

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

**January 12, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Christensen 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:** Neil Christensen, Nancy Campagnolo, Ray Jablonski, James Tikalsky, Frank Noverini

**ABSENT:** Attorney John Murphey

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

**Guests:** Rob Sarocco, Darien  
Tim O'Brien, Fitness Center

**PUBLIC COMMENT & GUESTS**

President Christensen welcomed the guests to the meeting.

Mr. Rob Sarocco stated that he played in an adult soccer league at Sportsplex and was impressed with the new ice rink and that it is a nice addition to the Sportsplex.

Mr. Tim O'Brien, Fitness Center Athletic Supervisor introduced himself and stated that it was an exciting time to join the staff. Mr. O'Brien stated that the Fitness Center is unique, the equipment new with courteous and professional staff.

Mr. O'Brien explained the different session packages. He stated that the membership rates are affordable and that the Fitness Center is currently offering a January special of buy one membership and get one free.

Mr. O'Brien highlighted the different rates and stated that more information can be found on the website or by calling 630-968-6400.

Mr. O'Brien presented the Board with the latest membership statistics.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

**A. President** – President Christensen stated that in 2002 the Darien Park District appropriated grants for \$131,400 to help build the Skate Park at Sportsplex. He reported that at that time the District built the Skate Park but that the Governor blocked several grants including the \$131,400. President Christensen stated that now the Governor is threatened and that “what goes around comes around”. He stated that this was his opinion as a resident and not as Board President.

**B. Vice President** – No report.

**C. Secretary** – No report.

**D. Treasurer** – Commissioner Jablonski provided the Treasurer's report for the month ending December 31, 2008.

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

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

**AYES: Tikalsky, Noverini, Campagnolo, Jablonski, 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 there will be a Regular Meeting and a Committee Meeting in February. She reported that the Board and staff will be discussing the preliminary budget at the Committee Meeting.

President Christensen asked about the recent phone line outage.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the phone line outage has affected the communication between the Sportsplex and the Community Center. She stated that she is hoping that the problems will be resolved quickly.

### **B. Assistant Director**

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the filing period for the Consolidated Election is Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> through Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> for candidates for Park Commissioner to submit the required documents for the April 7<sup>th</sup> Consolidated Election. She reported that candidates can file Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center, 7301 Fairview Avenue.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Daddy-Daughter Date Night is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at Ashton Place. She reported that the deadline for registration is Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and that it is for both the dads and their daughters ages 3-18.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Indoor Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Community Center. She reported that booth space is still available.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that Fall registration for preschool will be held on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> and an open house scheduled for Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that open gym basketball is available every Saturday from 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. and the fee is \$5 for residents and \$8 for non residents.

### **C. Superintendent of Finance**

Superintendent Deldin provided her report and stated that the finance department has been busy with the year end process. She reported that the human resources department will be starting another program with PDRMA related to health and safety at work and at home.

### **D. Superintendent of Parks**

Superintendent Strickler reported that December was very busy for the Parks Department and that staff has been doing a great job.

President Christensen asked if salt is still readily available.

Superintendent Strickler reported that he is using a mix of salt and sand to keep the costs down. He reported that the City is also doing the same thing.

President Christensen commended the City and the staff for the excellent job with snow removal.

#### **D. Sportsplex General Manager**

General Manager Henderson reported that staff is trying to organize a 50 plus men's hockey team.

General Manager Henderson reported that the public skate numbers are up and that residents can utilize the public skate seven days a week. He stated that more information can be found on the website.

General Manager Henderson stated he was approached by Montini and that they are having financial difficulty and that they are looking for assistance to sell some of their ice. He reported that the Hawks have acquired some of it but that they may not be able to fulfill their contract. Executive Director Gurgone stated that depending on the outcome, a plan should be discussed for next year.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that she would update the Board when there is more information.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR CONSENT AGENDA)**

None

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**Warrants and the December 8, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes.**

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

**AYES: Tikalsky, Jablonski, Campagnolo, Noverini, Christensen**  
**NAYES: None**

**President Christensen declared the motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Ordinance 2008-09-07: An Ordinance abating the ad valorem tax previously levied for the year 2008 to pay debt service on the 8,955,000 General Obligation Alternate Bonds (Darien Sportsplex Enterprise Revenues), Series 2003C, of the Darien Park District.**

**Commissioner Tikalsky moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Campagnolo to approve Ordinance 2008-09-07 as presented.**

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

**AYES: Tikalsky, Campagnolo, Jablonski, Noverini, Christensen**  
**NAYES: None**

**President Christensen declared the motion carried.**

**B. Hawks Hockey Club Ice Agreement for 2009-2012**

Executive Director Gurgone stated that the Hawks are the major tenant at the Sportsplex. She stated that the agreement is the always have a three year rolling contract after the first year is completed.

**Commissioner Jablonski moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the Hawks Hockey Club Ice Agreement for 2009-2012.**

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

**AYES: Jablonski, Noverini, Jablonski, Campagnolo, Christensen**  
**NAYES: None**

**President Christensen declared the motion carried.**

**C. Com Ed Easement Request**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she was contacted by Com Ed that there is an emergency situation at Community Park and that Com Ed needs to replace cables and that there is not as easement. Executive Director Gurgone reported that Attorney Murphey reviewed the language and made changes and that Com Ed will do the work and provide backfill in the Spring. She stated they will be paying the District \$2,500.

Commissioner Tikalsky asked if there is a bond for restoration. He stated that utility companies are slow in finishing. Executive Director Gurgone stated that she would speak to the Attorney regarding adding in language for a bond. Commissioner Tikalsky stated that the area in question is not that large.

**Commissioner Tikalsky moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the Com Ed Easement Request.**

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

**AYES: Tikalsky, Noverini, Jablonski, Campagnolo, Christensen  
NAYES: None**

**President Christensen declared the motion carried.**

**D. Public Comment for New Business**

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

None

**ADJOURN**

**There being no further discussion, Commissioner Jablonski moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Tikalsky that the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll call vote the Motion was thereby carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.**

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Neil Christensen, President  
Darien Park District

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James Tikalsky, Secretary  
Darien Park District