

I. Call To Order:

President Keller called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

II. Roll Call:

Present were President Keller, Trustees Motyl, Gillam, Price, Osth, Hanley and Yuscka. Also present were Village Manager Cavallaro, Village Attorney Brechin, George Schober (V3 Companies), Tom Mammoser and Jim Miller (Dundee Township Park District) and twelve (12) members in the audience.

II. Pledge of Allegiance:

President Keller led the Board and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Moved by Trustee Osth and seconded by Trustee Yuscka to approve the agenda as presented. Upon roll call motion was unanimous.

V. Village President's Report: There was no report.

VI. Reports and Questions from Trustees:

Trustee Osth inquired about the amount of road salt the Village had. Manager Cavallaro said he would contact Director Babica and prepare an update for the Board.

VI. Village Staff Reports:

Manager Cavallaro reported that Public Works will go through town and clear corners and bus stops from snow as soon as they get some free time.

VIII. Items for Discussion:

A. Information Meeting – Rt. 31 & Rt. 72 Intersection Improvements

President Keller introduced this item for discussion by explaining to the Board and audience that an informational meeting was called to present the proposed project and improvements to the general public and area businesses, solicit comments regarding the plan and have those comments made part of the record which is presented back to IDOT for their final review and evaluation and potential inclusion into the roadway and intersection improvements.

George Schober of V3 Companies gave a brief presentation explaining that the project started in 2005 and is jointly funded between the Village of West Dundee and IDOT. He said the State pays for right of way and construction costs.

He explained that this intersection has a high accident history and has not been upgraded since 1980. He further said that Rt. 72 is used by 27,000 vehicles per day and Rt. 31 33,000.

He said the intersection needs improvement for three reasons: to improve safety at the intersection; to provide increased capacity; and to reduce cut through traffic within the adjacent neighborhoods.

Mr. Schober pointed out that the proposed improvement will include the widening and resurfacing of the roadways to provide additional turn lanes; new traffic signals to accommodate the revised lane configuration and widened roadways; new curb, gutter and storm sewer improvements; and barrier medians at the intersection to improve safety.

Mr. Schober said that in order to accomplish this project, proposed right of way will be required from 3 parcels, right of way and easement from 8 parcels and easements only from 1 parcel.

He told the Board that the preliminary engineering phase is scheduled to be completed in February 2009. Land acquisition and preparation of contract documents will begin in spring of 2009 and construction of the project is anticipated to begin in summer of 2010 with completion by late summer of that year.

Discussion by Trustees included whether or not projections for traffic by 2020 on those routes included another bridge crossing (projections didn't include another bridge crossing), whether the medians will be mountable, access changes, how traffic will be maintained, the cost of the project (\$1.5 million) and how many lanes will be through lanes.

Further discussion centered on the traffic coming closer to the homes due to the projected improvements, the closeness of the sidewalks to the road, especially along RT.31, whether to consider extending the barrier medians on Rt. 72 and whether or not to install barriers or a guard rail to protect pedestrians on the sidewalk, the impact on Village streets and cut through traffic.

Comments from Residents:

Kathy Sample, 610 W. Main Street, West Dundee expressed concerns about the barriers for safety, i.e. how ambulances, fire trucks and police would access the homes and businesses.

Manager Cavallaro explained that the computer systems in the emergency vehicles route them for response to emergencies.

Bob Sample, 610 W. Main Street, West Dundee didn't see where the right turn lane will impact or be of help. He suggested eliminating left hand turns for 6th, 7th and Washington Streets or else making them one-way eastbound or westbound and proposed putting an alley across the back of the businesses and homes from 6th to 7th streets on the north side.

Ted Hortis, 810 W. Main Street, West Dundee said he felt there would be a lot more traffic in the neighborhoods and with the medians that Shell would lose business.

Chris Caluba, 399 Wall St., Glendale Heights, IL expressed concern that a non mountable barrier will restrict business for his clients and asked if the restriction of turns could be done by signage.

Mr. Schober replied that it maybe possible that the State would allow it, but it is a safety project and the State would want as many barriers as possible.

George Fink, 726 Oregon, West Dundee asked how far in the acquisition of right of way and easements would be. Mr. Schober said it would be about 5 feet plus a construction easement.

Mr. Schober said he would be available for more questions and to receive comments after the meeting and that the related exhibits, maps, plans and reports will be available for public review until the 19th of January at the Village Hall. He also explained that on the reverse side of the informational sheet was a comment sheet which the residents could fill out and sent to the Village until January 26, 2009.

B. Dundee Township Park District -Skate Park

Tom Mammoser, Director of the Dundee Township Park District presented the proposed plan for a skate park at Huffman Park. He also introduced Jim Miller, Assistant Director of the Park District.

He said the skate park would be located in the center of Huffman Park east of the existing tennis courts. It would be approximately the size of the tennis courts with an asphalt surface, an eight foot high fence matching the fencing of the other facilities in the park and different skate park elements would be mounted in the skate park.

Director Mammoser said the skate park would be community oriented with an age range of 8-16 years old and designed with a skill level from beginner to moderate. He further commented that Huffman Park was chosen because it is in a central location, has adequate parking and is located away from the residences. Lighting will not be installed, because there is adequate spill over lighting from the tennis courts.

In answer to questions from Trustees, Director Mammoser said that the liability lies with the Park District as they are part of an insurance pool, wearing of helmets will be encouraged and the monies to construct the park are not part of impact fees, but come directly from Park District money

He concluded his presentation by saying that the time line for construction would be this spring or early summer and it should be up and running by summer.

C. Dundee Township Park District – Concert Movies in the Park

Manager Cavallaro presented this item to the Board for discussion. He said that the Village of West Dundee has participated for the last four years jointly with the Dundee Township Park District to put on the concerts in the Grafelman Park on four Fridays during the month of July.

Discussion took place of ways to mitigate the cost by lowering the cost of bands, using local bands, limiting the number of concerts and movies and whether or not to participate. After discussion, it was decided to allot \$4000 for the concerts and movies at Grafelman Park. Assistant Director of the Park District Jim Miller said he could work with that amount.

IX. Miscellaneous:

Trustee Price inquired about the shoveling of the walks at Grafelman Park. The Park District is responsible for shoveling walks.

Discussion took place among Trustees about the parking lots in town, buried sidewalks because snow is pushed across the street and sending out a notice to businesses to not push snow onto the sidewalks and to inform snow plow companies of this.

Further discussion took place regarding residents who push the snow back onto the street after the street has been plowed. It was discussed as to whether or not to send residents a notice and to put an announcement about shoveling snow into the Fall and Winter Newsletter.

. X. Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Motyl and seconded by Trustee Yuscka to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting. Motion was unanimous.

The Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

ATTEST:

Barbara Traver

Larry Keller

Deputy Village Clerk

Village President