

The October 7, 2009 meeting of the Dundee Township Park District Board of Commissioners held at the Randall Oaks Golf Course Clubhouse was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Frank Scarpelli. Commissioners responding to roll call were: Jim Bonkoski, Erin O'Leary, and Frank Scarpelli. John Meschewski was absent. Craig Rakow was absent for roll call but arrived at 7:08 p.m.

Public Hearing BINA – November 4, 2009 Bond Sale

O'Leary made a motion with a second by Bonkoski to open the Public Hearing concerning the sale of bonds. The motion passed 3 to 0. The following Commissioners were present: Bonkoski, O'Leary, and Scarpelli. Meschewski and Rakow were absent. Scarpelli stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to receive public comments on the proposal to sell \$5,250,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District, for the payment of outstanding debt certificates and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto. He explained that all persons desiring to be heard would have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony with respect thereto.

Scarpelli opened the discussion and explained that the reasons for the proposed issuance of the bonds were as follows: for debt retirement and capital purchases. Whereupon Scarpelli asked for comments from the Park Commissioners. No additional comments were made by the Park Commissioners. Scarpelli reported that no written testimony concerning the proposed issuance of bonds was received. Whereupon Scarpelli asked for oral testimony or any public comments concerning the proposed issuance of the bonds. No statements were made. Scarpelli then announced that all persons desiring to be heard had been given the opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed issuance of the bonds.

Bonkoski made a motion with a second by O'Leary to adjourn the public hearing. The motion passed 3 to 0. The hearing was adjourned.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Items to be Considered for Consent Agenda – Bonkoski made a motion with a second by O'Leary to approve the Items to be Considered for Consent Agenda to include: Approval of September 16, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes, Budget Report, and Payment of Bills. The motion passed 3 to 0.
2. Approval of Consent Agenda – O'Leary made a motion with a second by Bonkoski to approve the October 7, 2009 Consent Agenda. The motion passed 3 to 0.

Citizens to be Heard

None.

Commissioner Craig Rakow arrived at 7:08 p.m.

Director's Report

1. Skate Plaza Update – Executive Director Tom Mammoser reported that the site is getting a lot of use. One challenge that the District needs to address are the hours of operation. Currently, the tennis court lights are on until 10:00 p.m. The sign at the skate plaza states that it is open until dusk. When the tennis court nets are taken down at the beginning of

November, the timer on the tennis court lights will be changed. Another challenge will be bicycle use at the skate plaza. Bikes are not allowed on the skate plaza. Mammoser stated that he received a call from Joe Cavallaro with the Village of West Dundee who had received a complaint from a citizen regarding skateboarders skating down the middle of the street on their way to the skate plaza. The District has not received any complaints from neighbors. Cavallaro said the Police Department is very pleased about the skate plaza because now they have a place to tell kids they can go to skate. Mammoser stated the skate plaza has been a good project and he commended Deputy Director Jim Miller for his work with the architect on the design. He also commended Commissioner O'Leary for her persistence with the Board to consider the project. The contractor will return to caulk some joints, but is otherwise finished with their work. Park Service staff planted ten evergreen trees in between the tennis courts and the skate plaza which will act as a buffer between the two areas. Other trees were planted on the north end of the skate plaza. Sod will be laid around the border and the balance of the area will be seeded.

2. Links Course Update – Mammoser explained that the work on the Links course is virtually complete. The grass is beginning to germinate. The pay request that was approved in the bills to be paid, retains the ten percent retainage. The contractor is done and the irrigation system is in. Staff will watch for any settling in the contours. The course will not open until midsummer or fall of next year, when the grass has matured. The District has applied for a \$25,000 grant through NRPA. The grant is to provide programs for disabled veterans.
3. IAPD Legal Symposium November 5 – Mammoser stated that the Symposium will take place on November 5th in Oakbrook from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This is an annual conference hosted by IAPD. This year one of the main items of interest to the Park District is the change in the Freedom of Information Act. The District will have to designate an officer to handle FOIA requests. The officer will have to go through training that the State will provide and become certified. The new law provides that more information will be available to the public. Mammoser reviewed several components that will now be available that were not in the past including emails, personnel files, and memorandums. Mammoser and Scarpelli will attend the symposium, and he invited the other Commissioners to attend also.
4. Raceway Woods Park District Path Improvements – Mammoser reported that the District has done some improvements at Raceway Woods. Pictures of some of the improvements were included in the Board packets. The trail that the District maintains is in excellent condition. Deputy Director Don Kappel informed the Board that all of the work was done by the Park Services staff. Board walks were installed and trail chips were laid. Scarpelli asked what the next step would be to turn the property over to the Forest Preserve District. Mammoser stated that action would need to be formally taken on the issue.
5. Bond Issuance Update – Mammoser presented and reviewed a preliminary 2009 overview of the District's long term debt. The District is getting closer to the window of time when it will have funds available for significant capital projects. Mammoser and Superintendent of Finance Greg Gannon met with Dave Phillips of Speer Financial last week. They asked Phillips if any of the District's bonds can be refinanced. Phillips said

