

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

**July 10, 2006**

**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, Richard Simester

**ABSENT:** Shari Gillespie

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

**Guests:** Gloria Anderson, Darien

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Executive Director Gurgone stated that Commissioner Gillespie would not be attending the meeting due to a family commitment.

Commissioner Christensen reported that a resident approached him asking if the process for Lindenwood Park would be the same as that for Holly Park. Commissioner Christensen stated that he informed the resident to contact the Superintendent of Parks for the schedule.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**A. President** – President Campagnolo stated that she attended the free Concert in the Park and thanked staff for a job well done. She stated that she received positive feedback. She further stated that the band also gave credit to the Park District for sponsoring the event. President

Campagnolo thanked Assistant Director Katsougris and Cindy Garcia for working the event selling lemonade and popcorn and also thanked Dave Thomas and Dan Garcia for their effort in keeping up with the trash.

President Campagnolo stated that the purchase of a wood chipper from the City of Darien for \$3,000 was up for discussion. She thanked City Administrator Bryon Vana and the City for offering their new wood chipper for use to the District. She stated that the City felt that this would be better for the taxpayers for the District to use the new wood chipper and also at no expense to the taxpayers.

President Campagnolo reported that there was a reporter from the *Suburban Life* present and that there was not a reporter present from *The Doings*. She asked Mr. Lane Kelley, *Suburban Life* if he would like staff to continue to prepare the Board Packet.

Mr. Kelley declined and stated that he was not interested in receiving any future Board Packets.

**B. Vice President** – No report.

**C. Secretary** – No report.

**D. Treasurer** –Commissioner Christensen presented the Treasurer’s report ending June 30, 2006.

**Commissioner Christensen moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Simester to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report for the month ending June 30, 2006.**

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

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

**NAYS: None**

**President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.**

## **COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE REPORT**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that General Manager Henderson reported on the May financials and the lighting grant that was received for Sportsplex. She reported that he stated that there were many cosmetic changes happening inside and outside Sportsplex over the summer. Executive Director Gurgone reported that Superintendent Strickler proposed some additional landscaping for the parking lot at Sportsplex. She reported that the Board agreed to place the item on the consent agenda.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that Superintendent Henderson discussed selling the inline court from Sportsplex. She reported that it was decided that since the use of the inline field has declined and the court was not intended to be placed on top of the turf that the court would be sold for approximately \$20,000. She further reported that the Board agreed to place the item on the consent agenda.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that there was discussion regarding vandalism at the District's skate park and also how to stop the vandalism including placing a camera at the site. She reported that it was agreed for now to place a sign offering a reward if the vandals are caught.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that General Manager Henderson discussed the advertising plan at Sportsplex. She reported that staff provided the Board with updates regarding the tennis courts at Eisenhower Jr. High, Meyers Barn, current Capital Projects and also a resident inquiry regarding property purchase and upcoming staff projects.

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the purchase of a new Recreation Software for the District allowing for online registration. The Board agreed to place the item on the consent agenda.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she discussed enforcement of the District's non-solicitation ordinance in relation to the Huskies soliciting patrons at Sportsplex. She announced that the July 24<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting was cancelled.

Executive Director Gurgone reviewed the items that would be placed on the consent agenda.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Kolman stated that she did not have a report.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### **A. Executive Director**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the staff's safety committee discussed the vandalism at skate park and decided to close the park for the day when vandalism occurs. She reported that the parks department would be hanging a sign on the park each day that the park is vandalized and hoping that this method will discourage the vandals.

Commissioner Noverini asked if there was any additional vandalism since the last meeting.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the only vandalism reported was some graffiti.

Commissioner Christensen questioned if the Recreation Software would be up and running by registration.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that they are working toward getting everything up and running for the fall brochure.

Commissioner Christensen congratulated Executive Director Gurgone for being nominated as the Treasurer of SEASPAR.

