

The April 2, 2008 meeting of the Dundee Township Park District Board of Commissioners held at the Randall Oaks Golf Course Clubhouse was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Frank Scarpelli. Commissioners responding to roll call were: Jim Bonkoski, John Meschewski, Craig Rakow and Frank Scarpelli. Erin Peterson was absent.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Items to be Considered for Consent Agenda – Meschewski made a motion with a second by Bonkoski to approve the Items to be Considered for Consent agenda to include: Approval of March 19, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes and Payment of Bills. The motion passed 4 to 0.
2. Approval of Consent Agenda – Meschewski made a motion with a second by Bonkoski to approve the April 2, 2008 Consent Agenda. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Staff Reports

Assistant Director Jim Miller told the Board that spring classes begin Saturday. The summer brochures were delivered to residents today. The Egg Hunt was held the Saturday before Easter. The event was held inside at Liberty School this year due to the wet conditions at Randall Oaks Park. People indicated they really liked the event inside and staff will consider holding the event inside in the future. This weekend the District will participate in the Northern Kane County Chamber Business Expo which is being held at Dundee Middle School. The District will share a booth with NISRA. The Teen Job Fair was held March 13th and more than 250 teenagers and young adults filled out applications. The lobby renovation is ongoing. There are a couple issues with the carpet installation that need to be resolved. The new furniture for the lobby will be ordered next week and should arrive in several weeks.

Superintendent of Park Services Mark Simon reported that the late spring this year has kept staff out of the parks and has slowed some of the work that has normally been done already by this time. Crews have not been able to do aerating of turf yet. The soccer fields should be up by the end of this week with markings and goals set up. Extensive work has taken place at the parking lot at the Zoo. More of the soft material was removed and replaced with stone that was brought in and the lot was re-graded. He is beginning to work on specifications for anticipated asphalt work that will be done on the lot in the upcoming fiscal year. The pens have been cleaned at the Zoo and animals are being moved from winter housing to their summer locations. A new exhibit will house two redtail hawks and two great horned owls that are coming to the Zoo from a rehab center. Park Services staff has done a lot of work on the Recreation and Fitness Center lobby. Staff removed the carpet, installed some electrical outlets and built out the information alcove. Simon reported that the outdoor ice rink had skatable ice for approximately 31 days over the winter season. Staff figured that it cost the District \$108 per day in labor to maintain the rink.

Scarpelli inquired about the new information center at the Recreation and Fitness Center and if staff had considered making wi-fi available. Assistant Director Miller responded that staff is definitely considering that possibility.

Assistant Director Don Kappel stated that he has been getting quotes for appraisals of the Bonnie Dundee Golf Course property. He has been reviewing the conduct ordinance which will be reviewed with the Board soon. The plan file organization project at the administration office was finished and there are now three racks of plans that can be easily located. He worked on

revisions to the budget. The Crisis Communication Plan was revised. A list of cell phone numbers of staff was created for emergency purposes. He is working on an unneeded property ordinance which will be presented at the next Board meeting. The District's phone service contract will expire at the end of November and Kappel has been meeting with vendors and reviewing possible changes. One new staff orientation was completed. Old part time personnel files are being reviewed and moved to storage.

Scarpelli discussed expected increases to paving costs by early summer and how that may relate to the project of paving the parking lot at Randall Oaks Park.

Citizens to be Heard

None.

