

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

**October 8, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Acting President Noverini called the meeting to order at 7:00 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:** Frank Noverini, Neil Christensen, Ray Jablonski, James Tikalsky

**ABSENT:** Nancy Campagnolo

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

**Guests:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**A. President** – No report.

**B. Vice President** – No report.

**C. Secretary** – No report.

**D. Treasurer** –Commissioner Christensen presented the Treasurer’s report ending September 30, 2007.

**Commissioner Tikalsky made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Jablonski to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month ending September 30, 2007.**

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

**AYES: Tikalsky, Jablonski, Christensen, Noverini**

**NAYS: None**

**Acting President Noverini declared the motion carried.**

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

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board discussed the August Sportsplex financials and that staff reported on the repairs and maintenance costs and that they are significantly lower than last year.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board discussed the cash flow at Sportsplex and announced that Sportsplex is going to be in a good position to make the November 1<sup>st</sup> bond payment. She also reported that the Board discussed the possible 3<sup>rd</sup> sheet of ice at Sportsplex and that the final pricing for the project would be available November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board discussed four usage contracts for the field house and agreed to place the contracts on the consent agenda. She also reported that the Board discussed financing for the phase 2 improvements at the Community Center.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board discussed the purchase of a truck, as per the capital asset replacement plan and that the Board agreed to place the item on the consent agenda.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

None.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### **A. Executive Director/SEASPAR**

Executive Director Gurgone stated that the October 22<sup>nd</sup> Committee Meeting was cancelled. She reported that staff is going through the process with the City to amend the Special Use permit at Sportsplex in order to build the exterior mechanical room for the possible 3<sup>rd</sup> sheet of ice. She further reported that the Public Hearing before the Planning & Zoning Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, October 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that a resident has expressed concern about golfers at Meyer Woods. She stated that no golfing was allowed in the parks.

#### **B. Assistant Director**

Assistant Director Katsougris thanked those who helped out and who attended the Hoe-Down. She reported that there are still a few openings for the November 8<sup>th</sup> trip to the Four Winds

Casino and that the cost is \$36 for residents and \$41 for non-residents and includes two \$10 vouchers.

Assistant Director Katsougris also announced that there are also a few tickets left for the Rockettes on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> and that the cost is \$59 for residents and \$64 for non-residents. She stated that the cost includes lunch.

Assistant Director Katsougris announced that the Holiday Lights trolley tour of downtown Chicago is Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> and that the cost is \$39 for residents and \$44 for non-residents.

### **C. Superintendent of Finance**

Superintendent Deldin reported she could answer any questions regarding her report.

Commissioner Christensen questioned the progress of the RecTrac system at Sportsplex.

Superintendent Deldin stated that the register will be used at Sportsplex until November 1<sup>st</sup>. She stated that staff should be trained and all programs entered into the system for the winter.

### **D. Superintendent of Parks**

Superintendent Strickler reported that 18 trees were planted for the tree memorial program. He also reported that staff has readjusted the aerators at South Grove Park to run on 4 hour increments instead of 12 hours a day. Superintendent Strickler stated that this will cut back on electrical costs.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that staff will be monitoring the new schedule to see how it works.

Commissioner Noverini asked if there has been any vandalism in the parks.

Superintendent Strickler stated that Driftwood Park recently had vandalism and that staff spent half a day cleaning. He stated that overall there has not been much vandalism.

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

General Manager Henderson reported that the concession stand updates were made. He reported that the tenant is certified and open for business.

General Manager Henderson reported that staff is working on pricing for equipment to renovate the field house.

### **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, August 27, 2007 Committee Meeting Minutes, August 27, 2007 Special Meeting Minutes, September 10, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes, September 24, 2007 Committee Meeting Minutes, September 24, 2007 Special Meeting Minutes, Truck Purchase not to exceed \$23,000, Surplus Vehicle Resolution 2007-08-01, Field House Use Contracts for 2007-08 and the Executive Director's Employment Agreement.**

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

**AYES: Tikalsky, Jablonski, Christensen Noverini**

**NAYS: None**

**Acting President Noverini declared the motion carried.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Annual Treasurer's Report**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Annual Treasurer's Report is prepared before October 31<sup>st</sup> and that it will be published in the newspaper along with two pages from the audit.

### **B. Audit Report**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received the Annual Financial Report, along with the Sportsplex financial statements. She reported that Sportsplex is included in the full report but that the second report was prepared for comparative purposes.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that overall the District is in a strong financial position. She reported that the General Fund had an increase in the fund balance which could be transferred to the Capital Fund or used for Capital purchases. She further reported that the Recreation Fund also had an increase and that the fund has just over 6 months of operating reserves.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Capital Project Fund ended the year with a small balance because of the purchase of Fairview School. She reported that the Sportsplex Fund reported revenues of \$2,363,362 with expenditures of \$2,257,127 resulting in an increase in fund balance of \$106,235. She further reported that expenses decreased slightly and was attributed to various line items but also includes increases in depreciation and amortization costs.

Commissioner Christensen stated that from an accounting standpoint at Sportsplex, the District is finally in the black. He stated that the numbers are different from the financials shown on a monthly basis because those do not take into account depreciation.

**C. Public Comment (before vote)**

None.

**Commissioner Christensen moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Tikalsky to approve the Annual Treasurer's Report and the Audit Report as presented.**

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

**AYES: Christensen, Tikalsky, Jablonski, Noverini**

**NAYS: None**

**Acting President Noverini declared the motion carried.**

**CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURN**

**There being no further discussion, Commissioner Christensen 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 7:13 p.m.**

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Frank Noverini, Acting President  
Darien Park District

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Ray Jablonski, Secretary  
Darien Park District