

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

April 9, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Acting President Simester called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City of Darien Council Chambers, 1702 Plainfield Road, Darien, Illinois.

ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Upon roll call the following Commissioners were present:

PRESENT: Neil Christensen, Shari Gillespie, Richard Simester

ABSENT: Nancy Campagnolo, Frank Noverini

Staff: Stephanie Gurgone; Executive Director, Chris Katsougris; Assistant Director, Della Deldin; Superintendent of Finance, Robert Strickler; Superintendent of Parks, Matt Henderson; Sportsplex General Manager, John Murphey; Attorney

Guests: Gloria Anderson, Darien

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

OFFICER REPORTS

A. President – No report.

B. Vice President – No report.

C. Secretary – No report.

D. Treasurer – Commissioner Christensen presented the Treasurer's report ending March 31, 2007.

Commissioner Gillespie made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Simester to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month ending March 31, 2007.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Gillespie, Simester, Christensen

NAYS: None

Acting President Simester declared the motion carried.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE

None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Executive Director/SEASPAR

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the April 23, 2007 Committee Meeting is cancelled. She further reported that the Regular Board Meeting will be held on May 14th at which time the newly elected Board Members will be sworn in.

B. Assistant Director

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that staff began issuing picnic permits on April 2nd for residents and will be issuing permits for non-residents on April 16th. She further reported that the Spring/Summer brochure was mailed to all residents. Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the mail carriers were given enough brochures for their entire route but if a resident did not receive one in the mail that a brochure could be picked up at the District.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the summer program registration for residents will begin on April 16th and April 23rd for non residents and that the preschool will be having an open house scheduled for Wednesday, April 11th from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Commissioner Simester referenced the softball league and that there was a triple header scheduled last season. He asked that staff make sure this scheduling matter did not occur this season.

C. Superintendent of Finance

Superintendent Deldin stated that she would answer any questions.

Commissioner Christensen inquired about the File Disposal Project.

Superintendent Deldin reported that the Illinois Secretary of State approves the application and notifies the District of what records should be kept and for how long.

D. Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Strickler stated that he would answer any questions.

Commissioner Christensen stated that Birchwood Park looked good. He suggested Bob bring Chris Pollack to a meeting to tell about all the neat things he has been doing.

E. Sportsplex General Manager

General Manager Henderson reported that the spring programs started and that staff will begin working on the capital projects for 2007-2008.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for consent agenda)

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Christensen moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Gillespie to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Warrants, February 26, 2007 Committee Meeting Minutes, March 12, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes and the 2007-08-01 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Gillespie, Christensen, Simester

NAYS: None

Acting President Simester declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance 2006-07-09: Approving the Purchase of Fairview School

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff worked with the school district and everyone is in agreement with the contract. She stated that although there will be some disruptions that staff will do everything to keep the patrons up to date when a class is moved.

Commissioner Christensen had a question regarding the lease and noted a change of numbering on the contract.

Attorney Murphey reported that the school district is estimating that they will be out of the main building by June 12th and then vacating the gym by June 30th. He stated that if the school district does not meet the dates that the District will have an extension. He further stated that the timing was in the hands of the school district.

B. Crossfire Paintless Paintball Contract

Executive Director Gurgone reported that this contract is for \$14,000 and will be done on a trial basis. She reported that Crossfire is not sure that they can use all of the hours but that this contract will allow them some flexibility and allow the District to get out if necessary.

Commissioner Gillespie asked if Crossfire did their own advertising.

General Manager Henderson reported that Crossfire will do their own advertising with some assistance. He stated that Crossfire has their own client database.

Commissioner Christensen questioned what obligations there were for advanced notice of cancellation.

General Manager Henderson stated that a 24 hour notice was ample time.

C. Award Fairview Playground Bid

Executive Director Gurgone reported that 5 bids were received for the playground at Fairview. She stated that the prices for the playground all ranged from \$23,900 to \$25,000. She reported that staff (including the preschool) determined that the Nu Toys equipment was unique and includes a dinosaur climbing structure. Executive Director Gurgone reported that it was staff's recommendation to award the playground bid to Nu Toys in the amount of \$25,000.

D. Approve capital expenditure for snow plow

Executive Director Gurgone reported that during the next month staff will be spending the remainder of the 2006-07 capital bond money. She reported that there was some savings to the asphalt work and that the District was approached by M&M Sealing (owned by a member of the Meyers family) to do the Meyers Park parking lot for free. Executive Director Gurgone stated that in May 2006, an additional full time staff was hired for the maintenance department and that there is a need for a new snow plow.

E. Public Comment (for new business)

Ms. Gloria Anderson asked how the phone service would be handled after the purchase of Fairview.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the phone number would be changed but the phone number at Marion Hills will be active until the phones at Fairview are up and running. She stated that staff will do everything necessary to get the new number to the residents.

Ms. Anderson questioned where the paintball would be held.

General Manager Henderson reported that sessions will be held at a field inside Sportsplex. He stated that the paintball is paintless and that rubber pellets are used and picked up at the end of the night.

Ms. Anderson questioned if Nu Toys had any safety recalls on the equipment the District was ordering.

Superintendent Strickler reported that he was not aware of any safety recalls on this equipment.

Commissioner Christensen made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Gillespie to approve Ordinance 2006-07-09: Approving the Purchase of Fairview School, Crossfire Paintless Paintball Contract, Award Fairview Playground Bid and Approve capital expenditure for a snow plow.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Christensen, Gillespie, Simester

NAYS: None

Acting President Simester declared the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Gillespie moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Christensen that the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll call vote the Motion was thereby carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Richard Simester, Acting President
Darien Park District

Richard Simester, Secretary
Darien Park District