

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

**August 11, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Christensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Darien City Hall, 1702 Plainfield Road, Darien, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Upon roll call the following Commissioners were present:

**PRESENT:** Neil Christensen, Frank Noverini, James Tikalsky

**ABSENT:** Nancy Campagnolo, Ray Jablonski

**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:** Theresa Stellato

**PUBLIC COMMENT & GUESTS**

**A. Presentation: Hawks Hockey Club**

Ms. Therese Stellato, Hawks Hockey Club presented the Learn to Skate Program. She reported that the program is targeted for 7 years and under. She further reported that the program is flourishing and that there seems to be a renewed interest in hockey.

Ms. Stellato reported that the in-house programs are also doing well and that the program has grown in the last two years and will grow with the third sheet of ice. She reported that the private lessons have tripled as well.

President Christensen asked how the club numbers compare to last year.

Ms. Stellato stated that there are approximately 250 presently signed up with approximately 200 in pre hockey and 60 in house.

President Christensen asked if there are any programs for young girls.

Ms. Stellato stated that there are presently 30 girls playing on the Hawks. She stated that there was not enough interest to make a team but that they will continue to try to recruit for a girls team.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that information for registration will be in the Fall Brochure which will be mailed to residents by the end of the week. She stated that residents can also log on to the Sportsplex website for more information.

President Christensen thanked Ms. Stellato and stated that the District looks forward to a long relationship with the Hawks.

### **B. Presentation: Rich Beauregard, Fitness Center Information**

Mr. Rich Beauregard reported that the Fitness Center will open on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. He reported that the hours will be 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Monday-Friday and 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday and that babysitting will be available from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday – Friday for \$3.00 per hour.

Mr. Beauregard reported that the Center will provide Certified Personal Trainers as well as group fitness classes. He stated that senior citizens will be offered a special rate for personal training and for the membership fee.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that staff is excited about opening the Fitness Center and that it is something that the residents wanted.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Fitness Center rates will be detailed in the Fall Brochure and that they can also be found on the District website.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

President Christensen reported that he received an email from Mr. Stan Nemiec regarding algae in Birchwood Pond. He reported that Superintendent Strickler stated that algae was not unusual during the summer but that they would try and treat it rather than to aerate. President Christensen reported that Mr. Nemiec was informed of the situation.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

**A. President** – President Christensen thanked staff and stated that the Concert in the Park was phenomenal and that he was disappointed that there were not more residents in attendance. He further stated that he hopes to see residents at the Open House for the new Community Center on Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**B. Vice President** – No report

**C. Secretary** – No report

**D. Treasurer** – Superintendent Deldin provided the Treasurer's report during Commissioner Jablonski's absence for the month ending July 31, 2008.

**Commissioner Tikalsky made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month ending July 31, 2008.**

**Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:**

**AYES: Tikalsky, Noverini, Christensen**

**NAYS: None**

**President Christensen declared the motion carried.**

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

No report.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **A. Executive Director/SEASPAR**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. She reported that the construction is ending soon and that residents are invited to attend the dedication on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

President Christensen thanked Assistant Director Katsougris for filling in during the Executive Director's absence.

### **B. Assistant Director**

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the dedication for the Community Center will be on Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Fall Brochure will be mailed on August 15<sup>th</sup> and registration for residents beginning August 27<sup>th</sup>. She further reported that there are preschool openings and that school begins on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that a trip is planned for Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> to Arlington Park Race Track. She reported that the registration deadline is September

5<sup>th</sup> and the cost is \$46 for residents and \$51 for non-residents which includes transportation and a box seat ticket and lunch.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the District is looking for an experienced part time custodian and for Fitness Center Attendants and Caretakers for the babysitting room. She stated that more information can be found on the District website.

**C. Superintendent of Finance**

Superintendent Deldin reported that Knutte & Associates completed the audit and that the report will be presented at the October Board Meeting.

**D. Superintendent of Parks**

Superintendent Strickler reported that staff will be working on the Community Center landscaping and that the main entrance will be under construction August 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> and that patrons should use the doors to the east of the main entrance.

President Christensen stated that the Parks reports are fascinating and that he would like to see them posted on the website.

**E. Sportsplex General Manager**

General Manager Henderson reported that construction on the new sheet of ice is ahead of schedule. He reported that the ice is scheduled to be installed August 28<sup>th</sup>.

General Manager Henderson reported that Cimco Refrigeration started the removal of the contaminated brine/ammonia currently in the system. He stated that he anticipates ice on or around August 28<sup>th</sup> and all three rinks completed by September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR CONSENT AGENDA)**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Commissioner Tikalsky moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:**

**Warrants, July 14, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes and Gunzo's Pro Shop Lease.**

**Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:**

**AYES: Tikalsky, Noverini, Christensen**  
**NAYES: None**

**President Christensen declared the motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Ordinance 2008-09-04: An Ordinance ratifying and approving certain emergency repairs (Sportsplex ice repairs)**

**B. Public Comment**

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

**Commissioner Tikalsky made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve Ordinance 2008-09-04: An Ordinance ratifying and approving certain emergency repairs (Sportsplex ice repairs).**

**Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:**

**AYES: Tikalsky, Noverini, Christensen**  
**NAYS: None**

**President Christensen declared the motion carried.**

**C. Public Comment (for new business)**

None.

**CLOSED SESSION**

None

**ADJOURN**

**There being no further discussion, Commissioner Tikalsky moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini that the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll call vote the Motion was thereby carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.**

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Neil Christensen, President  
Darien Park District

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James Tikalsky, Secretary  
Darien Park District