

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

**January 8, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Campagnolo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City of Darien Council Chambers, 1702 Plainfield Road, Darien, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Upon roll call the following Commissioners were present:

**PRESENT:** Nancy Campagnolo, Frank Noverini, Neil Christensen,  
Shari Gillespie, Richard Simester

**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, John Murphey, Attorney

**Guests:** Ray Jablonski, Darien  
Gloria Anderson, Darien

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Executive Director Gurgone stated that the Board received copies of the thank you note provided in the packet.

President Campagnolo reported that she received an email from John Poteraske stating that he received two phone calls from residents regarding trash at Holly Park. She stated that Mr. Poteraske asked that the garbage cans be put back so residents can dispose of garbage. She

further stated that Mr. Poteraske asked about the snow removal for the sidewalks at the parks and to remind residents to be more responsible pet owners.

President Campagnolo reported that she spoke with staff and contacted Mr. Poteraske. She informed him that the Board discussed placing signs in the parks for smoking and/or dogs and that it was agreed that it couldn't be enforced. She also informed Mr. Poteraske that the staff is smaller in the winter and it would be impossible to clear all the sidewalks. President Campagnolo reported that Mr. Poteraske was extremely happy with staff's response to the clean up at Holly Park.

President Campagnolo asked Mr. Poteraske to inform residents that if there is a large amount of trash in the parks that they can contact her or staff directly.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that the garbage cans are removed for the winter and that they will be replaced in the spring.

President Campagnolo expressed condolences to the Don Breier family. She stated that Mr. Breier was a founding member of the Darien Park District.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

**A. President** – President Campagnolo wished everyone a Happy New Year. She congratulated the SEASPAR Swim Team who came in first place at the SEASPAR-Kiwanis Annual Swim Meet and second place at the Fox Valley Special Recreation Annual Swim Meet. Three members of the team are Darien residents: Diana Pehas, Jaclyn Swidergal, and Kristin McInerney.

**B. Vice President** – No report.

**C. Secretary** – No report.

**D. Treasurer** – Commissioner Christensen presented the Treasurer's report ending December 31, 2006.

**Commissioner Simester made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month ending December 31, 2006.**

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

**AYES: Simester, Noverini, Christensen, Gillespie, Campagnolo**

**NAYS: None**

**President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.**

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

None.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

**A. Executive Director/SEASPAR**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that there was no Committee Meeting of the Whole report because the Board did not meet. She reported that the Board would be discussing options for the Recreation Center at the January 22, 2007 Committee Meeting of the Whole.

**B. Assistant Director**

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the filing period for April's election is Monday, January 29- Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> and that candidates can file their petitions in the Administrative Office at Marion Hills Recreation Center on Monday through Friday during these dates from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Daddy-Daughter Date Night is scheduled for Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at Ashton Place and the deadline for registration is Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Indoor Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and that booth space is still available.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that preschool registration for Fall 2007 begins January 22, 2007 and that an open house is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

**C. Superintendent of Finance**

Superintendent Deldin reported that the Board received a revised copy of the November financials. She reported that staff will prepare a budget draft to be discussed at the February 26<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting and that a final draft will be presented to the Board at the March 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Superintendent Deldin stated that any changes will be discussed at the March 26<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting and approval of the budget at the April 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Commissioner Christensen asked about the transition from one bank to another.

Superintendent Deldin reported that all transactions are running smoothly and that she will be ending the West Suburban transactions by the end of January. She further reported that all online banking and direct deposit should also be completed by the end of the month.

**D. Superintendent of Parks**

Superintendent Strickler reported that staff continues to work on the Barn with handrails and lighting. He reported that the District and the City of Darien began work to renovate the Birchwood pond.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that a letter was mailed to the residents.

**E. Sportsplex General Manager**

General Manager Henderson reported that the Little Hawks instructional hockey program is running well. The in-house teams increased from 4 teams to 6 and that the program continues to grow. He stated that the young players are the future of the Hawks organization at Sportsplex.

General Manager Henderson reported that there are 206 indoor soccer teams registered and that the number is double from the fall. He reported that compared to last winter there are an additional 15-20 teams participating. He further reported that the field house numbers should be at or a little over budget for the year.

President Campagnolo asked if there was any formal discussion with the Hawks regarding their growth rate in the future.

