

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Village Hall, 102 South Second Street

September 23, 2013 - 7:30 pm
Village of West Dundee

I. CALL TO ORDER:

President Nelson called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present were Village President Christopher Nelson, Trustees Billy Pflanz, Dan Wilbrandt, Michelle Kembitzky, Tom Price, Pat Hanley and Andy Yuscka.

Also present were Village Manager Joseph Cavallaro, Community Development Director Cathleen Tymoszenko, Village Attorney John Brechin and sixteen (16) persons in the audience.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Trustee Yuscka led the Board and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Trustee Hanley requested that Item A under New Business, South End Park Campout Request, be taken immediately following the Consent Agenda.

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Kembitzky and seconded by Trustee Price to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

V. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Nelson thanked the staff and all who assisted with this year's Heritage Fest.

VI. REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM TRUSTEES: There were none.

VII. VILLAGE STAFF REPORTS: There were none.

VIII. QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Lael Miller, Village President for the Village of East Dundee, thanked the Village of West Dundee for their cooperation to make Heritage Fest a combined success for both communities.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of Bill List: September 23, 2013
- B. Approval of Minutes - September 9, 2013 Regular Board Meeting

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Pflanz and seconded by Trustee Price to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon roll call, motion was approved.

AYES: Trustees Pflanz, Wilbrandt, Kembitzky, Price, Hanley and Yuscka

NAYS: None

X. NEW BUSINESS:

A. South End Park Campout Request (Trustee Hanley)

Trustee Hanley noted that this request marks the 10th annual South End Park Campout event. He requested that the presenters come forward and tell the Board about the event.

Pam Griffin, 304 S. Third Street, thanked the Board for allowing the fifth graders to present their request, noting that this would be her last year serving as the lead organizer for the event.

Fifth graders Della Griffin, Mia Seaton, Zoe Lind, Charlie Russell and Will Pape discussed their favorite activities from previous campouts. They each answered questions from the Board regarding the event, noting that approximately 50-100 kids sleep over and that rules include cleaning up the park after the event and observing quiet hours beginning at 9:00 pm.

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Hanley and seconded by Trustee Pflanz to permit the 10th annual overnight campout at South End Park on October 5, 2013, pursuant to the conditions outlined in Manager Cavallaro's memo dated September 17, 2013. Upon roll call, motion was approved unanimously.

AYES: Trustees Hanley, Yuscka, Pflanz, Wilbrandt, Kembitzky and Price

NAYS: None

XI. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

A. Ordinance Amending Animal Control - Honey Beekeeping (Trustee Price)

Trustee Price noted that comments from previous recent discussions regarding the allowance of honeybee keeping have been incorporated into the draft ordinance being considered.

Director Tymoszenko reviewed the basic components of the ordinance, including licensing and fees, number and location of hives, notification and signage regarding the presence of hives, etc.

Trustee Kembitzky inquired whether language regarding "detriment to public health" is consistent with other animal regulations.

Trustee Hanley brought attention to the lot size restrictions within the ordinance with regard to the number of hives allowed, and the estimated number of bees that could be present at an individual property based on those variables (between 160,000 and 200,000 bees). He noted that he felt this was an excessive number of bees for a residential lot.

Trustee Price noted that the numbers of allowed hives within the ordinance is consistent with other municipalities with similar lot sizes that allow honeybee keeping. Director Tymoszenko added that these numbers were recommended by Mr. Krengle, the beekeeping expert who spoke to the Board on September 9, as a reduction from the previous draft ordinance.

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Price and seconded by Trustee Yuscka to approve an Ordinance Amending Title 6 Chapter 3 of the West Dundee Animal Control Regulations to allow for honeybee keeping in West Dundee. Upon roll call, motion was approved 4 to 3.

AYES: Trustees Price, Yuscka and Kembitzky, President Nelson

NAYS: Trustees Hanley, Pflanz and Wilbrandt

X. NEW BUSINESS (continued):

B. Signs - Daily Temporary Location Regulation Discussion (Trustee Price)

Trustee Price advised that this discussion is based on concerns regarding visibility presented by local business owners.

