

Area frisbee buffs take game seriously

By DOUG FUNKE

Almost everyone has had the opportunity to fling a frisbee in the yard, during a picnic at a park or at the beach. The pastime is popular because it is inexpensive, involves little equipment and is relatively easy to learn.

When a participant learns the more complex throwing and catching maneuvers.

Most people toss the frisbee for the fun of it. There is a growing segment, however, which is interested in more than the "tossing" of the activity. It is that group which is building frisbee into a sport.

The Redford Ring Rays, sponsored

by Little Bill's Trophy Shop, have travelled to tournaments throughout the Midwest during the year and a half they have been together as a team.

Al Bauman, from Redford, Ken Cragli, from Redford, Norm Dwyer, from Farmington, Gary Cragli, from Union Lake, and Willie Shovan, from Union Lake, are their names. Guts Frisbee is their game.

The five get together at least three times a week during the summer for several hours at a time to perfect the techniques which they use in competition.

Guts Frisbee is not an activity for the inexperienced or the faint of heart. Five players from each team face each other only 45 feet 10 inches apart. The object of the game is to hurl the frisbee through the opposing wall.

There are specifications on how the frisbee must be tossed and it must be caught with one hand. Speed of throws averages between 80 and 90 miles per hour.

As in ping pong, 21 points are needed to win a game. Points are gained when the opposing team does not catch a legal toss. Points are deducted for bad throws. Tournament matches usually consist of a best-of-three series.

The Ring Rays were formed from two different teams last year. Because of the tournament circuit, they socialized as well as the competition, most of the players know each other.

The two teams from which the four Ring Rays came had lost several players each. "We got together by chance

and started practicing together last year," said Willie.

"We decided we had a much better chance winning together than apart," added Norm.

The Ring Rays have placed second at a 17-team tournament in Rochester, third at a 26-team get-together in Green Bay, Wis., fourth at a 26-team field in Ann Arbor and advanced to the quarterfinals of the world championship, the International Frisbee Tournament, in Marquette.

Upwards of 5,000 spectators viewed the 54 teams battling heads at the last world championship. The Los Angeles Frisbee Club took the title.

It goes without saying that play at most tournaments is quite competitive. "You have to be in shape, have agility and good reflexes," said Al. "The challenge was gone for me from softball and I lost interest. Frisbee is the best sport I got into. A good ball player could adapt to frisbee real easily."

"You have to practice—it's a necessity," said Norm. "If you don't, you'll lose what you have."

Frisbee, like most organized sports, has its own circuit and band of followers. Most active teams have a core of rosters who follow them from tourney to tourney.

"We have our own little crowd of 20-30 that follows us," said one of the Ring Rays. "They're mostly buddies and girl friends."

It also helps to have an understanding boss if one wants to attend some of the weekend events.

Most of the Ring Rays agreed that their employers sometimes wonder about the entire frisbee business.

"I have five bosses and they all freak out," said Norm, who added that he occasionally throws a frisbee in the greenhouses where he works.

"He makes fun of me," Willie said of his supervisor.

Al said that because he does not take regular vacations, he can usually take any day off he wants. That comes in handy when moderate to distant rides are required to get to tournament sites.

Although the competition can be keen—and usually is—most players remain friendly. In a way, they have to. There are no judges or referees to arbitrate disputes, even in world championship games.

"I've never seen a fight in the three years I've been playing," said Gary. That's unbelievable, considering the competitive nature of the game.

If a controversy develops during a game, the two captains will get together and attempt to reach an equitable solution. If they are unable to do so, the toss is played.

Guts Frisbee, perhaps the most romantic and publicized form of frisbee, is not the only competitive game that can be played with the disc.

Others are Freestyle, in which an individual exhibits creative stunts which are judged by his peers, and MTA, maximum time aloft, in which a competitor throws the frisbee and tries to keep it airborne as long as possible and catch it with one hand.

Ultimate, a game involving seven to eight players per side and played on a field 60 by 40 yards, most resembles soccer played by throwing the frisbee.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING JULY 25, 1977

The City Council of the City of Farmington Hills met in regular session at City Hall on July 25, 1977. Mayor Dudley called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. Council Members present were: Amori, Deacon, Dolan, Oppert, and Smith. Mr. Lichtman was out of town on business. Others present were: City Manager Major, City Clerk Cairns, and City Attorney Bibau.

After Public Hearing, Amended Ordinance #028-89 to rezone lots 22 and 23 of Park Hill Subdivision from (OS-2) office service to (B-4) general business, lots 29 and 30 of Park Hill Subdivision from (OS-1) office service to (B-4) general business, and lots 65 and 66 of Park Hill Subdivision from (RA-2) single family residential use to (B-4) general business located west of Orchard Lake and north of 12 Mile Road unanimously introduced.

After Public Hearing, Amended Ordinance #029-94 to rezone from (L-1) light industrial use to (B-3) general business district use property located on the north side of Grand River and on the east side of Highway 24 unanimously introduced.

After Public Hearing, Amended Ordinance #029-95 to rezone from (B-3) general business to (OS-2) office service district use property located north of Grand River between Halsted and Drake Road unanimously introduced.

Agreement with Wilcan-Leman and Associates, Inc. for planning consultant services unanimously approved.

Consideration of adoption of Master Parks and Recreation Plan tabled until July 25, 1978.

