

The July 1, 2009 meeting of the Dundee Township Park District Board of Commissioners held at the Recreation and Fitness Center was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by President Frank Scarpelli. Commissioners responding to roll call were: Jim Bonkoski, John Meschewski, Erin O'Leary, and Frank Scarpelli. Craig Rakow was absent.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Items to be Considered for Consent Agenda – Bonkoski made a motion with a second by Meschewski to approve the Items to be Considered for Consent Agenda to include: Approval of June 17, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes and Payment of Bills. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Approval of Consent Agenda – Meschewski made a motion with a second by Bonkoski to approve the July 1, 2009 Consent Agenda. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Staff Reports

Assistant Director Jim Miller told the Board that the last two weeks have been the busiest stretch that he can remember in the last fifteen years. The following events were held: Barb Lachel Tennis Clinic, Disc Golf Tournament, Father's Day 5-K Race, Friday Night Concert and movie at the East Dundee Depot, Concert and Fireworks, and several special events at the pool. The weather has fluctuated between 90 and 60 degrees which has affected the pool operation. Summer programs and the pools are in full swing. He attended the Village of Carpentersville Board meeting on June 16th to discuss the pump track. The Village Board liked the idea and the next step will be for the Village to approve the lease agreement with the Park District for use of the land. Locker room improvements were made at the Recreation Center. New lockers were added in the women's locker room and it was given a fresh coat of paint. New carpet was installed in the men's locker room. Camp enrollment is a bit lower than last year. Scarpelli suggested not having the concert and movie the Friday before the Saturday fireworks event next year to alleviate some pressure on staff to handle both events. Discussion followed regarding the fireworks.

Superintendent of Facilities Larry Moscato explained that the aquatics operation is largely weather driven. Season pass sales are down a bit from last year. When the temperatures went from 60 to 95+ degrees, the large volume of users at Dolphin Cove caused a problem with cloudy water and the pool had to be closed early two days. Sleepy Hollow Pool also closed early a few times for the same reason. Moscato discussed the Virginia Graeme Baker Act. The Park District hired an engineer to look at the pools and make a determination of what needs to be done to comply with the Act. The engineer is now in the process of obtaining permits and preparing a bid package. Moscato stated that all District pools comply with the surge pit regulations and are safe. The whirlpool has a new pump that will shut down under suction stress. He stated that the process has begun to comply with the Act and in the meantime he feels the District pools are very safe.

Aquatics Supervisor Tim Kopka reported that staffing is very good this year. After accounting for returning employees, there were 90 positions to fill. The job fair produced over 400 applications, so there was an abundance of applicants to fill those positions. Swim lessons are booming. The swim team is also booming, and every spot is filled for the available lane space. The issues that the team dealt with are being smoothed out and things are transitioning with the parents. He feels that situation is going very well. Special events include the first Family Frolic Evening which was held last Wednesday and 75 people attended for a twilight swim and cookout. The first Teen Night was rained out after the first hour.

Executive Director Tom Mammoser stated that the aquatics staff is doing a very good job. Staff works together well. It has been a season of ups and downs with the weather.

Citizens to be Heard

None.

Director's Report

Skate Plaza Update – Mammoser reported that the skate plaza design has been completed and it is out to bid. He hopes bids will be presented to the Board at the next meeting for acceptance. The budget is still slightly higher than what was originally projected in order to build something unique and more suited to what the kids enjoy. Mammoser reviewed the layout in relation to the tennis courts and parking lot at Huffman Park. He reviewed the equipment and amenities included in the skate plaza. The target date for completion is October 1st. Discussion followed regarding details of the construction and materials.

Grand Pointe Park Update – Mammoser stated that the parks at Grand Pointe have been a challenging situation for the District. He sent a letter to the Village of West Dundee stating the District will accept the two parks even though they are not in the condition the District would like them to be. The District would have preferred the turf to be in a better condition prior to acceptance. Residents in the area are not happy with how the parks have been maintained and do not understand that the District is not to blame for the parks' condition.

Knox Outing – Mammoser reported that there were about 200 participants in the golf outing. He stated that the outing went very well. It was a beautiful day and the golfers had a good experience with the golf and food service.