Director Tymoszenko outlined the current locational restrictions regarding daily temporary signs, and provided an overview of promotional signs and their misuse by business owners to achieve greater visibility, particularly at Tartans Crossing, Century Plaza and Oakview Corporate Park.

She noted that if the locational restrictions for daily temporary signs were to be relaxed, the expected result would be more small daily signs and less large promotional signs. Permits are not required for daily temporary signs, however citations may result if regulations such as size, location and daily removal of sign are not followed.

Discussion was held regarding the impact of overgrown landscaping on business visibility and the potential for improved or additional permanent or monument signs. Director Tymoszenko advised that these suggestions have been made to the owners of the referenced properties, where applicable. She noted that the business owners seek ways to improve their visibility in ways that they can control, independent of the property owner/landlord.

President Nelson requested that staff research these types of signage regulations within comparable municipalities and report back to the Board its findings during the month of October.

C. Ace Hardware Window Glass Repair (Trustee Hanley)

Trustee Hanley noted that on September 15 he observed a large crack in a window pane at the former Ace Hardware building. He noted that a previous window replacement came at a cost of \$700 per window. He noted that 4 of the 6 windows were previously boarded up, and questioned whether board up was a better option than replacement.

Discussion was held regarding options for the future of the Ace Hardware building, including demolition or reuse. Trustee Hanley stated his preference to demolish the building in the short term rather than replace the window. The costs and time frames for demolition and site rehabilitation versus the window replacement were discussed.

President Nelson noted that the Village must adhere to its own property maintenance ordinance; therefore the replacement of the window with like materials is necessary and required. He asked that the short-term need to replace the window be discussed separately from the long-term use or demolition of the building.

Manager Cavallaro noted that the previous replacement of two windows at a cost of \$1400 is the only cost incurred by the Village to maintain the property thus far. Trustees Wilbrandt and Hanley both noted that they would be unsupportive of any future repair costs.

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Price and seconded by Trustee Kemitzky to approve the replacement of one window at the former Ace Hardware, 118 S First Street, at a cost not to exceed \$700. Upon roll call, motion was approved unanimously.

AYES: Trustees Price, Hanley, Yuscka, Pflanz, Wilbrandt and Kemitzky

NAYS: None

D. Grand Pointe Park Names (Trustee Yuscka)

Trustee Yuscka advised that pursuant to Dundee Township Park District standards, one of the two parks within the Grand Pointe subdivision is suggested to be named Grand Pointe Park.

The name of Camperdown has been forwarded for the second park, in connection with the largest municipal park in West Dundee's sister city of Dundee, Scotland. Trustee Yuscka expressed reservations in authorizing this name based on the newness of the sister city relationship, and suggested that a name with local historical reference would be more appropriate.

President Nelson noted that the name was recommended in recognition of our shared heritage and as a way to invest in this relationship to encourage future benefits. He added that the Grand Pointe HOA Board suggested a name with reference to Dundee, Scotland be used.

After discussion, a determination was made to allow the community to vote for the park name based on a selected group of 4-5 potential names. The students of Dundee Highlands, as future West Dundee homeowners, were chosen to represent the community in this respect.

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Price and seconded by Trustee Pflanz to authorize the Dundee Township Park District to utilize the name of Grand Pointe Park for the west park within the Grand Pointe subdivision. Upon roll call, motion was approved unanimously.

AYES: Trustees Price, Hanley, Yuscka, Pflanz, Wilbrandt and Kemitzky
NAYS: None

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was none.

XII. MISCELLANEOUS:

Trustee Price requested feedback from the Trustees who voted not to approve the ordinance allowing honeybee keeping. Trustees Hanley and Wilbrandt stated that they felt 4 hives provides for an excessive number of bees to be kept based on lot size. Trustee Pflanz noted that he found some municipalities are now rescinding their beekeeping ordinances.

Trustee Hanley asked if the Police Department could visit the island off of South End Park prior to the South End Park Campout to ensure that there are no vagrant inhabitants.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Price and seconded by Trustee Wilbrandt to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

ATTEST:

Kim Tibbetts
Deputy Village Clerk

Christopher Nelson
Village President