General Manager Henderson stated that he has been in preliminary discussions with the Hawks Vice President and that he would like to have him attend a meeting. He stated that the Hawks are looking at long term but that they do have hours in another building.

President Campagnolo stated that she would like to have discussions with them before the ice is allocated.

General Manager Henderson recommended that March would be a good time.

President Campagnolo asked for an update on the concessions.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that the contract is up in September 2007 and that General Manager Henderson has had preliminary conversation with the vendor.

General Manager Henderson stated that the vendor suggested speaking in February after the holidays. General Manager Henderson stated that the vendor appeared to still be interested in staying in the building.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution 2006-07-07; A resolution prohibiting remote participation at Board of Commissioner Meetings or Committee Meetings, and repealing a previously adopted resolution.**

President Campagnolo reported that this was tabled at the last meeting. She asked if there were any questions.

**Commissioner Simester made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Christensen to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2006-07-07, A RESOLUTION PROHIBITING REMOTE PARTICIPATION AT BOARD OF COMMISSIONER MEETINGS OR COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND REPEALING A PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED RESOLUTION.**

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

**AYES: Simester, Christensen, Noverini, Campagnolo**

**NAYS: Gillespie**  
**President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Commissioner Gillespie moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:**

**Warrants and the December 11, 2006 Meeting Minutes.**

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

**AYES: Gillespie, Noverini, Christensen, Simester, Campagnolo**

**NAYS: None**

**President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Ordinance 2006-07-06: An Ordinance providing for the issuance of \$900,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2007, 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.**

**B. Ordinance 2006-07-07: An Ordinance abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2006 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.**

**C. Ordinance 2006-07-05: An Ordinance abating the ad valorem tax previously levied for the year 2006 to pay debt service on the \$8,955,000 General Obligation Alternate Bonds (Darien Sportsplex Enterprise Revenues), Series 2003C, of the Darien Park District, Dupage County, Illinois.**

Commissioner Simester, Darien Park District Secretary read aloud all three Ordinances. President Campagnolo stated that all three could be combined into one vote.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the revised amount for Ordinance 2006-07-06 is \$871,250, not \$900,000.

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

Commissioner Christensen explained the Ordinances and reported that about \$500,000 is to pay off debt and that the balance is used for capital improvements. He stated that abatement is good.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that Ordinance 2006-07-05 is not related to Commissioner Christensen's comments. It is an abatement of the bonds that were used to pay for Sportsplex.

Ms. Gloria Anderson asked if the 2006-07-06 is to pay off the balloon from 2000.

Executive Director indicated yes.

Ms. Gloria Anderson asked if she could ask another question not related to New Business.

President Campagnolo stated that there are three public comment areas on the agenda and that public comment needs to be addressed during those indicated times.

**Commissioner Christensen made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Gillespie to approve Ordinance 2006-07-06, Ordinance 2006-07-07 and Ordinance 2006-07-05 as presented.**

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

**AYES: Christensen, Gillespie, Noverini, Simester, Campagnolo**

**NAYS: None**

**President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.**

### **CLOSED SESSION**

#### **A. 2(c)21 Review and Release of Closed Session Minutes**

##### **a. Approval of 10/9/06 Minutes**

##### **b. Review and Release of Closed Session Minutes**

**At 7:35 p.m. Commissioner Simester made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to adjourn into Executive Session.**

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

**AYES: Simester, Noverini, Gillespie, Christensen, Campagnolo**

**NAYS: None**

**President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.**

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

### **ACTION ON RELEASE OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

**Commissioner Campagnolo made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Christensen to approve the release of the following Closed Session Meeting Minutes:**

**January 17, 2005**

**July 11, 2005**  
**August 8, 2005**  
**August 27, 2005**  
**September 12, 2005**  
**September 26, 2005**  
**November 14, 2005**  
**January 9, 2006**  
**February 13, 2006**

**Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:**  
**AYES: Campagnolo, Christensen, Noverini, Simester, Gillespie**  
**NAYS: None**  
**President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.**

**ADJOURN**

**There being no further discussion, Commissioner Simester 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 7:41 p.m.**

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Nancy Campagnolo, President  
Darien Park District

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Richard Simester, Secretary  
Darien Park District