

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

**December 14, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Christensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of 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, Ray Jablonski, James Tikalsky, Rob Sarocco

**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 & GUESTS**

**A. Public Hearing for Tax Levy Ordinance #2009-10-03**

**At 7:02 p.m. Commissioner Noverini made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Jablonski to open the Public Hearing for Tax Levy Ordinance #2009-10-03.**

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

**AYES:** Noverini, Jablonski, Sarocco, Tikalsky, Christensen

**NAYS:** None

**President Christensen declared the motion carried.**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the District would levy at the 5% new growth rate, which is equivalent to a 9% increase in operating funds and a 0.1% increase in debt service; a combined total increase in property taxes of 6%. She reported that the District is levying at a high amount in order to capture all new growth in the community, but that the District is held by the tax cap and anticipates receiving about a 3% increase in operating funds.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> the required Notice of Public Hearing and the Truth in Taxation were published in the Suburban Life and that once the

Ordinance is passed it will be filed as required at the DuPage County Clerk's Office before December 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

**At 7:03 p.m. Commissioner Tikalsky made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Jablonski to close the Public Hearing.**

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

**AYES: Tikalsky, Jablonski, Noverini, Sarocco, Christensen**

**NAYS: None**

**President Christensen declared the motion carried.**

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

President Christensen reported that he received correspondence regarding trash cans at the parks.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

- A. President** –President Christensen thanked staff for the outstanding job with the Polar Express.
- B. Vice President** –No report.
- C. Secretary** – Commissioner Tikalsky wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
- D. Treasurer** –Commissioner Jablonski presented the Treasurer's report ending November 30, 2009.

**Commissioner Tikalsky made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Sarocco to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report ending November 30, 2009.**

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

**AYES: Tikalsky, Sarocco, Jablonski, 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 she is working with T-Mobile for a flag pole tower at Sportsplex. She reported that preliminary drawings have been completed. She further reported that she should have a contract ready for approval at the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting with the Special Use process with the City to follow.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that there are multiple park districts interested in the Skate Park equipment and that the District will be accepting sealed bids the second week in January.

**B. Assistant Director**

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that staff is preparing for the Needy Family Project and that it is not too late to donate. She reported that the collection boxes for food and toys are set up at the Community Center, Sportsplex and the Darien Police Department.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that there are a variety of programs being offered over the Christmas break. She reported that Daycamp including extended care is being offered on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday both Christmas and New Year's week. Assistant Director Katsougris reported that more information can be found in the brochure or by visiting the website at darienparks.com.

**C. Superintendent of Finance**

Superintendent Deldin provided a report on Webtrac and stated that residents are taking advantage of the web registration.

**D. Superintendent of Parks**

Superintendent Strickler reported that the Parks staff handled the first two snowfalls well.

**E. Sportsplex General Manager**

General Manager Henderson reported that Sportsplex will be offering Holiday RAT Hockey for \$8.00 per skater. He reported that Public Skate will not be offered on Christmas and New Year's, but it would be offered most days during the holiday break.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (for consent agenda)**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Commissioner Tikalsky moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Jablonski to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: Warrants, November 9, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes, Tax Levy Ordinance #2009-10-03, Executive Director Employment Agreement and Designate FOIA Officers.**

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

**AYES: Tikalsky, Jablonski, Noverini, Sarocco, Christensen**

**NAYS: None**

**President Christensen declared the motion carried.**

**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 7:15 p.m.**

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Neil Christensen, President  
Darien Park District

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James Tikalsky, Secretary  
Darien Park District