

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

January 14, 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, Ray Jablonski, James Tikalsky

ABSENT: Frank Noverini

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

Guests: John Poteraske

PUBLIC COMMENT & GUESTS

A. Public Hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Park Commissioners to sell not to exceed \$2,700,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds.

President Campagnolo opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. She stated that the public hearing is to receive public comments on the proposal to sell in the amount of not to exceed \$2,700,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District, for the payment of principal and interest on outstanding general obligation alternate revenue bonds of the District, and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto. She further stated that all persons desiring to be heard would have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony with respect thereto.

Commissioner Christensen stated that over the last several years the District has gone out annually for \$900,000, but this year, they are doing a 3 year authorization. Commissioner Christensen stated that under the advice of Speer Financial that by passing this ordinance will allow the District to save publication costs of the next three years. He stated that the three year notice for \$900,000 per year will be exactly the same but that the District will save a couple of hundred dollars per year in publication costs and will not have to be revisited yearly.

There was no one in the audience at the time for public comment.

Commissioner Tikalsky made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Christensen to close the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Tikalsky, Christensen, Jablonski, Campagnolo

NAYS: None

President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she received correspondence from the Lions Club thanking staff for their efforts during the Needy Food Drive. She thanked Assistant Director Katsougris for her hard work.

President Campagnolo stated that the Commissioner's received an email from a parent regarding the high school hockey club and issues at the Sportsplex. She stated that the Executive Director responded and that Nancy would follow up with a telephone call.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that General Manager Henderson spoke with the President of the High School Hockey Club and that they had no issues.

Commissioner Christensen suggested inviting the high school clubs and the Hawks to attend a Committee Meeting held at Sportsplex to address any issues.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that staff is working on the contracts and February may be a good time for them to attend our meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS

A. President – No Report

B. Vice President – No report

C. Secretary – No report

D. Treasurer – Commissioner Christensen highlighted the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending December 31, 2007.

Commissioner Jablonski made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Tikalsky to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report for the month ending December 31, 2007.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Jablonski, Tikalsky, Christensen, Campagnolo

NAYS: None

President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

No report.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Executive Director/SEASPAR

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff is working on the 2008-2009 budget and that it will be discussed at the February Committee Meeting.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff prepared photos on the construction project. She reported that the walls for the rooms are being framed, electrical, plumbing, etc. is on schedule, gym lighting, sprinkler system, and painting has been completed. Executive Director Gurgone reported that completion of Phase 1 is still scheduled for April 1st.

Superintendent Strickler stated that all the walls in Phase 1 have been constructed.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that ESG has been good about keeping contractors on track.

Commissioner Christensen stated that the Board’s intention is to do this project without going to the taxpayers. He stated that Darien is getting a brand new facility within a building with additional land and without acquiring additional tax dollars. He thanked Executive Director Gurgone and staff for accomplishing this.

B. Assistant Director

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Daddy-Daughter Date Night is scheduled for February 7th at Ashton Place. She reported that the deadline for registration is Friday, February 1st.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Indoor Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, February 2nd from 9:00 – 1:00 p.m. in the gym of the Community Center. She reported that new student preschool registration begins on Monday, January 21st and there is an open house on Wednesday, January 16th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that the 2008-2009 preschool year will be in the new facility.

C. Superintendent of Finance

Superintendent Deldin reported that the District received first place in the Active for Life Program. She stated the top three winners were Chris Katsougris, Cindy Garcia and Betty Radtke.

D. Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Strickler stated that Mr. Chris Pollack attended classes and obtained his professional certification as a Certified Arborist. He stated that this will benefit the District overall.

President Campagnolo stated that she enjoyed the reports and Mr. Pollack's insight.

Superintendent Strickler stated that the reports will return in the Spring.

E. Sportsplex General Manager

General Manager Henderson reported that the winter programs have started. He stated that the Little Hawks have 8 in house teams which have doubled from the fall. He further stated that he is working with the Hawks for next year on ice needs.