that there are \$5 million worth of 2001 series debt issuance bonds that are eligible for refinance. The District could save an estimated \$305,000 by refinancing these bonds. Phillips recommends that the District front load the savings into the upcoming bond issue. Therefore, in December instead of \$180,000 being available for capital projects, an additional \$250,000 would be available. Phillips will be in attendance at the November 4th meeting for the Bond sale and will explain the matter further.

Mammoser stated that Phillips also discussed the Build America Bond Program that is currently available because Kane County is considered an economic recovery area. These Bonds offer a 35% rebate on the interest. Phillips put together a schedule of costs based on a \$10 million Bond sale. Mammoser reviewed the report prepared by Phillips. On a \$10 million issuance the District could save \$1.8 million in interest if it took advantage of the Build America Bond Program. Those Bonds would be available through December 2010. Mammoser stated the District should seriously consider taking advantage of this program, because we will need money for projects in the future and could save money on the interest.

Mammoser stated that the District's tax rate may go up regardless of selling bonds or not, because the EAV may go down. The District is limited by the tax cap, and cannot control if its tax rate will increase or decrease. Scarpelli stated that assessment notices have been mailed out and it appears there will be a 1-1 ½ % reduction in the EAV in Dundee Township.

Presentation of Scarpelli 10 Year Award

Bonkoski presented a 10 year service award to Frank Scarpelli for his contributions and community leadership to parks, recreation, and conservation in the State of Illinois.

President's Report

Scarpelli stated that there are some issues regarding the Thom McNamee property on Binnie Road that may hold up the agreement for the District to use the property this year.

Old Business

1. Boys and Girls Club Reserve Funding – Mammoser explained that grants the Club is to receive have been delayed due to a slow process by the funding source. The Board discussed at the last meeting the possibility of floating the Club \$75,000 until the grants come through. The Club would reimburse the District by the end of the fiscal year. Mammoser asked the Board to take action to create a \$75,000 floating loan available to the Boys and Girls Club.

Bonkoski made a motion with a second by Rakow to approve the Park District to float the Boys and Girls Club of Dundee Township a loan of \$75,000 to be reimbursed this fiscal year. The motion passed 4 to 0.

2. Brunner Property – Mammoser reviewed a recent tour taken by Mammoser, Rakow and Meschewski of the Brunner property. The house on the property appears to be in good shape. There is plenty of acreage available for athletic fields. The Kane County Forest Preserve District has indicated they would take the building down in the spring. Scarpelli questioned if the house had been winterized last year and who would be responsible for

winterizing it this year. Superintendent of Park Services Mark Simon will check in to winterizing the house.

New Business

1. Golf Rates for 2010 – Mammoser explained that Golf Operations Director Jeff Huseman and his staff put together proposed golf rates for the 2010 season. Mammoser reviewed a chart comparing this year's rates to the proposed rates for next year. At Randall Oaks Monday through Friday, no changes are recommended. On weekends after 1:00 p.m., recommendations are being made to reduce fees between \$2.00 and \$7.00. This season, discounts were made available through email blasts to fill open time slots. Range balls and the Acorn Course will have minor price increases. At Bonnie Dundee, prices will have more significant decreases and age restrictions will be eliminated on Monday through Friday fees. Huseman explained the proposed rates in more detail. He feels the lower rates are a good risk for the District to take to increase business. Discussion followed regarding permanent tee times at Bonnie Dundee.

Scarpelli discussed discounting current rates rather than lowering rates in case the economy miraculously rejuvenates quickly. The discounts could be removed and prices would recover more quickly than if they were increased over a period of a few years. Huseman discussed marketing strategies.

Bonkoski made a motion with a second by O'Leary to approve the golf rates for 2010 as presented. The motion passed 4 to 0.

2. IPRA Conference – Mammoser stated that the conference will be held January 28-30 at the Hilton in Chicago. Hotel rooms have been booked for the Board and Mammoser asked Commissioners to let him know by December 17th if anyone needs to cancel a reservation.

Executive Session

At 8:11 p.m., Bonkoski made a motion with a second by O'Leary 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 9:52 p.m., O'Leary made a motion with a second by Bonkoski to move that the Board reconvene into regular session. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Approval of Executive Session Minutes

Bonkoski made a motion with a second by O'Leary to approve the Executive Session Minutes from September 16, 2009. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Additional New Business

None.

Adjourn Meeting

Bonkoski made a motion with a second by O'Leary to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 4 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.