

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF DUPAGE
DARIEN PARK DISTRICT
COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE**

November 27, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

President Campagnolo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in Room 5 of the Marion Hills Community Center, 133 Plainfield Road, Darien, Illinois.

ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Upon roll call the following Commissioners and staff were present:

PRESENT: Nancy Campagnolo, Frank Noverini, Neil Christensen, Dick Simester, Shari Gillespie

ABSENT: None.

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

GUESTS: Donna Carter, Darien
Lane Kelley, The Doings

PUBLIC COMMENT AND GUESTS

President Campagnolo welcomed the guests to the meeting. There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE TOPICS

A. Long Range Goals

1. Recreation Center

Executive Director Gurgone provided the Board with a status regarding Fairview School. She asked the Board for direction on if they are interested in negotiating with the school district.

Commissioner Simester stated that he would like the staff to keep a hand in fire.

Commissioner Noverini questioned if the school district was looking for the District to make a bid.

Executive Director Gurgone suggested continuing communication with the school district. She questioned if the Board was interested in continuing to negotiate.

President Campagnolo stated that she was concerned with the limited timing to respond to the bid process. She stated that she wanted to see what bids come in and sit back and watch.

Commissioner Christensen stated that the District does not have the money now and that it will not be available until 2013. He stated that the money being spent for South Grove next year is already cutting the capital projects. Commissioner Christensen stated that he did not feel that Fairview will meet the District's needs and that the District should wait until providing a recreation center is affordable.

President Campagnolo agreed.

Commissioner Gillespie also agreed and stated that the residents she has spoken with have expressed an interest in a new recreation center and that the residents should be given an opportunity to provide public input.

President Campagnolo stated that after Fairview was looked at that it was decided that it was not a good fit for the District and that timing issues were not in the District's favor.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that she would inform the school district that the District is going to wait to see what develops. She further stated that she was contacted by a group interested in Fairview who wants to know if the District is interested in the property behind Fairview. Executive Director Gurgone reported that she will inform the group that the District would consider the possibility.

B. Short Range Goals

None.

C. Operational Issues

1. Sportsplex

a. Sportsplex Financials

General Manager Henderson reported that the ice revenue is down slightly from last year for October 2006 versus 2005. He reported that the numbers should be better in November.

Commissioner Christensen questioned if there was a line item adjustment and that he calculated a difference of \$5,600 in instructors.

Superintendent Deldin stated that she would look into the calculation difference.

2. Parks and Recreation

a. Parks Projects for 2007-08/Bond Issue

Executive Director Gurgone provided the Board with a review of the preliminary Capital Asset Replacement for 2007-2008. She stated that she wanted to provide a preliminary list to the Board before the draft is presented. Executive Director Gurgone stated that the numbers include the dollars for plans for a new recreation center.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff is looking at replacing the west playground at Darien Community Park with alternative equipment instead of having two playgrounds.

Commissioner Christensen questioned why some projects were not on the list when first presented.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that she and Superintendent Strickler reviewed the list and pushed back any projects that could wait.

Commissioner Christensen questioned the purchase of a new Parks copier.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that the list was just a draft.

President Campagnolo stated that the Barn windows looked great.

3. Administration

a. Capital Projects Update

Executive Director Gurgone provided the Board with an update on the Capital Projects.

b. Park District Financial Statements

Executive Director Gurgone stated that the Board received the financials and asked if there were any questions. She stated that the financials presented were for 6 months.

Commissioner Christensen questioned if the delinquent taxes were due to only receiving 96%.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that usually by the end of the year everything the District projects is received.

Commissioner Christensen questioned why the rental receipts for the parks are low.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that the Marion Hills rental receipts are up and that some of the receipts may have been posted to the wrong account.

c. Remote Participation Ordinance

Executive Director Gurgone re-explained the remote participation summary and stated that the old resolution would need to be rescinded.

President Campagnolo questioned the absentee voting. She stated that she emailed Attorney Murphey asking for his opinion.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that Attorney Murphey stated that absentee voting or submitting a written vote is not allowed. She further reported that he indicated that if the Board does not allow remote participation then there is no vote.

President Campagnolo stated that she felt that the Board members should be present when a vote is taken.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that the Board can always change the ordinance in the future but that there must be something in place for January.

The Board agreed to not allow remote participation for Committee Meetings.

Commissioner Simester, Commissioner Noverini, Commissioner Christensen, and President Campagnolo all voted to not allow remote participation for Board Meetings. Commissioner Gillespie voted that she would be in favor of remote participation for Board Meetings.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that this item would not be placed on the consent agenda but would be under Unfinished Business.

d. 2007 Meeting Schedule

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received the 2007 Meeting Schedule. She stated that the May 2007 Committee Meeting is scheduled a week early due to Memorial Day.

e. Announce No Committee Meeting Scheduled for December

Executive Director Gurgone reported that there would not be a Committee Meeting in December 2006.

f. Establish consent agenda for 12/11 Meeting

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board agreed to place repealing the old consent agenda resolution on the consent agenda for the December 11, 2006 meeting. She stated that there will be a public hearing for the bond issue and a public hearing for the tax levy as well as a SEASPAR presentation on the agenda for the December Board Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Simester moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini that the meeting be adjourned. Upon voice vote the Motion was thereby carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Nancy Campagnolo, President
Darien Park District

Richard Simester, Secretary
Darien Park District