

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

October 13, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Christensen 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: Neil Christensen, Nancy Campagnolo, Ray Jablonski, James Tikalsky

ABSENT: Frank Noverini

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

Guests: Seaspar Athletes and their families
Matt Corso, SEASPAR

PUBLIC COMMENT & GUESTS

None.

A. Recognition of SEASPAR Special Olympics Athletes

President Christensen welcomed the SEASPAR Special Olympic Athletes and their families to the meeting. He asked Executive Director Gurgone to provide a brief presentation on the EAGLES Program.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that local adults ages 18 to 35 will have the chance to participate in the SEASPAR Enhancing Adult Growth through Lifestyles Education and Service (EAGLES) program. She reported that the program will help individuals transition from high school to adult life in the community. Executive Director Gurgone reported that the program will be hosted at the Darien Sportsplex. More information is available at www.seaspar.org.

Commissioner Nancy Campagnolo along with Matt Corso, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation for SEASPAR honored Becky Berman, Lindsay Maddox, Diana Pehas, Allen Rosete and Renee Vrchota for their participation and placement in the Special Olympics.

At 7:10 p.m. the Board took a break for a reception honoring the athletes.

At 7:25 p.m. the Board reconvened.

B. Staff Report: Della Deldin, Superintendent of Finance on Annual Audit Report and Summary of District's Finances

Superintendent Deldin presented the Board with a copy of the Annual Audit Report and the Sportsplex Financial statement for August. She reported on the audit differences due to the purchase and renovations of Fairview. She also noted the differences at Sportsplex due to the construction on the third sheet of ice.

President Christensen stated that the Park District lived within its means and overall it was a good year.

COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Campagnolo reported that she received an email from a resident who attempted to enroll in guitar lessons. She reported that the resident was concerned if the Park District was offering enough. Commissioner Campagnolo stated that she forwarded the concerns to staff.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she spoke with Cindy Garcia and that this is the first time the lessons have filled. She stated that staff will look into adding additional times and days.

OFFICER REPORTS

A. President – No Report.

B. Vice President – Commissioner Campagnolo reported that her term will end in April. She stated that the term lengths were changed from 6 years to 4 and that any resident interested in serving the community can email her if they have any questions.

C. Secretary – No report.

D. Treasurer – Commissioner Jablonski presented the Treasurer's report ending September 30, 2008.

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

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Tikalsky, Campagnolo, Jablonski, Christensen

NAYS: None

President Christensen declared the motion carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No Report.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Executive Director/SEASPAR

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the T-Mobile tower at Westwood Park is scheduled for the Planning and Zoning Commission for November 5th. She reported that the next Committee Meeting is scheduled for October 27th at which time President Christensen will provide the Board with an update on the DIPI group.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that Superintendent Strickler received the salt quotes which have gone up significantly since last year. She reported that the City has a much better deal on salt and that the District can purchase on an as needed basis instead of purchasing an amount and having to store in the event that it is not used. Executive Director Gurgone stated that the District appreciates the City's help.

President Christensen stated that this cooperation is how the District helps save the taxpayers money.

B. Assistant Director

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that packets are being prepared for distribution for the April 7, 2009 Consolidated Election. She reported that candidates can pick up packets at the Darien Park District Community Center and begin circulating petitions October 28th. She further reported that the filing period is January 19-26th and at least 89 signatures of the Darien Park District voters will be required on the petitions.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Winter brochure will be mailed to residents on November 12th with resident registration beginning December 10th.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the next trip to the Four Winds Casino is scheduled for November 14th. She reported that the fee for residents is \$36 and \$41 for non-residents. Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the fee includes a \$5 free slot play and \$10 to use for lunch in any of the residents. She stated that the deadline to register is November 3rd.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that "A Wonderful Life" will be performed at Theatre at the Center in Munster, IN on Wednesday, November 19th. She stated that fee of \$62 for residents and \$67 for non-residents includes lunch. Assistant Director Katsougris stated that the deadline to register is October 21st.

C. Superintendent of Finance

Superintendent Deldin reported that the Fall Fitness Program began October 6th and that there are a great group of participants.

D. Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Strickler reported that the summer staff will be gone by the end of the month.

President Christensen stated that he was impressed with PDRMA and what has to be done at the playgrounds for the audit.

Superintendent Strickler stated that staff has been working for the past six months to prepare for the audit so that all the playgrounds meet all standards that the Park District must follow.

E. Sportsplex General Manager

General Manager Henderson reported that staff has been working on the seating area for the new ice arena. He stated that this should be completed by the end of next week.

General Manager Henderson reported that the walking program is back in the Field House and that the hours are Monday-Friday from 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. He stated that information can be found on the website or by calling the Sportsplex.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for consent agenda)

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Jablonski moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Tikalsky to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: Warrants, August 25, 2008 Committee Meeting Minutes, September 8, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes, Audit Report, Annual Treasurer’s Report, Sportsplex Ice Usage Contracts and the Program Specialist Job Description.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Jablonski, Tikalsky, Campagnolo, Christensen

NAYS: None

President Christensen declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Lease Termination Agreement

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the lease termination agreement is for Elite Hockey Training Academy. She reported that the lease term ends October 15th and that the security deposit will be kept as well as some of the equipment.

B. Sportsplex Loan

Executive Director Gurgone reported that this has been done in the past but that the Corporate Fund will need to loan money to the Sportsplex fund for payment on the 2003C Sportsplex Bond which is due November 1st for \$426, 403. She reported that this is being done due to the loss of revenues over the summer (chiller failure) and the additional expense for the repairs. Executive Director Gurgone reported that as revenues increase during the winter months that Sportsplex staff will inform the Board and the money can be transferred back to the District corporate fund.

C. Public comment (before vote)

There was no one in the audience for public comment.

Commissioner Campagnolo moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Tikalsky to approve the Lease Termination Agreement as presented.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Campagnolo, Tikalsky, Jablonski, Christensen

NAYS: None

President Christensen declared the motion carried.

Commissioner Campagnolo moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Tikalsky to transfer \$426, 403 from the Darien Park District corporate fund operating reserves to the Darien Sportsplex fund for payment of the 2003C Bond.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Campagnolo, Tikalsky, Jablonski, Christensen

NAYS: None

President Christensen declared the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Jablonski 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 7:47 p.m.

Neil Christensen, President
Darien Park District

James Tikalsky, Secretary
Darien Park District