Director's Report

1. IAPD Conference – Executive Director Tom Mammoser reported that he and Scarpelli did not attend the IAPD Legislative conference this week. Due to illness he decided to cancel their attendance. He hopes to reschedule a dinner meeting with Representative Tim Schmitz at some point in the future.
2. Hillcrest Subdivision West Dundee – Mammoser explained that the District is working with Joe Cavallaro at the Village of West Dundee on the park donation for this development. The Hillcrest Subdivision encompasses a strip of property located north of Route 72 and east of Sleepy Hollow Road. The property is zoned for residential development and is adjacent to Tartans Glen Subdivision. The owner of the Hillcrest property also owns land adjacent to Huffman Park. The concept being considered is to use the park donation from the Hillcrest development to increase the size of the District's parcel at Huffman Park just east of the soccer field. The lot to the east of the property being considered, is where construction of a Wal-Mart is being planned. The location could be used as a buffer and would give the District more flexibility with the soccer field. It could also be a possible site for a whiffle ball field or skate park. Cavallaro estimates the District's land/cash donation would be approximately 4.13 acres of land or \$310,000 in cash. Mammoser explained the West Dundee land/cash ordinance and how it relates to this situation. The District is attempting to negotiate a value for the parcel of land it wants. The parcel is approximately 2.05 acres. Mammoser believes it makes sense for the District to expand Huffman Park. The Hillcrest development will be linked to Tartans Glen by a pedestrian path and there is no need for a park or playground in the Hillcrest neighborhood. Discussion followed regarding possible alternatives. The Board concurred that the District should ask for 2 acres of land at the site adjacent to its Huffman Park property plus the cash equivalent to 2 acres of land.
3. Establishment of 501C3 Foundation – Mammoser explained that many years ago staff considered creating a foundation to assist with fund raising for the Park District. Staff was advised by the District's auditor that the District really does not need a foundation. The District encountered a situation in March when it was attempting to put together a grant through the Wadsworth Foundation which is a golf development company. The purpose of the grant was to obtain funds to install permanent greens on the Acorn Course. Wadsworth has given money to similar projects having to do

with children, people with disabilities and low income groups. The District felt that its association with NISRA and the Boys and Girls Club's use of the Acorn Course would tie in with Wadsworth's endeavors. The granting agency would not consider the grant because the District does not have 501C3 status. Mammoser explained the auditor's opinion to Wadsworth but they did not agree with the auditor's opinion. Therefore, Mammoser would like to look into creating a 501C3 foundation for the Park District that may be used in a variety of different ways. There would be a start up fee associated with setting up a foundation and possibly some annual costs related to the requirements necessary to continue the foundation. Mammoser will provide more information to the Board as it becomes available.

4. Policies for Board Members – At a previous Board meeting, Scarpelli had inquired about policies the District should have for Board members dealing with the public. Discussion followed and Mammoser stated he will gather information regarding the subject.
5. Tri-Cities Little League – Mammoser stated that Tri-Cities Little League wants to install scoreboards at the Randall Oaks Complex. There has been some confusion on permit issues. Staff met with representatives from the Little League today. Mammoser stated that this is adding a bit of tension between the District and the League, but he feels staff is addressing the situation and it will be resolved in the best interest of both parties.
6. Letter of Concern on Lap Swim Hours – The Board received a copy of a letter expressing concern about the lap swim hours. Another letter was received yesterday by fax regarding the same issue. Mammoser stated that staff has not had an opportunity to address the situation. Assistant Director Miller explained the various needs for use of the pool including swim team, instruction, lap swim and open swim. Staff will investigate ways to improve use of the pool by the different groups involved.

President's Report

Scarpelli discussed the Tri-Cities Little League scoreboard issue and inquired about trenching versus direct boring needed to complete the project.

Old Business

1. IMRF Service Credit – Mammoser explained that this item has come before the Board two times before and the Board has a lot of information on the issue. Scarpelli asked for a motion. Hearing none, Scarpelli stated that the item would be dead for lack of motion and should anyone wish to revisit the issue at a future date, it can be placed back on the agenda.
2. East Dundee TIF District – Mammoser stated that he attended the joint review meeting last week regarding the East Dundee TIF. In attendance at that meeting along with Mammoser were representatives from the School District, Library District, Fire District, Village of East Dundee, and a citizen representative as appointed by the Village. There was considerable discussion at that meeting regarding why some of the Districts were opposed to the TIF. A vote was taken and resulted in 4 votes

against the TIF and 2 votes for the TIF. The Village Manager offered to meet with any of the agencies who were opposed to the TIF to discuss the matter further. There will be a public hearing on Monday with the Village regarding the TIF. The Village can still move forward with the TIF with a super majority of their Board voting in favor of the TIF.

New Business

None.

Executive Session

At 7:49 p.m., Bonkoski made a motion with a second by Meschewski 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 9:25 p.m., Rakow 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

Meschewski made a motion with a second by Rakow to approve the Executive Session Minutes from March 19, 2008. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Additional New Business

None.

Adjourn Meeting

Bonkoski made a motion with a second by Rakow to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 4 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.