

CALL TO ORDER

President Miller calls to order the Village of East Dundee Committee of the Whole Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Trustees Lynam, Selep, Wood, Hall, Mahony, Andresen and President Miller.

Also in attendance Village Administrator Jennifer Johnsen, Chief of Police Terry Mee, Interim Director of Public Works Adam Peters, Village Engineer Joe Heinz and Village Clerk Katherine Holt.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items only): None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Presentation by the Dundee Township Park District on the Bonnie Dundee Property Usage

While awaiting Tom Mammoser's arrival to the meeting, Administrator Johnsen gave an overview of the proposed project. She advised that the entire Bonnie Dundee property is in East Dundee. She said that the Park District would like to know if the Village has any objections or hardships based on the Park District's plans. She stated that the property is currently an 18-hole golf course. She said they did an analysis that shows the decline of interest in golf relating to Park Districts. She stated that 65 percent of their customers are non residents outside of the Park District and they are looking at ways that they could serve the residents. They are proposing to turn the property into a 9-hole golf course that will also include athletic fields, pavilions and nature trails. She said the Park District plans to borrow \$2 million for these changes.

Tom Mammoser, Executive Director of the Dundee Township Park District, stated that the Park District wants to maintain the property for recreational purposes. He said the golf operation has been struggling financially over the last 10-15 years. He advised that the Park District has no large regional parks on the east side of the community. The plan is to convert the north end of the 105 acre property into a park. He said the Park Board had an informational meeting on March 22. A survey was distributed asking for their preference for a 19-hole course or a 9-hole course with a park. The results came back with a slight majority favoring adding a park on the site.

He said there are 40-50 adult soccer teams that play on the weekend at Meadowdale field and 300-350 youth that play on weeknights at a nearby school. The Park District would like these players to come to Bonnie Dundee. Trustee Mahony asked how many soccer fields are being proposed at Bonnie. Mammoser replied that six fields could fit. He said they would not all be full sized fields as the youth league uses smaller fields. Trustee Andresen questioned if changes would be made to the existing clubhouse. Mammoser replied that the clubhouse is in need of repair and would probably not be something to invest in.

President Miller questioned if there have been comparisons done between a 9-hole course and an 18-hole course and how they are doing. Mammoser replied that there are some strong 9-hole operations and others that are struggling. He feels it has a lot to do with location and other amenities at the location. Miller then asked if there has been any discussion of acquiring the land east of the Bonnie Dundee property. Mammoser advised that there have been discussions but it would involve the purchase of the land and development of more golf, which is currently not paying for itself. Chief Mee added that from a policing perspective, it will be important to maintain the hours of operation from dusk until dawn. Mammoser advised that all access points into the park will most likely be gated and closed after hours.

In closing, Mammoser said that it has become a challenge to keep Bonnie Dundee as an 18-hole golf course sustainable. He said it is not as competitive with other 18-hole golf courses and maintaining the course is expensive but maintaining a park is less expensive. He said the Park Board is only in the preliminary stage of planning at this time but if they were to come to final plan decisions by the end of this year, the property transitions should be complete by 2019. President Miller thanked Mr. Mammoser for taking time to explain the plan to the Village Board and is anxious to see what the Park Board decides.

B. Elected Officials Committee Assignments

After feedback from each Trustee, President Miller has created Committee Assignments as follows:

- General Village – Trustees Andresen (Chair) Lynam and Wood
- Finance – All Trustees with Mahony as Chair
- Public Safety – Trustees Selep (Chair), Mahony and Hall
- Streets – Trustees Lynam (Chair), Selep and Hall
- Utility – Trustees Hall (Chair), Lynam and Selep
- Community Events – Trustees Wood (Chair), Mahony and Andresen
- Liquor Commission – President Miller (Commissioner) and Trustees Wood and Andresen

He advised that the appropriate committees may hold in depth meetings prior to bringing recommendations and information back to the full Village Board.

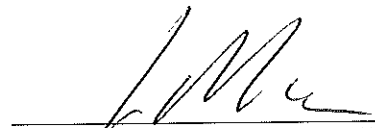
PUBLIC COMMENT (Non Agenda Items): None

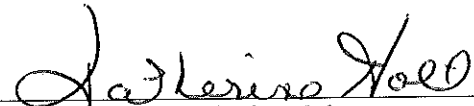
EXECUTIVE SESSION: No

Motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 6:58 pm by Wood/Mahony. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Holt

By: 
Village President, Lael Miller

Attest: 
Village Clerk, Katherine Holt