

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

July 16, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

President Campagnolo called the rescheduled regular meeting to order at 6:00 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: Nancy Campagnolo, Frank Noverini, Neil Christensen, Ray Jablonski, James Tikalsky

ABSENT: None.

Staff: Stephanie Gurgone; Executive Director, Chris Katsougris; Assistant Director, Robert Strickler; Superintendent of Parks, Matt Henderson; Sportsplex General Manager, John Murphey; Attorney

Guests: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Campagnolo reported that she received an email from a resident regarding Birchwood Park at the Emerson Street entrance. She reported that the resident inquired on the landscaping.

Superintendent Strickler reported that he contacted the resident and informed her that staff is designing a landscape plan with native plants. He stated that the project is on the parks department schedule.

President Campagnolo reported that she received correspondence from Mr. Ross Rice, DYC regarding residents who live close to the ball fields at Eisenhower Junior High. President

Campagnolo stated that Mr. Rice forwarded this to the City and the Park District but that it was a District 61 issue. She stated that Mr. Rice responded to the residents. She further stated that she had not received an update.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she responded to an email from Commissioner Noverini from a resident questioning if fishing was allowed in the parks. She reported that she contacted the resident informing him of where fishing was allowed. Superintendent Strickler stated that a permit was required by the State.

OFFICER REPORTS

- A. President** – None.
- B. Vice President** – No report.
- C. Secretary** – No report.
- D. Treasurer** – Commissioner Christensen presented the Treasurer’s report ending June 30, 2007. He reported that the numbers reflect receiving the first installment of tax dollars.

Commissioner Noverini made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Campagnolo to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report for the month ending June 30, 2007.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Noverini, Campagnolo, Tikalsky, Christensen, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board reviewed the April and May financials for Sportsplex. She reported that Commissioner Christensen discussed how the year end at Sportsplex looked good considering all of the repairs done at the building. Executive Director Gurgone reported that the financials were not final until the audit completion in August.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board discussed re-issuing the RFP for the concession stand at Sportsplex with a minimum bid amount of \$2,000/month, since no bids were received at the \$3,000/month amount. She reported that the Board agreed to re-issue the RFP to be due on Monday, July 9th for approval at the Board meeting.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board discussed summer programs and projects as well as upcoming capital projects for Sportsplex. She reported that the Board agreed for staff to obtain quotes for repairing and seal coating the parking lot.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board discussed the re-naming of Fairview School and that they agreed to name the building the Darien Park District Community Center. She reported that Superintendent Strickler discussed all of the ongoing parks summer projects, and upcoming capital projects for the year.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff discussed the year-end Park District financials and the budget line item adjustment which is an annual adjustment for the audit. She reported that the Board agreed to place the item on the consent agenda.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board discussed the possibility of adding a 3rd sheet of ice at Sportsplex. She reported that the Hawks Hockey Club president Joe Messina made a presentation to the Board discussing why the Hawks could use additional ice. She further reported that the Board agreed to continue the discussions after the staff did some additional research on cost estimates and revenue projections.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the consent agenda was established for the July 16, 2007 meeting.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Executive Director/SEASPAR

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff is continuing the move to Fairview and that the District should be fully operational by August 1st. She stated that the new phone number will be 968-6400. She further stated that if residents call the new phone number that they will be directed to the old number until August 1st.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that there will not be a Committee Meeting on Monday July 23rd. She announced that the next regular meeting will be on August 13th and will be held at City Hall. In the future, committee meetings will be held at the new building at 7301 Fairview Avenue.

B. Assistant Director

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that Wednesday, July 18th is the next concert in the park featuring Mike Perkins who does a fantastic Rat Pack Tribute. She reported that the performance is from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Darien Community Park.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the next trip is to Resorts East Chicago Casino on August 2nd. She reported that the cost is \$30 for residents and \$35 for non-residents. She further reported that lunch is included and a \$5 coin voucher and that the deadline to register is July 19th.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that space is still available for the Horseshoe Casino trip on August 15th. She reported that the trip will also include the show “Cats” at the Theatre at the Center and also includes a buffet lunch and a \$5 coin voucher. Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the cost is \$58 for residents and \$63 for non-residents and the deadline to register is August 1st.

Commissioner Christensen questioned where the concert will take place in the event of rain.

Assistant Director Katsougris announced that in the event of rain the concert would be held at Sportsplex.

President Campagnolo reported that several residents of Tara Hill are not receiving the brochure in the mail. She announced that if residents do not receive the brochure they can access the website at www.darienparks.com or pick up a brochure at the Park District Community Center, Sportsplex or City Hall.

Assistant Director Katsougris announced that the fall brochure should be available around August 17th.

Commissioner Christensen stated that Movie in the Park was a fantastic event.

President Campagnolo suggested that staff do a mailing in June next year as a reminder to residents and to publicize the movie dates.