## **B. Assistant Director**

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that approximately 125 people attended the Concert in the Park. She stated that staff is working on scheduling an additional concert for late August or mid September. She further stated that more information would be listed in the fall brochure.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the fall brochure will be mailed to residents on August 18<sup>th</sup> and that there will be a variety of new programs.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Gardens Galore trip is scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup> to Millennium Park, Garfield Park Conservatory and the Stephen Douglas Memorial Garden. She stated that the cost is \$64 for residents and \$69 for non-residents and includes lunch. Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Haunted Chicago trip is scheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup> and is \$58 for residents and \$63 for non-residents and includes a fabulous lunch at Lawry's.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that DCFS completed their inspections and reissued the license. She stated that an Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. – Noon. She also stated that discounted Great America tickets were on sale for \$30 to be used on July 12, 13, 15 and August 3 and 5<sup>th</sup>.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the kid's garage sale was cancelled due to lack of sellers.

## **C. Superintendent of Finance**

Superintendent Deldin stated that she had no report.

Commissioner Christensen questioned the finance copier purchase.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff budgeted \$14,000 and that the purchase was just under \$7,000.

## **D. Superintendent of Parks**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that Superintendent Strickler is seeking bid specifications for Lindenwood equipment and installation. She reported that he is anticipating beginning the work by fall.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that Mike Twombly who did an eagle project for the District built two bird houses for Meyers Woods and Smart Oaks. She thanked Mike Twombly for his great work.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff has started the installation of the new plywood floor in the upstairs of the barn and began the window work. She reported that Superintendent Strickler also received three proposals for the Community Park bathroom roof and awarded the project to Lindholm Roofing Inc. for \$2,987. She stated the \$5,000 was budgeted.

President Campagnolo thanked Mike Twombly for his work and also for the work he has done for the District in the past. She reported that there are residents living in the bird houses.

Commissioner Simester questioned if there was any communication regarding Darien Fest.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that there was no further communication regarding the maintenance for Darien Fest.

#### **E. Sportsplex General Manager**

General Manager Henderson reported that he is finalizing the Chicago Hawks ice contract for fall/winter. He reported that they will be skating seven days a week and using between 60-63 hours of ice per week. He stated that the Board originally approved the contract for a minimum of 50 hours and that this is larger than anticipated.

General Manager Henderson reported that the summer session of the indoor/outdoor adult soccer has 22 teams registered. He reported that the high school spring league wrapped up their season and that staff is working on making some changes for next year's format.

General Manager Henderson reported that there are 20 teams registered for the Adult League summer session. He reported that Jordan Rossi, the new Director of Facility Programs/Assistant General Manager is coordinating the field house programs until a new Field House Manager is named. He further reported that the Field House Manager position would be posted in a day.

General Manager Henderson reported that he has discussed advertising with an outside organization to sell 50/50 advertising. He reported that the organization is preparing an agreement.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the organization advertises locally and nationally and that it is no cost to the District. She stated that they take off the costs from the top, and split revenue 50/50.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the issues regarding people hanging out in the parking lot after the adult leagues has been addressed. She stated that the police are patrolling the area and that citations have been issued.

Commissioner Christensen questioned the Sportsplex concession stand and pushing for a three year contract.

General Manager Henderson reported that the vendor seemed to be pleased and that he would discuss extending out the contract.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that originally the vendor wanted longer terms so she doubted that a three year contract would be an issue.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Gloria Anderson, Darien questioned why staff did not decide to post the \$100 reward sign for vandals at skate park as discussed at the Committee Meeting. She stated that the purpose of providing a skate park was to keep the youths out of the parks and streets and that closing the park for the entire day punishes those who have not done any damage. She urged the Board and staff to reconsider the decision and to not punish the kids.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff is relying on peer pressure.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the \$100 reward sign is already posted at the park.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Commissioner Christensen moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Simester to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:**

**Warrants, May 22, 2006 Committee Meeting Minutes, May 22, 2006 Special Meeting Minutes, June 12, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes, Resolution to Sell Inline Court, Sportsplex Landscaping (not to exceed \$12,000) and Recreation Software (not to exceed \$50,000).**

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

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

**NAYS: None**

**President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Home Show Contract**

Executive Director Gurgone stated that the Board received a contract for Full House Production Inc, a Home Show for 3 years for one weekend Thursday-Sunday totaling \$25,200. She stated that staff recommends approval and stated that it is a great time bring more people into the building.

General Manager Henderson reported that the show will utilize both fields.

### **B. Public Comment**

None.

**Commissioner Simester moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the Home Show Contract for 3 years for one weekend each year totaling \$25,200.**

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

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

**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 7:25 p.m.**

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Nancy Campagnolo, President  
Darien Park District

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Richard Simester, Secretary  
Darien Park District