General Manager Henderson reported the adult leagues are increasing. He stated that the turnout this year is 25 teams versus 11 last year. He further stated that with the new rink the District can offer better times.

General Manager Henderson reported that staff continues to work on the locker rooms in the field house. He reported that Gunzo's and GetFast's agreements are up and he is working with both companies on new agreements.

President Campagnolo asked for an update on GetFast.

General Manager Henderson stated that GetFast is working with the Hawks.

Commissioner Christensen asked how the concessions are going. He stated that they were not open when he was in the Sportsplex .

General Manager Henderson stated that they are going through growing pains and that the next three months will determine their success. He stated that he has addressed the concession hours with the vendor.

Commissioner Christensen stated that the Sportsplex is \$49,000 ahead from last year. He stated that there were some repairs in November and that staff is doing a good job of keeping expenses down. He further stated that revenue is flat from last year, but the expenses are down.

President Campagnolo stated that staff is fiscally responsible and they are to be commended.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR CONSENT AGENDA)

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Warrants and the December 10, 2007 Meeting Minutes.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners votes:

AYES: Christensen, Tikalsky, Jablonski, Campagnolo

NAYS: None

President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance 2007-08-06: An Ordinance abating the ad valorem tax previously levied for the year 2007 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

Executive Director Gurgone reported that this Ordinance is to not collect taxes for the Sportsplex. She stated that this is an annual ordinance that will be filed with the County.

Commissioner Christensen stated that the Sportsplex is not supported by the taxpayers when Sportsplex was built. He stated that it is intended to be a private enterprise and that

the revenue generated will support it. Commissioner Christensen stated that if the revenue was insufficient the bonds would assist. He stated that the ordinance is to abate asking for the tax dollars.

Commissioner Jablonski made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Tikalsky to approve Ordinance 2007-08-06.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Jablonski, Tikalsky, Christensen, Campagnolo

NAYS: None

President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.

B. ESG Painting at DPDCC

Executive Director Gurgone stated that due to additional bond proceeds received that staff is recommending to have the facility painted. She stated that an extra \$100,000 was received on the bond issue due to the low interest rate. She further stated that the cost for painting Phase 1 & 2 is \$65,000.

President Campagnolo stated that when the estimates were received they were significantly higher and staff cut costs to fit the budget. She stated that painters were not hired and staff was going to complete the painting but under a tough timeline. President Campagnolo stated that because of the competition with the bonds the District received a great rate and the District therefore able to bring the painting contract back in.

Commissioner Tikalsky made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Christensen to approve the painting at the Darien Park District Community Center.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Tikalsky, Christensen, Jablonski, Campagnolo

NAYS: None

President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.

C. Ordinance 2007-08-07: An Ordinance authorizing the execution on an installment contract with Old National Bank

Executive Director Gurgone stated that when the community center was purchased and remodeling discussed staff had not anticipated a new roof and it was not budgeted. She reported that the ordinance will allow the District to finance half of the replacement roof cost and the remainder of the roof costs will be paid for out of the Corporate Fund reserves. She stated that the interest is 4.05% and that \$15,101.33 will be the semi annual payment for the next 10 years.

Commissioner Christensen made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Jablonski to approve Ordinance 2007-08-07.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Christensen, Jablonski, Tikalsky, Campagnolo

NAYS: None

President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.

D. Toro 580D Mower purchase through State of Illinois

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the mower is currently available through the Illinois State purchase program. She stated that the mower will not be received until the spring with a 5 year payment plan and staff is currently investigating the financing options. Executive Director Gurgone stated that the payment will come out of the annual rollover bonds.

Commissioner Tikalsky made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Jablonski to approve the Toro 580D Mower purchase through the State of Illinois.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Tikalsky, Jablonski, Christensen, Campagnolo

NAYS: None

President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.

E. 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