Amorri Associates, are able to present a formal report to Council.

Appointments of Paul Griglio and Fred Hughes to the Planning Commission, Tyrinn Shields to the Committee to Increase Voter Participation, and Daniel Lichtman to the Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously approved.

Appointment of Jean Fox to the Zoning Board of Appeals confirmed by a vote of 4 to 2. Mrs. Dolan and Mrs. Smith opposed.

Carnival Permits for St. Clement's Parish located at 32500 Middlebelt Road for September 23 through September 25, 1977, unanimously approved.

Final Plat for Kings' Pointe Subdivision #6 (31 lots) located north of 12 Mile Road between Farmington and Drake Roads contingent upon receipt of a \$142.00 street sign for unanimously approved.

Preliminary Plat for Parkside Subdivision (16 lots) located on the south side of 13 Mile Road between Farmington and Drake Roads unanimously approved.

Open Space Plan for Independence Hills Subdivision located at 15 Mile and Drake Road including escrow deposit in amount of \$10,213 with completion 15 months after recording plat approved by a vote of 5 to 1. Mrs. Dudley opposed.

Final Plat for Independence Hills Subdivision located at 15 Mile and Drake Road including escrow deposit in amount of \$27,203.47 with completion 15 months after recording plat approved by a vote of 5 to 1. Mrs. Dudley opposed.

Open Space Plan and Multiple Plan for Rambow Subdivision located on the south side of 14 Mile Road between Halsted and Drake Roads including escrow deposit in amount of \$2,300 with Open Space Plan to be completed 15 months after recording the plat approved by a vote of 5 to 1. Mr. Oppert abstained.

Traffic Control Order for yield signs at Old Bedford and Beantree streets unanimously approved.

Participation in the River Rouge Watershed Committee with \$500 membership fee to be paid from unappropriated surplus approved by a vote of 4 to 2. Mr. Deacon and Mrs. Dudley opposed.

Resolution requesting Oakland County Road Commission to accept jurisdiction of Grand River Avenue from Haggerty Road easterly to Purdue Street unanimously approved.

Mrs. Dudley designated Official Representative and Mr. Amorri as Alternate to the 1977 Michigan Municipal League Annual Business Meeting.

Resolution opposing H.B. 4288 regarding the restriction of new liquor licenses by doubling the population base required for each one unanimously approved.

Amendment to Municipal Code Section 14.1280 regarding the enforcement of septic tank violations unanimously introduced.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 A.M.

Prepared by: Floyd A. Cairns
City Clerk
Approved by: Joan Dudley
Mayor

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING JULY 18, 1977

The City Council of the City of Farmington Hills met in Special Session at City Hall on July 18, 1977. Mayor Dudley called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Council Members present were: Dolan, Lichtman, Oppert, and Smith. Mr. Deacon was late and Mr. Amorri away on business.

After Public Hearing, rezoning declared for road resurfacing in Woodcreek Hills Subdivision #1 and 2.

After Cost Hearing, Special Assessment Roll in amount of \$65,520 for road resurfacing in Holly Hill Farms Subdivision was unanimously confirmed.

After Public Hearing, determination of the necessity for sewer improvements in Bear Hill Subdivision postponed until receipt of more specific information from the Oakland County Health Department.

After Public Hearing, Amended Ordinance #028-89 to rezone lots 22 and 23 of Park Hill Subdivision from (OS-2) office service to (B-4) general business, lots 29 and 30 of Park Hill Subdivision from (OS-1) office service to (B-4) general business, and lots 65 and 66 of Park Hill Subdivision from (RA-2) single family residential use to (B-4) general business located west of Orchard Lake and north of 12 Mile Road unanimously introduced.

After Public Hearing, Amended Ordinance #028-94 to rezone lots 27, 28 and the north 30 feet of lot 30 of Park Hill Subdivision from (B-3) to (B-4) general business district use located west of Orchard Lake Road and north of 12 Mile Road denied due to lack of majority vote.

After Public Hearing, Amended Ordinance #029-94 to rezone from (L-1) light industrial use to (B-3) general business district use property located on the north side of Grand River and on the east side of Highway 24 unanimously introduced.

After Public Hearing, Amended Ordinance #029-95 to rezone from (B-3) general business to (OS-2) office service district use property located north of Grand River between Halsted and Drake Road unanimously introduced.

Consideration of Amended Ordinance #028-90 to rezone from (RA-2) single-family residential to (OS-1) office service district use property located on the west side of Orchard Lake Road between Eleven Mile and Hull Roads postponed until August 15, 1977.

Public Hearing date set for August 15, 1977 regarding a request for the abandonment of the easterly 77 feet of Scollen Avenue commencing at the manhole cover east to Roosevelt Street.

Consideration of a request to extend the sewer from lot 126 on Edgell Avenue east to Middlebelt Road on a payback agreement postponed by request of the petitioner.

Farmington Arts Council requested to report the status of funds-on-hand at dissolution and transferred to the City; the City Attorney asked to give an opinion as to whether any part of such funds may be used to pay for an audit of the Farmington Arts Council approved 5 to 1. Mr. Lichtman opposed.

City Attorney reported regarding status of City of Detroit sewage charge increase lawsuit.

Meeting adjourned at 1:06 A.M.

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City Clerk
Approved by: Joan Dudley
Mayor

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