

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF DUPAGE
DARIEN PARK DISTRICT**

April 18, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

President Durkin called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. in Room 5 of the Marion Hills Community Center, 133 Plainfield Road, Darien, Illinois.

ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Upon roll call the following Commissioners were present:

PRESENT: Jack Durkin, Shari Gillespie, Don McGreal, Nancy Campagnolo, Richard Simester

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Warren Anderson, Sergeant at Arms

Staff: Roy Cripe, Executive Director; Chris Katsougris, Assistant Director; Stephanie Gurgone; Superintendent of Finance, Bob Strickler; Superintendent of Parks, Don Kreger; Attorney

Guests: Eileen Budney, Darien
Estelle Kirsanoff, Darien
Dan Russell, Downers Grove
Connie Russell, Downers Grove
Gloria Anderson, Darien
Gloria Jiskra, Darien
Don Jiskra, Darien
Bill Carpenter, Darien
Neil Christensen, Darien
Mary Kies, Darien
Debby Heniff, Darien
Jim Tikalsky, Darien
Carolyn Gattuso, Darien
Ed Henry, Darien
Kath Burns, Darien
D. Gaspari, Darien
Ralph Caccavale, Darien
Steve Stokes, *The Doings*
Jennifer Duda, *The Doings*

ACKNOWLEDGE GUESTS

President Durkin welcomed the guests to the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:04 p.m. Commissioner McGreal moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Gillespie to open the Public Hearing for the 2005-06 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Durkin, Gillespie, McGreal, Campagnolo, Simester

NAYS: None

President Durkin declared the motion carried.

A. Reading

Superintendent Gurgone reported that there were some changes made since the Ordinance was put on display. She further reported that the majority of the changes were on line items.

B. Public Comment

There was no one wishing to present public comment.

At 6:05 p.m. Commissioner McGreal moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Gillespie to close the Public Hearing for the 2005-06 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Durkin, Gillespie, McGreal, Campagnolo, Simester

NAYS: None

President Durkin declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Simester moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Gillespie to approve the March 16, 2005 Special Meeting Minutes, and the March 21, 2005 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Durkin, Gillespie, McGreal, Campagnolo, Simester

NAYS: None

President Durkin declared the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that correspondence was received from Edward Kilarski.

Commissioner Campagnolo reported that she received a verbal communication from Cynthia Veldman extending an invitation to the Board to attend the Meyer Woods Save the Barn Annual Strategic Planning Meeting at Old Lace School on April 19th. She stated that she and Executive Director Cripe would be attending.

APPROVE CLAIMS, ACCOUNTS AND WARRANTS

Commissioner McGreal moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Gillespie that the following Warrants be approved: Corporate Fund Warrant FY # 2004-2005-12 in the amount of \$20,304.57; Recreation Fund Warrant FY # 2004-2005-12 in the amount of \$37,008.81; Liability Fund Warrant FY #2004-2005-12 in the amount of \$7,375.13; SEASPAR Fund Warrant FY # 2004-2005-12 in the amount of \$105.33; Capital Projects Fund Warrant FY # 2004-2005-12 in the amount of \$189.49; Sportsplex Reimbursement Fund Warrant FY # 2004-2005-12 in the amount of \$28,449.55; Sportsplex Operating Fund Warrant FY #2004-2005-12 in the amount of \$92,026.70; Imprest Fund Warrant FY #2004-2005-12 in the amount of \$1,030.00; and the Recreation Refund Fund Warrant FY # 2004-2005-12 in the amount of \$1018.00.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Durkin, Gillespie, McGreal, Campagnolo, Simester

NAYS: None

President Durkin declared the motion carried.

OFFICER REPORTS

A. **President** – None.

B. **Vice President** – None.

C. **Secretary** –None.

D. **Treasurer** –Commissioner McGreal moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Simester to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report for the month ending March 31, 2005.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Durkin, Gillespie, Campagnolo, McGreal, Simester

NAYS: None

President Durkin declared the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **Buildings and Grounds**

None.

B. **Finance**

None.

C. Land Acquisition

None.

D. Police & Personnel

None.

E. Recreation

None.

F. Sportsplex

None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Kreger recommended tabling the Appropriations Ordinance until the next Board meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Executive Director

Executive Director Cripe reported that he accepted the resignation of Mr. Seve Ghose, Sportsplex General Manager.

B. Assistant Director

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that Spring/Summer brochure was mailed to residents. She reported that applications are being accepted for the picnic permits and that the Battle of the Bands is scheduled for April 21st.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that 944 attitude and interest surveys have been returned to date.

Commissioner Campagnolo stated that staff did a great job on the Breakfast with the Bunny.

C. Superintendent of Finance

Superintendent Gurgone reported that the website darienparks.com is up and running. She stated that staff is looking for feedback and that the old website is still out there but would not be available soon.

D. Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Strickler reported that he would be purchasing fertilizer with weed control and that it would be purchased out of next year's budget. He reported that the fertilizer will eliminate most of the dandelions.

Commissioner Campagnolo questioned the status of the two large Oak trees at Meyer Woods that were damaged by the last storm.

Superintendent Strickler reported that the Oak tree came out from the ground, fell and crisscrossed. He stated that the trees were rotted from the inside out and that they were cleared away.

Superintendent Strickler reported that the tornado system is up but not running because ComEd has to complete the work.

Commissioner Campagnolo asked if there was any special rush because of tornado season.

Superintendent Strickler reported that the police department is working with ComEd.

President Durkin suggested that staff look at the existing Oak trees.

Superintendent Strickler stated that it was very time consuming but that it would be looked at because of safety issues.

