DUNDEE TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The April 17, 2024 meeting of the Dundee Township Park District Board of Commissioners was held at the Randall Oaks Recreation Center. President Frank Scarpelli called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners responding to roll call were Vice President Erin O'Leary, Treasurer Jim Bonkoski, Secretary John Meschewski and Commissioner Pam Griffin.

Citizens to be Heard

Sleepy Hollow resident, Mike Tennis, handed out a document that disclosed several local proposed developments. The information broke down the number of units, acres, and units/acre. He provided pros and cons of the developments, touching on EAV increases, incompatible heights, density, and road issues.

Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association (NISRA)

Executive Director, Jim Wiseman and Southern Regional Coordinator, David Hill, presented an overview of the NISRA organization. Wiseman's presentation included the 13 organizations who are a part of the agency and the membership dues each pays based on their size. He explained the inclusion support that NISRA provides to each agency, so they are prepared to serve every special need individual in their park district. Wiseman walked the board through some of the enrollment numbers and how that impacts the number of staff needed to provide the necessary supervision to have a safe environment.

Hill provided some background to his path in therapeutic recreation and then presented some of the programs that take place in the southern region which include Dundee and Elgin. The board and staff were very grateful for what the NISRA agency does for our community and included some personal experiences/impact observed at our Park District.

Staff Reports

None.

Consent Agenda

A. *Approval of Items to be considered for Consent Agenda – Jim Bonkoski made a motion with a second by Erin O'Leary to approve the Items to be considered for the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 5-0. This includes:*
    I. *April 3, 2024 - Regular Board Meeting Minutes*
    II. *Accounts Payable Check Register Dated – April 17, 2024*
    III. *March 2024 Financial Report*
    IV. *NRPA Conference Attendance – October 8-10, 2024*

B. *Approval of Consent Agenda – Erin O'Leary made a motion with a second by John Meschewski to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed 5-0.*

Director's Report

A. IAPD Legislative Update - Peterson highlighted some legislative bills that did pass in 2023 and those that are being considered in Springfield in the 2024 calendar year. Legislative bills that did pass include the use of funds for safety and security purposes from the Police Fund, DCFS certification not being required for park district programs, solar energy contracts up to 20 years, and electronic bond ordinance filing at the county. Legislative bills being considered in 2024 include OSLAD fund protection, use of drones in parks, local governmental cooperation regarding early voting facilities, remote board meeting attendance for active military board members and withholding of retainage funds related to construction projects.

   Peterson also invited board members to the Legislative Conference to be held in Springfield from May 7-8.

B. Out of Office – Peterson informed the board that he will be out of the office from June 1-12 and that Deputy Director, Bertone, will oversee the day-to-day operations during this time.

C. Proposed Development on Huntley Road – Peterson shared with the board a Planning and Zoning hearing for a development just east of our Huffman Park soccer fields. The development calls for 111 townhomes on a vacant parcel totaling 19.45 acres. He will be attending a Planning and Zoning meeting on April 22 to learn more. No impact fee amounts have been disclosed. Access discussions related to the development ensued with the assumption that there would be access from Huntley Road and within the Tartans Glen subdivision.

D. Recreation Drive Extension – Peterson stated that he has just learned that a meeting has been scheduled for next Monday with the Village of West Dundee, Community School District 300, and the Dundee Township Park District to discuss the public roadway as a group. President Scarpelli, Deputy Director Bertone, and he will attend. Information will be brought back to the board after the meeting. Meanwhile, Peterson was asked by President Scarpelli to put together a list of pros and cons of the public roadway. This was included in the board packets. Peterson cautioned the board about setting a precedent in forfeiting developer fees and using them for a public roadway. This may result in other local villages asking the same - the example given was the proposed development in the Village of Carpentersville next to Dundee Crown High School. Staff were informed that road improvements are being considered at Williams and Kings Road as a byproduct of the proposed development.

Discussion ensued regarding the different pros and cons included in the document. President Scarpelli asked board members to review the list and if they thought of any more to send them to Executive Director, Peterson to add to the list.

President's Report

Vice-President O'Leary complimented the NISRA agency and the good they do toward inclusivity within our community and our Park District programming. She referred to when she was a camp counselor and the training she received from NISRA staff as it related to working with special needs children.

Old Business
None.

New Business
None.

Adjournment
Erin O'Leary made a motion with a second by John Meschewski to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Note: The next board meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2024, at the Randall Oaks Golf Club.