

DALLAS SCHOOL BOARD

Citizens' Advisory Council may review gambling funds

By MARK GUIDISH
For The Post

DALLAS TWP. — The Dallas School Board plans to resurrect the Citizens' Advisory Council — defunct since 1993 — to help determine if the district should opt into the new state "Act 72."

The act offers funding derived from legalized slot machines. But if a district accepts the money it also accepts a restriction: Tax increases beyond a certain amount must be approved by voters.

Board member Maureen Matiska called for re-establishment of the advisory council. She wants an 11-member council to include district business manager Grant Palfey, an accountant, a student, a retired resident, a person with a business background, an educator and a parent.

Matiska said district residents interested in being on the council should send a letter "and possibly a resume" to School Board Secretary Nancy Merithew. Matiska wants details of the formation of the council to be voted on at next month's meeting.

Palfey said a decision on Act 72 must be made quickly be-

cause it could affect renovation and expansion plans. The high school needs major upgrades, and the district could require more elementary classrooms if it offers full-day kindergarten. That work would likely require tax increases.

Palfey said the board plans to send out "requests for proposals" to firms interested in doing a feasibility study that would review all building options in the district. He said it's too early to determine how much the work, or even the feasibility study, will cost.

The board also got to see new high school textbooks custom designed by district staff and printed by the University of Pittsburgh Press. Catherine Wega, chairwoman of the Dallas English department, said she was told Dallas was the first district in the state to customize textbooks through the university.

Wega said the two books — English literature and literary genre — were slimmer than traditional textbooks because they only contained what the district uses. The books cost less than half the price of regular textbooks, which Wega said run up to \$90 each.



B. Frank Bulford, his wife, Ellen Duckworth Bulford, and their son Arthur Bulford in a photo taken in 1915.

B. Franklin Bulford was a founder of Dallas Borough

B. Franklin (Frank) Bulford was the last surviving signer of the Dallas Borough 1879 Charter. He was born in Dallas on Oct. 20, 1855, son of John J. Bulford (also a signer of the charter) and Rachel Delong Bulford, who lived in Dallas and are buried in the Rice Cemetery. Frank died on December 5, 1941 and is buried with his wife in Mt. Greenwood Cemetery.

B. Frank Bulford and his wife, Ellen Duckworth Bulford, raised their children, Maude, Ella, May, Ruby and Arthur on their farm on Overbrook Road in Dallas Township. Daughter Ruby married Clarence Elston and remained in the family home where she raised her family, Harold and Nancy Elston.

Today Harold Elston has a home on the farm and Nancy's son, Eric Schimmel and his wife, Audrey Smith, and their children, Chad and Danica Schimmel, live in the B. Frank

Bulford homestead on Overbrook Road, where Ruby Bulford Elston lived for 101 years. Chad and Danica are the fifth generation to attend the Dallas schools. Other descendants of Frank Bulford living in the area are Helen Franklin and Sandy Morris of Jackson Township, Allan and Christian Cease of Dallas Township, and Bob, Dale, Paul, Bryan and Stephen Elston.

Descendants of John and Rachel Bulford have held a family reunion for 82 years, the 83rd being held this year on September 26 at the home of John and Alyson Fielding in Loyalville. There are many descendants still living in the area.

Editor's note: The photo and information about B. Franklin Bulford was provided to The Post by his granddaughter, Nancy Elston Schimmel.

Bulford family reunion

The 83rd annual Bulford reunion of the descendants of John and Rachel Bulford will be held Sept. 26 at the home of John and Alyson Fielding, 232 Maple Tree Road, near Loyalville. A covered dish buffet lunch at 1 p.m. will be followed by a meeting. There will be family photos, games and stories of bygone days. For more information, call Susan Roese at 675-0962 or John Fielding at 477-0949.

Water

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only option.

"We will continue to look for sites," he said, and asked the supervisors and residents to make suggestions. But, he noted, the farther from the main line the tower is located, the more expensive the project will be.

He likes an area behind Hilltop Drive, on land recently subdivided by Rob Friedman. "It's a very good spot," Subasic said, and since it is even higher, the tower could be shorter. Only about an acre of land would be needed.

Township solicitor Ben Jones III asked if the company could exercise the right of eminent domain to acquire property. Yes, Subasic replied, "but we try not to do that," since it can anger the community.

