

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

**September 8, 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, Frank Noverini,  
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 & GUESTS**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**A. President** – No Report.

**B. Vice President** – No report.

**C. Secretary** – No report.

**D. Treasurer** –Commissioner Jablonski presented the Treasurer’s report ending August 31, 2008.

**Commissioner Tikalsky made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report for the month ending August 31, 2008.**

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

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

**NAYS: None**

**President Christensen declared the motion carried.**

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

No Report.

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

Executive Director Gurgone reported that Mr. Kris Sant addressed the Board requesting that the Board prohibit smoking near park playgrounds. She reported that after discussion, the Board agreed to pass an ordinance at the next Board meeting prohibiting smoking within 25 feet of all playgrounds. Executive Director Gurgone reported that the signage would be installed in the spring.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that General Manager Henderson provided updates on Sportsplex and that the new 3<sup>rd</sup> sheet of ice would be open by September 2<sup>nd</sup> and that the chiller repairs would be completed on the existing rinks and that they would be reopened by September 2<sup>nd</sup>. She further reported that General Manager Henderson reported that the parking lot work was continuing and striping would follow the paving work.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board discussed the possible lease with T-Mobile for a 100 foot stealth cell phone tower disguised as a flagpole at 75<sup>th</sup> and Fairview Avenue. She reported that this item would be on the agenda for approval at the next Board Meeting. She further reported that the final contract would be pending upon approval of a variation by the City.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board discussed spending on capital projects as well as a current budget to actual report and that the Board announced the information on the dedication of the Community Center.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the next Regular Board Meeting was scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

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

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Community Center and the Fitness Center are open.

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

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that fall program is underway. She reported that open gym basketball begins on Saturday from 2:00 – 4:30 and volleyball begins on Sunday from 2:00 – 4:30. She further reported that participants can pay at the door.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the next trip is scheduled for Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> to the Horseshoe Casino which includes an all-you-can-eat buffet and \$5 play money. She reported that the deadline for registration is September 19<sup>th</sup> and the cost is \$28 for residents and \$33 for non-residents.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that there are currently 128 children enrolled in preschool. She reported that the Flea Market will be held on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at Darien Community Park.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the skatepark will begin closing at 4:00 p.m. or dusk starting on October 1<sup>st</sup> and that it will close for the season on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Hoe-Down is scheduled for Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Darien Community Park. She reported that an inflatable obstacle course, hayrides, pony rides, games, crafts, food and fun will be featured.

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

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she would answer any questions for Superintendent Deldin.

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

Superintendent Strickler reported that he received a phone call from Dave Fell with the City of Darien regarding the Sportsplex parking lot paving work. He reported that if the rain holds off they will be installing the petrol mate on Thursday and doing the final surfacing on Friday. He further reported that after they have finished the lot staff will finish the landscaping.

Superintendent Strickler provided an update on the park after Darien Fest. He reported that workers removed everything and that the Chamber worked diligently to remove the props prior to rainfall.

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

General Manager Henderson reported that all three ice arenas were open for use on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. He reported that he is trying to wrap up the smaller projects and that the bleachers should arrive and the project complete by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Christensen thanked General Manager Henderson and his staff for the hard work and for working over Labor Day weekend.

### **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 11, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes, T-Mobile Lease, Ordinance 2008-09-05: Ordinance amending the parks and facilities policy to prohibit smoking.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Jablonski, Tikalsky, Noverini, Campagnolo, Christensen

NAYS: None

President Christensen declared the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:11 p.m. Commissioner Tikalsky moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Jablonski to adjourn into Executive Session.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Tikalsky, Jablonski, Campagnolo, Noverini, Christensen

NAYS: None

President Christensen declared the motion carried.

- a. **2(c)1: Discussion of the employment, performance and compensation of the Executive Director.**

At 7:45 p.m. the meeting resumed to the regular meeting.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Tikalsky moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Jablonski that the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll call vote the Motion was thereby carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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Neil Christensen, President  
Darien Park District

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James Tikalsky, Secretary  
Darien Park District