

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

August 29, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

President Jablonski 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: Ray Jablonski, Frank Noverini, James Tikalsky,
Rob Sarocco, Neil Christensen

ABSENT: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENT AND GUESTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE TOPICS

A. Operational Issues

1. Sportsplex

a. July 2011 Financials

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received the July 2011 Sportsplex financials. She reported that overall the expenses are down because of the in-line tournament last year. She stated that the revenue is positive compared to last year.

Commissioner Christensen reported that the net income is only down \$8,000.00.

General Manager Henderson stated that the Little Hawks program is still growing.

b. Sportsplex 2003C Bonding Refinancing

Executive Director Gurgone provided a schedule of the bond refinancing. She reported that the length of the bond is not being extended but that by refinancing the District will see a substantial savings and that the savings will be placed into a capital fund for Sportsplex.

Commissioner Christensen questioned if consideration should be given to extending the length of the bond two additional years.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that she would contact Speer Financial to see if extending the length of the bond is an option.

2. Parks & Recreation

a. Darien Fest Update

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the City is significantly involved in Darien Fest by conducting inspections on the stage and electrical setups. She stated that the Chamber of Commerce has provided staff with a site plan for the layout of the park and that staff forwarded changes to them.

There was some discussion if there would be Bingo at Darien Fest. Executive Director Gurgone stated that the District had everything in place but that there were pending issues from the church and if they would have the necessary requirements completed to run bingo.

b. Field Conditions

Executive Director Gurgone reported that last year there was a lot of work done to the soccer fields at Hinsbrook. She stated that due to the makeup of the park, Hinsbrook is settling and sinking. Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff met with an architect and engineer and came up with the recommendations outlined in the report.

Superintendent Strickler reported that last year there was approximately \$1,500 spent. He stated that bringing in material is expensive and without digging it up there is no guarantee that it the field will not sink again.

There was much discussion on the future of the fields.

Commissioner Tikalsky suggested that a development plan be done for South Grove.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that she would work on getting quotes for developing new comprehensive plans for South Grove and Hinsbrook parks.

c. DCP Playground Grand Opening

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Grand Opening for the Darien Community Park Playground is set for 12:45 p.m. prior to the kick off of the Hoe-Down on Sunday, October 2nd.

d. Special Events

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff is recommending reducing the number of concerts next summer. She reported that it is difficult for working residents to make the concerts during the week and that staff is recommending possibly having two concerts at Darien Community Park and one at another park.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that movies in the park are expensive and that there needs to be discussion if the District should continue.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that staff is considering cutting the Easter Egg Hunt from 5 parks to 2 parks.

At 8:15 p.m. Commissioner Sarocco dismissed himself from the meeting.

3. Admin

None.

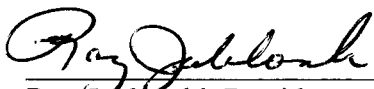
PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.



Ray Jablonski, President
Darien Park District



Rob Sarocco, Secretary
Darien Park District