amount of \$.50 per hour.

[SB 11](#) was assigned to the Senate Executive Committee shortly after it was introduced and a hearing has already been scheduled for next Wednesday.

Lastly, we want to remind you that the Legislative Breakfast program starts next week. On Monday, we will be at the Fox Valley Special Recreation Association and a week from today we will be at the Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District. [Click here](#) for the entire breakfast schedule and please mark your calendar to attend a breakfast near you.

The Senate will return to the Capitol next Tuesday and the House will return on Wednesday in time for Governor Rauner's State of the State Address. In the meantime, we will continue to update the [Public Policy webpage](#) as legislation is introduced. Please contact us at 217/523-4554 if you have any questions concerning any legislative matter.

Have a wonderful weekend!