The company also wants to install a new 12-inch main line from the northern end of Midway Manor, down Manor Drive and across Carverton Road to approximately Terrace Avenue. Aqua Pennsylvania is in the process of acquiring the system that serves Meadowcrest, and that would also be tied into the others.

Jason Rushmer, who is in the process of re-establishing a family farm on 80 acres of land near the proposed tower site, asked if the new arrangement would harm the flow from his pump house, which is about 200 feet away, or a wetland area on his property.

Subasic said at least three wells will be kept active, and the rate of pumping will not increase. "You've got some pretty good producing wells," he said later in the meeting.

Other concerns were:

- The effect of a prominent tower on property values. "Obviously, this is not going to increase anyone's property value," said Lisa Campbell. Subasic said having fire protection might offset negative effects, and might reduce insurance

IN A NUTSHELL

Aqua Pennsylvania wants to interconnect these small water systems:

- Bramblewood
- Midway Manor
- Harris Hill
- Cedar Lane
- Sunrise Estates
- Windsor Farms
- Maplecrest
- Meadowcrest*

The company would also replace several lines and construct a water tank to provide adequate pressure.

Once an actual plan is submitted, public hearings will be held at which customers and property owners can comment.

* Aqua Pennsylvania is in the process of purchasing the system.

rates.

- Whether rates would increase. "Certainly, it's going to go up," Subasic said. The company recently received an increase of about 10 percent. But there will be no assessments for the installation of the mains, connections or tower. The company has applied for a \$1.3 million low-interest rate loan to pay for the project.

- Safety around the tower. Peter Lusardi, project engineer for CET Engineering Services, which would design the tower, said it would meet protocols for high wind, snow buildup and other risks.

Lines within Midway Manor would also be replaced, up to and including the feed into each home. Subasic said the company would assume all costs, even for plumbing needed to move the connection from the back to the front of homes. The present lines run behind houses, and the new ones will be placed below the roadway in front of them.

Subasic said under ideal conditions, the work could be completed "before the snow flies" in the fall of 2005.

Wireless networking at Twin Stacks Center

The Twin Stacks Business Center in Dallas has launched a new WiFi wireless internet network within the complex, allowing tenants and visitors to connect to the internet from just about anywhere in the building with a wireless network card. The Twin Stacks Center is the first business complex in Northeast PA to offer a WiFi network to the public.

WiFi networks allow anyone with a laptop computer and a compatible wireless network card (i.e. 802.11B or 802.11G) to connect to the Internet from anywhere within the WiFi zone. Known as a "Hotspot" the WiFi zone extends throughout most of the building and surrounding campus including the Stax & Company restaurant.

"This is one of the most exciting additions we've made to the Twin Stacks Center," said Lynn Banta, co-developer of

Twin Stacks Center. "With the Internet so integrated into business we felt the addition of a WiFi network was a great way to help our tenants offer more services to their clients."

Visitors with a compatible computer can visit any of the businesses or the Twin Stacks main office and pick up instructions on how to configure their network card to connect. Once connected, they can browse the Internet, or check e-mail from just about anywhere within the Twin Stacks Center.

"At the Stax & Company restaurant we're especially excited about the addition of the WiFi network" said Tom Detore, President of Stax & Company. "This will allow our business users to utilize the internet while having a lunch or dinner meeting helping them continue business discussions while at the restaurant."

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The committee is also available to assist lawyers in the management of their legal cases during their call to active duty.

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SENIOR MENUS

Senior Citizens Centers sponsored by the Area Agency on aging for Luzerne and Wyoming Counties offers hot noon meals Monday through Friday to people 60 years of age or older. Donations from participants are gratefully accepted and needed in order to expand this program. The following is the menu for the week of Sept. 20-24. All menus include margarine, milk and coffee. The Senior Center is located at 22 Rice St., Dallas.

MONDAY: Baked ham and

cabbage, parsley boiled potatoes, seasoned carrots, chilled peaches.

TUESDAY: Roast beef, whipped potatoes, broccoli, vanilla pudding.

WEDNESDAY: Turkey a la king over biscuit, peas, cholee late chip cookie.

THURSDAY: Baked meat and cheese lasagna, seasoned spinach, tossed salad, gelatin.

FRIDAY: Italian hoagie with lettuce and tomato, cole slaw, chicken rice soup, banana.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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Rational Numbers


answers

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