

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF DUPAGE
DARIEN PARK DISTRICT
COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE**

August 25, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

President Christensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Darien Park District Community Center, 7301 Fairview Avenue, Darien, Illinois.

ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Upon roll call the following Commissioners and staff were present:

PRESENT: Neil Christensen, Nancy Campagnolo, Frank Noverini, Ray Jablonski

ABSENT: James Tikalsky

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

GUESTS: Kris Sant, Darien.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND GUESTS

A. Kris Sant – No Smoking Signs

President Christensen welcomed Mr. Sant to the meeting.

Mr. Sant stated that he would like to address a no smoking policy around the playgrounds.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she provided the Board with a copy of the Woodridge Park District's Ordinance prohibiting smoking within 25 feet of playgrounds, fields, etc. She stated that Woodridge passed the ordinance in December and signs were posted in the parks. She further stated that if someone is smoking it can be reported to the police. Executive Director Gurgone stated that to date they have not had any reports and that the fine is \$25.

Commissioner Campagnolo asked if Mr. Sant was on the City's Environmental Committee. She asked if there was discussion regarding a city-wide ban.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the City's Environmental Committee decided to delay any further discussion about a city-wide ban unless a regional ban was done due to the possible loss of businesses in the area.

Commissioner Campagnolo stated that the Board discussed no smoking in the past and the concern was Darien Fest.

Mr. Sant stated that his main concern was smoking near the playgrounds.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that the Board should not be influenced by one event.

President Christensen suggested no smoking within 25 feet of a playground and not including fields.

Commissioner Noverini was in favor of signs posted at playgrounds only.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that she would prepare the ordinance for signs at playgrounds only. She stated that the ordinance can be passed at the next Board meeting and signage installed in the Spring after the new budget is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Christensen reported that he received an email from Mr. Stan Niemec regarding the pond at Birchwood Park. He stated that Mr. Niemec was concerned that there were swamp rats present.

Superintendent Strickler and President Christensen stated that they had been out to the pond and that he is not seeing any slime or swamp rats.

President Christensen stated that he would speak with Mr. Niemec.

COMMITTEE TOPICS

A. Operational Issues

1. Sportsplex

a. Construction status on 3rd rink

General Manager Henderson reported that the new ice plant was started up and is in operation mode and currently cooling the floor to ice making temperature. He stated that staff will begin flooding the rink on Thursday. He reported that the logos will not be put in now due to the time constraints.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the final electrical inspection will be completed within a day as well as a final fire department walk through.

General Manager Henderson reported that the electrical panel for the existing rinks will be repaired, as well as the chiller. He stated that they would be making ice by the weekend.

General Manager Henderson reported that the Koi Show was held and it was a success.

b. Chiller Repairs/Insurance coverage

General Manager Henderson stated that the insurance company is still working on the claim.

c. Impact of Chiller Repairs

There was much discussion on what losses were encountered during the repair time and if the insurance company will cover the lost revenue. Executive Director Gurgone stated that the major source of revenue at Sportsplex is the Hawks and getting the 3rd sheet of ice up and running is imperative.

d. Status of parking lot renovations

General Manager Henderson reported that half of the parking lot is completed. He stated that the other half should be completed by the end of the week and striping will begin thereafter.

e. Get Fast contract

General Manager Henderson reported that he met with Mr. Dever and that their contract is up October 31st. He reported that Get Fast has not secured a contract with the Hawks.

General Manager Henderson stated that Get Fast is going to attempt to solicit individuals who play for the Hawks to sign up for their program individually. He stated that Get Fast informed him that if things did not go well then they would be leaving.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that Sportsplex can negotiate with Get Fast or get them out by October 31st and try to get someone else to rent the space.

The Board agreed to have staff look at all options.

f. July Financials

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received a copy of the July Financials.

2. Parks & Recreation

a. No Smoking Signs

The No Smoking Signs were discussed under Public Comment on the agenda.

b. T-Mobile Tower

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received the photos of the tower. She reported that the Attorney had some legal comments and that this item would be on the agenda for approval at the next Board Meeting. She further reported that the final contract would be pending upon approval of a variation by the City.

3. Admin

a. Capital Budget Update

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received an update of what was spent on the Capital Funds. She reported that the Joint Maintenance Study is not being done presently and that the funds could be used for other projects in the building.

b. DPD Budget to Actual

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received a copy of the District's Budget to Actual report.

c. Community Center Dedication

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the dedication will be from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a ribbon cutting beginning at 7:00 p.m. followed by welcoming comments from President Christensen. Executive Director Gurgone stated that there will be demonstrations and pictures of the construction posted as well as music, a wandering magician, etc.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the next Regular Committee Meeting was scheduled for October 27th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Neil Christensen, President
Darien Park District

James Tikalsky, Secretary
Darien Park District