



Agenda Item Commentary

Date

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Agenda Item V

Submitted By

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Village Manager's Office Review: LKS

Agenda Item Title

An Ordinance Authorizing and Approving an Amendment to the Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit for Stadium Lights at the Oak Park River Forest High School As Reviewed at the July 7, 2014 Regular Village Board Meeting.

Synopsis

On July 7, 2014, the Village Board authorized staff to prepare an ordinance to amend the special use ordinance for the stadium lights at Oak Park River Forest High School at the ("OPRF") request of School District 200. This amendment will not alter the maximum of (60) sixty nights granted with the original special use, but will allow for an additional two (2) Friday night games for playoff games only. The original ordinance allowed for (10) ten possible Friday night games during the fall sports season; this amendment will allow for up to (12) Friday night games if there are playoffs.

Recommendation

The Village Board directed staff to create this amendment to the ordinance at the July 7, 2014 Regular Meeting. Village staff has also identified a need to allow for the stadium lights to be turned on after the Fourth of July fireworks to allow for a safe exit from the stadium. This will not be counted against the sixty (60) night limit in the special use ordinance. Staff recommends this addition to the amendment.

Fiscal Impact

N/A

Background

On July 6, 2009, the Village Board approved Ordinances granting a special use permit to District 200 for Stadium Lights at OPRF. Currently the special use ordinance sets forth in the first year a maximum of sixty (60) nights of use and further limits the use during the ten (10) week fall sports season and the ten (10) week spring sports season (Special Use Ordinance, Section 3, Letter H(1), page 10). This includes Friday night football games as well as any other games for fall or spring season sports.

Per the special use ordinance, OPRF's administration convened the annual spring meeting of the neighbors (known as SNAC, Stadium Neighbors Advisory Committee) on April 21, 2014. Staff members from the Village also attend this meeting, such as representatives from the Village Manager's office, the Police Department and the Parking Department.

During this meeting, OPRF recommended to amend the special use permit to consider an additional two (2) Friday night games in the event the football team made the playoffs. This essentially extends the ten (10) week fall sports season to (12) twelve weeks Friday night football games are no more than five in a regular season. The proposed ordinance amendment would specifically note that the Friday night football games (which are the events with the largest crowds) will not exceed five games, excluding any playoff games.

Three resident members were present. There were no objections from those present. On average, there are 0-4 neighbors who attend each meeting. Per the special use ordinance, any recommendations by SNAC will be by consensus of those in attendance at the meeting. The High School Administration provided additional outreach to the neighbors seeking input regarding this request by using a local neighborhood email network.

Alternatives

N/A

Previous Board Action

After the annual meeting with the Stadium Neighborhood Advisory Committee in 2011, District 200 made a request to amend the special use permit to allow for less security, from 15 to a number to be determined by the high school but never less than 10. There was also a request to remove the requirement to post no-parking signs along various streets on the perimeter of the parking plan that appeared to be in locations for which cars were not parking. On August 1, 2011, the Village Board approved an amendment to the special use.

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

N/A.

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

N/A.

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

N/A

Performance Management (MAP) Alignment

N/A.

Attachments

Ordinance

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR STADIUM LIGHTS AT THE OAK PARK RIVER FOREST HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, Oak Park River Forest High School – District 200 (“District”) is the legal title owner of the property located at 201 North Scoville Street, Oak Park, Illinois (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Village of Oak Park (“Village”) approved a special use permit for the Subject Property pursuant to Ordinance No. 2009-O-047 (the “Original Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, the District seeks an amendment to the special use permit for the Property regarding field lighting for playoff games for the post fall and spring sport seasons; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees has the authority to review and approve special use applications; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section H(2) of the Original Ordinance, the Village retained jurisdiction over the special use for future review and “possible amendment of conditions placed upon the special use;” and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees find that the request by the District is in substantial conformance with the adopted special use permit and that it is in the best interest of the Village and its residents to approve the proposed amendment and grant the District its request to include use of the stadium lights for playoff games in addition to regular season games.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park, County of Cook, State of Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Ordinance by this reference as findings of the President and Board of Trustees.

Section 2. Authorization and Approval of an Amendment to the Original Ordinance Granting the Special Use Permit. The Village approves an amendment to Section 3(H)(1) of the Original Ordinance which granted the applicable special use permit by adding the following bold and underlined language to Section 3(H)(1) of the Original Ordinance to read as follows:

H. Usage Plan.

1. Stadium lights may be used a maximum of sixty (60) nights during the first year of operation and shall be further limited to use only during the ten (10) week fall sports season and the ten (10) week spring sports season. **Stadium lights may be used a**

maximum of sixty (60) nights thereafter and shall be further limited to use only during the ten (10) week fall sports season, plus any applicable Illinois High School Association football playoff games and the ten (10) week spring sports season. The fall sports season shall include no more than five (5) regular Friday night football games, and any applicable Illinois High School Association football playoff games. Use of the stadium lights immediately following the Fourth of July holiday fireworks display is not subject to the limitations set forth herein.

Section 3. Original Ordinance to Remain in Effect. All provisions of the Original Ordinance shall remain in effect, and the Original Ordinance is hereby amended only the extent provided herein.

Section 4. Violation of Condition or Code. Any violation of any term or condition provided in this Ordinance or the Original Ordinance, and of any applicable code, ordinance, or regulation of the Village shall be grounds for rescission by the Board of Trustees of the approval set forth in this Ordinance or the approvals set forth in the Original Ordinance.

Section 5. Severability and Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance. All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its approval, passage and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2014, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

Voting	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
President Abu-Taleb				
Trustee Barber				
Trustee Brewer				
Trustee Lueck				
Trustee Ott				
Trustee Salzman				
Trustee Tucker				

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2014.

Anan Abu-Taleb, Village President

Attest:

Teresa Powell, Village Clerk

Published in pamphlet form this _____ day of _____ 2014.

Teresa Powell, Village Clerk