Superintendent Strickler reported that one person is returning to work from last summer but that there were four openings. He further reported that no applications were received from Sportsplex staff but that he received a lot of applications.

E. Sportsplex General Manager

Superintendent Gurgone updated the Board on the cleaning contract. She reported that she has evaluated the cost of the part time evening staff. She further reported that one company is willing to keep the same price but that she is still contacting other local cleaning services. Superintendent Gurgone reported that they would proceed to work with the lowest cost vendor for a three month period and during the three months develop a new RFP.

Superintendent Gurgone reported that there was a fight by a party renting at Sportsplex. She reported that staff brainstormed and suggested prohibiting alcohol in the rental rooms

because all of the problems occur around parties with alcohol. Superintendent Gurgone reported that staff also suggested hiring security for the parties that were already booked.

Commissioner Campagnolo asked how many rentals were bringing in alcohol. Superintendent Gurgone reported that \$40,000 has been taken in.

Commissioner Campagnolo expressed concern that money would be lost if alcohol was prohibited. She suggested increasing the fee for security.

Executive Director Cripe reported that the fees and rules for rentals would be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Commissioner McGreal suggested that anyone who wants alcohol pay a separate charge for security.

Superintendent Gurgone stated she did not feel comfortable having staff only and that something needed to be done in the short term.

President Durkin suggested that staff prepare a proposal for next month.

Executive Director Cripe stated that there would be something prepared in the report for Friday.

Attorney Kreger suggested contacting PDRMA. He stated that the Park District does not want to be responsible for employees getting hurt. He further stated that staff contact the City regarding using police officers for security.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discuss and Approve LaCrosse America Contract with Sportsplex

Superintendent Gurgone reported that there is a new draft contract but that the rate, days and times had not changed.

Attorney Kreger reported that the format was similar to the Huskies contract.

Superintendent Gurgone reported that the three year contract includes some summer, fall and winter and that the rates were in the packet. She stated that Sportsplex Soccer Coordinator, Mr. Jenkins is planning on running in house soccer leagues on Saturday mornings at 6:45 a.m., 7:30 a.m., and 8:15 a.m. and that LaCrosse could begin at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Simester moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Gillespie to approve the LaCrosse America Contract with Sportsplex from May 1, 2005 – April 30, 2008.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Durkin, Gillespie, McGreal, Campagnolo, Simester

NAYS: None

President Durkin declared the motion carried.

B. Discuss and Approve Lil' Huskies Contract with Sportsplex

Superintendent Gurgone reported that the Park District will pay \$10,000 for the instructor and that payments will be made in 6 equal payments instead of crediting ice time used. She stated that she was recommending approval of the contact.

Commissioner Simester moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Gillespie to approve the Lil' Huskies Contract with Sportsplex from August 1, 2005 – May 31, 2006.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Durkin, Gillespie, McGreal, Campagnolo, Simester

NAYS: None

President Durkin declared the motion carried.

C. Discuss and Approve Budget and Appropriations Ordinance in Final Form

Superintendent Gurgone reported that this would be tabled until next month and that she would submit a new copy to the Library.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss and Approve Sportsplex General Manager Hiring Schedule

Executive Director Cripe reported that the Board received a schedule for hiring a Sportsplex General Manager. He stated that staff is analyzing the current conditions and that they want assurance that the new General Manager is compatible with the staff. He asked for approval of the schedule.

Commissioner Simester stated that the schedule seemed very tight.

B. Discuss and Approve Sportsplex Maintenance Contract (Trane)

Superintendent Gurgone reported that the Trane contract would be automatically renewed because it was signed by Seve Ghose last month. She reported that it is \$10,920 a year

and that staff did not have the ability to change it. Superintendent Gurgone reported that staff is pleased with Trane's service. She reported that staff recommends approval.

Commissioner Campagnolo suggested looking at other companies when the contract is ending.

Commissioner McGreal moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Simester to approve the Trane contract.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Durkin, Gillespie, McGreal, Campagnolo, Simester

NAYS: None.

President Durkin declared the motion carried.

Executive Director Cripe stated that he wanted to take a moment to recognize that the Park District was losing a combined 28 years of experience from Commissioner Jack Durkin and Commissioner Don McGreal. He thanks both Commissioner's for their time and effort in what has helped to make a successful Park District.

Executive Director Cripe stated that the Park District would be putting in a Bradford Pear Tree at Sportsplex for Commissioner McGreal and a Red Maple at Community Park for President Durkin. He thanked them and wished them well.

Attorney Kreger reported that the current President and Secretary plus one other member needed to be part of the Canvassing Committee.

Commissioner Durkin moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Simester to appoint the Vice President as a member of the Canvassing Committee.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Durkin, Gillespie, McGreal, Campagnolo, Simester

NAYS: None.

President Durkin declared the motion carried.

RECESS

At 6:45 p.m. Commissioner Simester moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Gillespie to recess the Regular Meeting for the purpose of calling to order the Darien Park District Canvassing Board.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Durkin, Gillespie, McGreal, Campagnolo, Simester

NAYS: None.

President Durkin declared the motion carried.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

A. Call to Order

At 6:48 p.m. Commissioner Gillespie moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Simester to reconvene to the Regular Meeting.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Durkin, Gillespie, Simester

NAYS: None.

President Durkin declared the motion carried.

INSTALL NEW COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Simester swore in Mr. Neil Christensen and Mr. Frank Noverini as Commissioners to the Park District Board.

ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Gillespie moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Simester that the meeting be adjourned. Upon voice vote the Motion was thereby carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Jack Durkin, President
Darien Park District

Richard Simester, Secretary
Darien Park District