C. Superintendent of Finance

Executive Director Gurgone announced that Superintendent Deldin was not present. She asked if there were any questions on her report.

D. Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Strickler reported that the Board will be receiving an additional reported from the Parks Foreman along with his and Chris Pollack's.

Commissioner Noverini thanked Superintendent Strickler and his staff for assisting in the Fourth of July Parade.

Executive Director Gurgone announced that the Slide Show of Projects would be moved to the end of the meeting.

Superintendent Strickler reported that someone is taking the tags and removing bark from the trees and sometimes killing the trees. He reported that recently, the District lost a 20 year old tree.

President Campagnolo questioned why the tree tags were being removed from the trees. She informed the residents that the vandalism costs the District \$475 to replace a tree.

E. Sportsplex General Manager

General Manager Henderson reported that staff will be meeting with the new concession vendor to go over the projected move in dates. He reported that the current vendor agreed to be out by the end of the month giving the new vendor enough time to open by September 1st.

General Manager Henderson reported that several weeks ago there was a power issue related to a car accident resulting in approximately \$4,000 in costs to Sportsplex. He stated that staff is looking to see how to recoup the money.

Commissioner Tikalsky suggested contacting the individual responsible for the accident.

Attorney Murphey stated that ComEd is undependable and that the District could file a claim with the driver who has auto insurance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for consent agenda)

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Warrants, the June 11, 2007 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Renaming of Fairview Elementary to: Darien Park District Community Center and 06-07 Budget Line Item Adjustment.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Christensen, Noverini, Campagnolo, Jablonski, Tikalsky

NAYS: None

President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Award Concessions Contract at Sportsplex

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received a copy of the contract. She reported that Elliot's Off Broadway Deli Inc. was the only proposal that met the minimum guarantee of \$2,000 per month. She reported that the concessionaire will pay \$2,100 per month for September 2008-August 2009, and \$2,200 from September 2009 – August 2010 plus ten percent of all gross revenue over \$15,000 per month.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff is happy with the new vendor who will be offering new items. She stated that the contract is for approval for the next 3 years.

There was no one in audience for public comment.

Commissioner Jablonski moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to award the Food Concession License Agreement to Elliot's Off Broadway Deli Inc. for the Darien Sportsplex.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Jablonski, Noverini, Christensen, Campagnolo, Tikalsky

NAYS: None

President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.

B. ESG Contract

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received a contract for the work approved with Energy Systems Group and that Attorney Murphey has reviewed. She reported that the contract provides for a Phase 2 and if the District proceeds with a Phase 2 there is only one contract.

Attorney Murphey stated that the language allows the District to renegotiate any terms of the agreement as part of any Phase 2 deal.

Commissioner Christensen moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the ESG Contract.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Christensen, Noverini, Campagnolo, Jablonski, Tikalsky

NAYS: None

President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.

C. Public Comment (for new business)

There was no one in the audience for public comment.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS SLIDE SHOW

Superintendent Strickler presented a slide show of the projects that have been accomplished since 2005. He presented the following update:

Westwood Park – Eagle Scout project landscaped the signs at the park. Other two signs scheduled for this fall.

Driftwood Park – Eagle Scout project in 2006 landscaped the sign and added color to the park.

Sportsplex – Staff working on inside and outside of Sportsplex with limited funds. New sign this year with additional landscaping and retaining wall and picnic area. Parking lot median strips now have pavers.

Darien Community Park – This year Eagle Scout project landscaped the sign with yellow and red roses and rock instead of retaining wall.

Smart Oaks Park – Eagle Scout project in 2005 landscaped the sign and using rocks instead of retaining wall. Roses replaced in 2007. Parking lots at all the parks completed with seal coating and striped.

The Barn – Staff replaced boards and replaced with manmade windows by District staff. Plexiglas donated by Darien resident.

President Campagnolo thanked the Save the Barn Committee for working with staff on Barn issues.

Lindenwood Park – Built in 2006 with shelter and retaining wall with a castle appearance. See more aesthetic looks to the parks in the future.

Maintenance Department Sign – Added in flowers to improve the look and add color.

New Fleet Truck – New 2007 utility vehicle truck necessary to do repairs.

VFW Memorial – Installed by VFW Post of Darien. Concept designed by Superintendent Strickler and the architect. Very well received by residents.

South Grove Park Pond - Corrected algae problem by adding three fountains and circulating pump and treatment. Improved aesthetics of the pond with a three day pond clean for debris.

Birchwood Park Pond – Joint project with the City of Darien and Parks Department removed vegetation, regraded and used rock for a better look. Looking to add prairie grasses so that it does not look so industrial.

President Campagnolo thanked staff for their hard work and the benefit to the residents that the work did not have to be contracted.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Christensen 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 6:45 p.m.

Nancy Campagnolo, President
Darien Park District

Ray Jablonski, Secretary
Darien Park District