

**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF DUPAGE  
DARIEN PARK DISTRICT  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**November 5, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Campagnolo called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. at the Darien Park District Community Center, 7301 Fairview Avenue, 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, Della Deldin; Superintendent of Finance, Matt Henderson; Sportsplex General Manager

**Guests:** Jennifer Duda; Suburban Life

**PUBLIC COMMENT & GUESTS**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she received correspondence from the DuPage County Clerk's Office informing the District that due to budget cuts, the tax extension and distribution may not be done in time for the June 1<sup>st</sup> payment. She stated that the District would have the funds available if needed in reserves.

Commissioner Christensen reported that he received correspondence from Ms. Paula Walrick, a parent at Hinsdale South High School, regarding the MRSA virus. He stated that he forwarded the information to the Executive Director and General Manager Henderson

General Manager Henderson reported that he spoke with the President of the HS Hockey Club and Ms. Walrick, and informed a number of groups in the building regarding the steps Sportsplex is taking to clean the facility.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that the students infected with MRSA did not attend Hinsdale South High School.

## **COMMITTEE TOPICS**

### **A. Sportsplex**

#### **a. September Financials**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received the Sportsplex financials through September. She reported that the revenues are up from 2006 and all programs showing a small increase, and spending on repairs and maintenance is down from last year.

Commissioner Christensen stated that compared to last year Sportsplex is in very good shape and doing well.

#### **b. Adding 3<sup>rd</sup> Sheet of Ice Cost Proposal**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received the preliminary numbers on the 3<sup>rd</sup> sheet of ice. She stated that staff is continuing to work with ESG to reduce the costs from the original proposal. She further stated that there is a major cost savings by placing the ice on top of the existing concrete slab and also by re-using the field house bleachers instead of precast concrete bleachers.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that our staff will be renovating the locker rooms for cost savings as well. She stated that the Board should have the revised costs by the end of the week and that they should be approximately \$2.35 million.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that the bleachers from the Field House can be utilized by building a deck and placing the bleachers on top and providing approximately 250 seats. She stated that the Hawks and the high schools are interested in using the facility.

President Campagnolo stated that the revenue generated will outweigh versus if it is left as a soccer field. She asked the cost of the precast bleachers.

General Manager Henderson stated that they would be close to \$1 million.

Commissioner Christensen stated that he is concerned that other projects have not been included in the bond, such as the parking lot. He suggested increasing the bond.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that staff is comfortable with the increased debt service numbers, but increasing them further is not feasible.

President Campagnolo stated that as long as the facility will be used, why spend extra money.

Commissioner Jablonski asked if the elevated ice creates any concerns.

Commissioner Christensen stated that there are a lot of ice facilities that have elevated ice.

Commissioner Christensen stated that he would feel better knowing if the bleachers could be elevated to increase the seating.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that she will have more detailed numbers by the end of the week and that she would provide them to the Board at the Special Meeting.

**c. Fieldhouse Plan if 3<sup>rd</sup> sheet of ice is not added**

No discussion.

**B. COMMUNITY CENTER**

**a. Phase 2 Improvements Cost Proposal**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the improvements will create essentially a new recreation center within the existing exterior walls. She provided a list to the Board of ways to cut costs on the project. She also stated that a new roof is needed on the building. She explained that the original numbers that ESG provided did not include the cost to repair the roof and that it is estimated at approximately half a million dollars.

Commissioner Christensen asked for an update on the costs.

**C. BOND FUNDING FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that before the costs savings measures, the cost for Phase 2 at the Community Center total approximately \$4.8 million. She stated that the District will net approximately \$4.52 million based on the bond issue.

Executive Director Gurgone suggested that the District can pay for a portion of roof with the reserves and finance the rest over 10 or 20 years. She stated that once the District gets past 2012 there will be more money available but that playground renovations will be limited until then. She reported that the corporate fund currently holds \$1 million in reserves.

President Campagnolo asked when ESG needs the funds for the roof.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that she would discuss the schedule with ESG but that they would request the money when the roof is started. She reported that Phase 1 is scheduled to begin December 1 – April 1<sup>st</sup> and Phase 2 from April 1 – September 1<sup>st</sup>. Executive Director Gurgone further reported that she would provide the Board with scenarios on how to pay for the roof.

**D. ADMIN**

**a. IAPD Resolution to designate representative**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that this resolution is to designate Stephanie Gurgone as Delegate and Chris Katsougris as First Alternate to vote at the IAPD Annual Business meeting in January.

The Board agreed to place this item on the Consent Agenda at the Regular Board Meeting.

**b. Seaspar Tax Levy**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the SEASPAR Board approved a .016 percent levy rate for the 2008-2009 fiscal year based on the 2006 assessed valuation. She stated that the District's contribution to SEASPAR for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$146,376.

The Board agreed to place this item on the Consent Agenda at the Regular Board Meeting.

**c. DPD Tax Levy: Truth in Taxation Resolution**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that this is a balloon levy, showing an increase of taxes of 20% increase in operating funds, and a 12% increase overall, in order to capture all new growth. She stated that the Truth in Taxation will be published in the newspaper as a requirement for a balloon levy following an Ordinance and Public Hearing in December. Executive Director Gurgone stated that the District anticipates a 2% increase.

The Board agreed to place this item on the Consent Agenda at the Regular Board Meeting.

**d. Beverage Services Contract**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff received two bids from Coke and Pepsi. She stated that only Coke provided marketing funds but that the funds were significantly decreased from \$1,500 per year versus \$10,000 per year. She further stated that the full-service options were provided, but the District still makes more net profit by filling and emptying the machines with staff.

The Board agreed to place this item on the Consent Agenda at the Regular Board Meeting.

**e. Establish consent agenda for 11/12 meeting**

The Board agreed to place the IAPD Resolution to designate a representative, the Seaspar Tax Levy, the DPD Tax Levy: Truth in Taxation Resolution and approval of the Beverage Services Contract with Coca-Cola on the consent agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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 9:15 p.m.**

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Nancy Campagnolo, President  
Darien Park District

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Ray Jablonski, Secretary  
Darien Park District