

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

February 11, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

President Campagnolo 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: Nancy Campagnolo, Neil Christensen, Frank Noverini, Ray Jablonski, James Tikalsky (7:02 p.m.)

ABSENT: None

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: Susan Friend, SEASPAR
David Phillips, Speer Financial

PUBLIC COMMENT & GUESTS

A. Susan Friend, Seaspar

President Campagnolo welcomed Ms. Friend, SEASPAR Executive Director to the meeting.

Ms. Friend thanked the Board and stated that she intends to meet with the member entities once a year. She distributed the printed SEASPAR Annual Report to the Board and highlighted the year's accomplishments.

Ms. Friend thanked the Board for acknowledging the Darien Special Olympic athletes. She provided an update on future programming and reported that the City of Brookfield

joined SEASPAR as the 11th district. She thanked the Board for Executive Director Gurgone's leadership serving as Treasurer of SEASPAR.

Ms. Friend stated that the Darien Park District contribution and participants are well balanced.

President Campagnolo stated that she enjoys meeting with the SEARSPAR athletes each year and that they are always so appreciative.

She stated that Ms. Friend and the staff at SEASPAR are to be commended. President Campagnolo stated that Executive Director Gurgone has done wonders for the Park District and that she would be good for SEASPAR

COMMUNICATIONS

President Campagnolo reported that Mayor Weaver has organized a roundtable discussion for the Presidents of Boards to meet on Thursday, February 28th. She stated that she has asked Commissioner Christensen to join her at the meeting.

President Campagnolo reported that she received an email from Hinsdale South requesting that the team photos be added to the District's website. She reported that Hinsdale South teams won the championship. President Campagnolo thanked staff for following up and adding the photos to the website.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she received a phone call from Alderman Poteraske asking if the District would be interesting in being a site for the RTA due to the recent decision for senior citizens to ride free. She stated that she is awaiting paperwork from the RTA and that once it is approved it will be posted on the website. Executive Director Gurgone stated that the Community Center will be the designated site.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that there would be detailed information in the upcoming Spring/Summer brochure.

OFFICER REPORTS

A. President – President Campagnolo announced that Commissioner Tikalsky was nominated and received the Darien Citizen of the Year. She reported that a reception is scheduled for February 19th at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall and dinner at Alpine Banquets on March 8th. She congratulated Commissioner Tikalsky for this honor.

President Campagnolo stated that she looks forward to sitting down with all of the other bodies of Darien.

B. Vice President – No report

C. Secretary – No report

D. Treasurer – Commissioner Christensen highlighted the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending January 31, 2008.

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

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Tikalsky, Noverini, Jablonski, Christensen, Campagnolo

NAYS: None

President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

None.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Executive Director/SEASPAR

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 25th at 7:00 p.m. on the second floor at Sportsplex. She stated that the 2008-09 budget will be discussed.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Park District Office will be closed on President’s Day until 4:30 p.m. She stated that she received many calls on the completion of the fitness center and that it will not open until Fall 2008.

B. Assistant Director

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Daddy-Daughter Date Night was a huge success with 62 young ladies and their dads. She thanked President Campagnolo for attending and Commissioner Tikalsky for graciously providing the music for the evening.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the winter garage sale is scheduled for Saturday, March 1st and that space is still available. She reported that the Spring/Summer Brochure will be mailed and the end of March and that resident registration will begin April 14th.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that an Open House is scheduled for the Fall 2008 term of the First Step Preschool on Wednesday, February 27th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

C. Superintendent of Finance

Superintendent Deldin reported that the District is seeking a part-time registration clerk to work the front desk at Sportsplex. She stated that the position requires availability to

work days, evenings and weekends and that applications can be obtained at the front desk and/or on the District website.

D. Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Strickler reported that the snow has been keeping staff very busy and that they are doing an excellent job keeping the areas clear.

President Campagnolo asked about the missing sign at Meyers Woods.

Superintendent Strickler reported that some of the signs need to be repaired and are being worked on now. He stated that the signs are in three pieces and that they will be rehabbed and painted.

E. Sportsplex General Manager

General Manager Henderson reported that he has secured a 3 year contract with the Koi Show for 2008-2010. He stated that he has been able to be creative with them during the first year and construction.

General Manager Henderson reported that he is working with Ms. Amye McPherson who will be selling area sponsorship packages on behalf of the Sportsplex/Park District. He reported that this will be on a sale by sale basis.

General Manager Henderson reported that Elliot's franchise owner has made a management/franchisee change. He stated that this change should address the current issues with the stand. He further stated that he has already seen positive changes.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that hopefully this change will solve the problems of the concession stand not being open.

President Campagnolo asked for an update on contracts.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff has been working on the ice contracts and that they will be presented to the Board for discussion at the February Committee Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR CONSENT AGENDA)

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Campagnolo moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Jablonski to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

Warrants and the January 14, 2008 Meeting Minutes.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners votes:

AYES: Campagnolo, Jablonski, Noverini, Christensen, Tikalsky

NAYS: None

President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance 2007-08-08: An Ordinance providing for the issuance of \$882,800 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2008, of the Darien Park District, Dupage County, Illinois, and providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax for the payment of the principal and interest on said bonds.**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that this Ordinance is for the issuance of the General Obligation Bonds to pay down debt and also allowing approximately \$300,000 for capital projects. She reported that the District received a great interest rate.

Commissioner Christensen stated that the rate was extremely positive and that the extra money received will be helpful to use for capital projects.

Commissioner Christensen made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Tikalsky to approve Ordinance 2007-08-08: An Ordinance providing for the issuance of \$882,800 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2008, of the Darien Park District, Dupage County, Illinois, and providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax for the payment of the principal and interest on said bonds.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Christensen, Tikalsky, Noverini, Jablonski, Campagnolo

NAYS: None

President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.

- B. Ordinance 2007-08-09: An Ordinance abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2007 to pay the principal and interest on \$2,497,050.60 General Obligation**

Alternate Bonds, Series 2000B of the Darien Park District, Dupage County, Illinois.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Ordinance 2007-08-09 is an Ordinance abating the taxes for the \$2.5 million bonds.

Commissioner Christensen made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve Ordinance 2007-08-09: An Ordinance abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2007 to pay the principal and interest on \$2,497,050.60 General Obligation Alternate Bonds, Series 2000B of the Darien Park District, Dupage County, Illinois.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Christensen, Noverini, Tikalsky, Jablonski, Campagnolo

NAYS: None

President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.

Mr. Dave Phillips, Speer Financial arrived late to the meeting due to inclement weather. He stated that the Federal Reserve did an excellent job with the interest rates. He stated that five bids were received and there was great participation. He further stated that because the amount is fixed the District is able to generate added principal.

President Campagnolo thanked Mr. Phillips for attending the meeting in the bad weather.

Commissioner Christensen stated that he feels that Speer Financial has done everything in the best interest of the Park District and for the taxpayers.

Public Comment (for new business)

None.

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Tikalsky moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Jablonski that the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll call vote the Motion was thereby carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Nancy Campagnolo, President
Darien Park District

Ray Jablonski, Secretary
Darien Park District