

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

July 14, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Christensen called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of 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, Frank Noverini, Ray Jablonski,
James Tikalsky

ABSENT: None.

Staff: Chris Katsougris; Assistant Director, Robert Strickler; Superintendent of Parks, Della Deldin; Superintendent of Finance, Matt Henderson; Sportsplex General Manager, John Murphey; Attorney

Guests: Jean Starshak, Preschool Director
Donna Carter, Preschool Assistant Director

President Christensen announced that there would not be any discussion under New Business.

PUBLIC COMMENT & GUESTS

A, Staff Presentation: Jean Starshak, Preschool Director

Ms. Jean Starshak Director, First Step Preschool presented the Board with the history and overview of the preschool program. She reported that registration is being accepted and that classes begin September 8th.

Commissioner Campagnolo asked if the preschool will be on track with the Community Center.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the preschool classrooms will be ready for classes in September.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Christensen reported that he received communication from Mr. Stan Nemiec regarding the entrance to Birchwood. He reported that he spoke with Superintendent Strickler and that he reported that the landscaping needs to grow and develop. President Christensen stated that he responded to Mr. Nemiec.

OFFICER REPORTS

- A. President** – President Christensen stated that he participated in the Fourth of July Parade. He thanked staff for the great suggestion to pass out patriotic gliders. He also thanked staff for the great job organizing the Concert in the Park and the Movie in the Park.

President Christensen reported that Attorney Murphey has been legal counsel to the Board for three years and that after looking at the numbers that the fees have been reduced significantly. He thanked Attorney Murphey and stated that he hopes to continue the great relationship.

- B. Vice President** – No report.

- C. Secretary** – No report.

- D. Treasurer** – Commissioner Jablonski presented the Treasurer's report ending June 30, 2008.

Commissioner Tikalsky made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month ending June 30, 2008.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Tikalsky, Noverini, Jablonski, Campagnolo, Christensen

NAYS: None

President Christensen declared the motion carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No Report.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Executive Director/SEASPAR

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that Executive Director Gurgone was still on maternity leave.

B. Assistant Director

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the next Concert in the Park will be held on Wednesday, August 6th featuring 215 West from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Darien Community Park. She further reported that discounted tickets for select dates for Great America can be purchased

at the Community Center at a discounted rate of \$30. She stated that the tickets can only be used on August 7th and 9th and that admission includes Hurricane Harbor Waterpark.

C. Superintendent of Finance

Superintendent Deldin reported that the annual audit will begin on July 15th and will be conducted by Knutte & Associates. She stated that the report will be presented at the October Board Meeting.

Superintendent Deldin reported that applications are being accepted for Sportsplex front desk clerks. She reported that the position will be responsible for a 20 hour work week, which could include days, nights and weekends.

D. Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Strickler reported that the Community Park drainage project is complete.

Superintendent Strickler reported that the Board received the 2008 Vandalism Report.

President Christensen asked about the picnic benches that are being disassembled.

Superintendent Strickler reported that the benches and some handrails at the Skate Park are being dissembled and that whoever is doing this is bringing tools. He stated that the police have been notified and that they are keeping a better watch.

President Christensen stated that if someone is caught that the District will take full action to prosecute.

E. Sportsplex General Manager

General Manager Henderson reported that he is finalizing the contract with the Proshop and that staff may have to create a one month lease. He reported that he would keep the Board updated. He stated that Gunzo's will probably sign a one year contract because they want to see how they are doing before getting into a long term lease.

General Manager Henderson reported that Sportsplex has finalized the bleacher seating for the new rink.

General Manager Henderson reported that the older Olympia needs a new engine and that the costs is \$6,500 which should prolong the life of the machine another 4-5 years. He stated that the machine is 12 years old and has approximately 250,000 miles on it. General Manager Henderson stated that once the engine work is completed there will be two existing machines with new engines and a brand new machine for the new rink.

General Manager Henderson reported that Superintendent Strickler and his staff are completing landscaping work in the parking lot followed by a full resurface of the parking lot. He reported that during the resurface that half of the parking lot will be open for use and that one of two entrances will be accessible. He further reported that signs will be posted directing patrons.

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, June 9, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes, Ordinance 2008-09-04: AN ORDINANCE of the Darien Park District, DuPage County, Illinois, Identifying Work Contracts to Installment Purchase Agreement, and ESG Change Order #14 to replace 2 sets of double doors.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Tikalsky, Jablonski, Noverini, Campagnolo, Christensen

NAYS: None

President Christensen declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Noverini 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 7:44 p.m.

Neil Christensen, President
Darien Park District

James Tikalsky, Secretary
Darien Park District