President's Report

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Bid Results Golf Course Renovations at Randall Oaks Golf Club – Mammoser explained that bid results were included in the Board packets along with a memo from Superintendent of Golf Maintenance Mike Sprouse. The District placed \$400,000 in the current budget for this project. Because the project is designed with accessibility in mind, the District allocated \$200,000 from the Special Recreation Fund for the project. The other \$200,000 was allocated from the Park Development Fund. The District will receive a grant in the amount of \$150,000 from the Wadsworth Golf Foundation for the project. The grant will come in increments of \$50,000 over the next three years. The net impact budgeted on Park District resources available for capital projects is \$50,000. The low bid of The Bruce Company was \$142,111.96. This bid is primarily for the labor. Cost of the materials is estimated to be another \$136,750. With a grow-in cost and a contingency, the total cost of the Links Across America Project is \$301,461.99.

Mammoser reviewed the components of the project with the Board. There will be a new practice putting green available for the public. A practice area with sand pitching and another green will also be available to the public. Four new accessible holes ranging from 50 to 100 yards in length will be built. This area will be available for teaching junior golf and open to the general public. Seven new greens will be built which will be available for a fee to the general public when they are not being utilized by NISRA, Junior Golf, and the Boys and Girls Club for programming.

Mammoser recommended that the Board accept the low bid from The Bruce Company. He stated that staff is negotiating with The Bruce Company on some of the material items, therefore there is not a contract amount, but the total will be under \$301,461.99.

Mammoser stated that the District has not worked with The Bruce Company before, but it is a reputable company and well known in the area. Discussion followed. Mammoser stated that the District anticipates a \$20,000 per year annual cost to maintain the new area. He also stated that the project will not pay for itself from future fees. It will differentiate the District from other courses in the entire region. It will produce a recreation opportunity for a broader range of residents within the community.

Meschewski made a motion with a second by O’Leary to accept the bid of The Bruce Company, of Middleton, Wisconsin, for renovations to West Range, Links Across America Project, at Randall Oaks Golf Club, in an amount not to exceed \$301,469.99. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Mammoser explained the Alternate Bid #1, which would finalize the existing Acorn Course. The bid involves holes 1 and 3 on the existing Acorn Course. He presented two renderings of the project. The project would expand the fairways, add two bunkers on holes 1 and 3, and add new greens on holes 1 and 3. The project would also add irrigation and drainage on the entire Acorn Course. Mammoser reviewed the positive and negative

aspects to this project. The bid from The Bruce Company for Alternate #1, the labor portion of the project, was \$54,228.54. The District estimates the material cost to be an additional \$34,000. With grow-in costs and contingency, the projected total cost is approximately \$97,000. If the Board decides to accept Alternate #1, the net impact on the capital resources available for projects will be \$5000 below budget.

Mammoser stated that this is probably the only time the District will have the opportunity to enhance the two holes on the Acorn Course and the cost is much lower than estimated. Mammoser reviewed major capital projects that will be necessary within the golf operation in the upcoming years. In 2010, the Clubhouse will need a new roof installed for a cost of \$50,000. New grounds equipment is included in the budget capital timeline for 2010 and 2011 in the amount of \$120,000. The conversion to electric carts in 2011 would cost \$40,000. The Clubhouse will need to be painted in the next couple of years. These future purchases will come at a time when the District knows it will not receive any growth in tax dollars in the operating budget. Golf has not been profitable the last few years. Neither the Links Course nor the Acorn Course will pay for themselves over time from fees.

Discussion followed regarding various issues involving the Acorn Course and the Alternate #1 bid, and how the decision will affect the budget for other upcoming projects.

Meschewski made a motion with a second by Bonkoski to accept the bid of The Bruce Company for renovation of the Acorn Course Alternate #1, not to exceed \$97,000. The motion was defeated by a vote of 0 ayes to 4 nays.

Executive Session

At 7:28 p.m., Meschewski made a motion with a second by Bonkoski to move that the Board convene into Executive Session under sections 2(c)(1), 2(c)(5), 2(c)(11), and 2(c)(21) of the Open Meeting Act for the purpose of discussing personnel, land acquisition, litigation, and reviewing prior meeting minutes. The motion passed 4 to 0.

At 7:29 p.m., Bonkoski made a motion with a second by O'Leary to move that the Board reconvene into regular session. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Additional New Business

None.

Adjourn Meeting

O'Leary made a motion with a second by Meschewski to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 4 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.