

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

**July 11, 2005**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Campagnolo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City of Darien Council Chambers, 1702 Plainfield Road, Darien, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Upon roll call the following Commissioners were present:

**PRESENT:** Nancy Campagnolo, Frank Noverini, Neil Christensen, Richard Simester

**ABSENT:** Shari Gillespie

**Staff:** Chris Katsougris, Assistant Director; Stephanie Gurgone; Superintendent of Finance, Bob Strickler; Superintendent of Parks, John Murphey, General Counsel

**Guests:** Sharon Poteraske, Darien  
Kris Sant, Darien  
Rob Sarocco, Darien  
Kurt Mach, Darien  
Jim Tikalsky, Darien

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM GUESTS**

Mr. Rob Sarocco, DYC President welcomed the new Board Members. He stated that he was looking forward to working with the Park District and Acting General Manager Gurgone on soccer times for the fall season.

Commissioner Christensen suggested that Mr. Sarocco provide Acting General Manager Gurgone with the needed DYC hours.

Mr. Kris Sant, 410 71<sup>st</sup> Street, Darien, stated that last year and before the Park District has tried to control the bugs and weeds on 71<sup>st</sup> Street and that the weeds are under control but the bugs are not. He stated that last year as well as this year there appears to be a Japanese Beetle problem. Mr. Sant stated that he believes there are 400-500 Japanese Beetles daily and that they are coming from the park. He further stated that this has been happening over the last three years

and that he continues to spray his property but it is not working because they are coming from the park.

President Campagnolo stated that she was happy to hear that the weed problem has decreased.

Superintendent Strickler stated that he was not aware of the problem and that he had not seen any Japanese Beetles but that he would check on it within the next day.

Mr. Jim Tikalsky, 830 Woodland Drive, Darien, welcomed the Board to the new meeting place. He stated that it was a nice change after trying to move the meetings for the past two years. Mr. Tikalsky thanked the Board on behalf of the Historical Society for providing a tent for the Ice Cream Social and for the lemonade stand on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Mr. Tikalsky also stated that he participated in the Garage Sale at Marion Hills and that the Park District does an outstanding job and it is a great success.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that correspondence was received from Representative Eileen Lyons regarding the letter to the Governor on Republican member initiatives.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that correspondence was received from Mr. Gerald Majewski, President, Active Seniors thanking staff for a job well done for the Active Seniors Picnic.

President Campagnolo reported that she received an email from the Save the Barn Committee stating that Anna Henry and Breanna Campagna had a lemonade stand and raised \$75.00. President Campagnolo reported that the girls were donating the money to Save the Barn.

President Campagnolo reported that she received an email from Mr. John Poteraske, Alderman, stating that he takes his grandchildren to Hummer Park in Downers Grove because of the area for small children, the slides, open space and equipment balance. President Campagnolo stated that Alderman Poteraske provided photos and stated that the Holly Park changes are much needed.

## OFFICER REPORTS

**A. President** – President Campagnolo reported that it is a new beginning for the Darien Park District Board. She stated that the Board is looking to improve the relationship with residents, the City of Darien and the local clubs and organizations. President Campagnolo stated that the Board recently eliminated the Sergeant at Arms position and has removed the five minute rule for residents wishing to speak. She also stated that the rule for submitting a question in writing for discussion at a Board meeting no longer exists. President Campagnolo stated that a new Public Comment section was added to the agenda as well as the venue moved to the City of Darien to provide the residents with a live broadcast on Cable

Television as well as to provide the residents with a comfortable atmosphere where they will not have to move to a hallway during Closed Session.

President Campagnolo thanked Mayor Carmen Soldato and Bryon Vana for their efforts to assisting the Board in moving the meetings to City Hall. She stated that Mayor Soldato was instrumental in providing the residents with a tape of the meetings to be broadcasted on Cable through a FOIA request. She further stated that she at the time of voting was the only Commissioner on the Board who voted to move the meetings to City Hall as well as to videotape the meetings

President Campagnolo thanked Mr. Mike Gaspari, Mr. Don Jiskra, and Mr. Art Wernli for volunteering their services to film at the new venue the Park District meetings on Cable Television. She also thanked Assistant Director Katsougris for making sure the agenda was properly posted.

President Campagnolo thanked Commissioner Frank Noverini and Ms. Joanne Pollack for the temporary sign and for working towards a permanent sign.

President Campagnolo reported that the Committee of the Whole will be held once a month to focus on long and short term goals and objectives. She announced that the public was welcome to attend.

President Campagnolo stated that because of the new venue the residents are now able to see staff. She introduced the staff present at the meeting.

**B. Vice President** – No report.

**C. Secretary** – No report.

**D. Treasurer** – Commissioner Christensen announced the Treasurer's report ending June 30, 2005. He stated that the Park District is tight for Capital Expenditures for the next seven years and that he is working with staff to develop a schedule and anticipated Capital Expenditures for the next five years. He further stated this schedule will provide some advanced forecasting.

**Commissioner Simester moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month ending June 30, 2005.**

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

**AYES:** Campagnolo, Noverini, Christensen, Simester

**NAYS:** None

**President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.**

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

None.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **A. Assistant Director**

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the position for the Executive Director has been posted on the IPRA website as well as the Darien Park District website. She reported that the District will be accepting resumes through the end of the month.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the following has been added to the website: Softball League schedules, Softball League standings, Volleyball League schedules, Volleyball League standings, Weather conditions in Darien and staff email addresses. She also reported that the website will include information on equipment from the parks department that has been liquidated.

### **B. Superintendent of Finance**

Superintendent Gurgone reported that the auditors are completing the Park District Audit and that the report will be presented at the Committee of the Whole on August 22, 2005.

### **C. Superintendent of Parks**

Superintendent Strickler reported that a meeting was held with the nearby residents around Holly Park and that Option 5 was selected. He stated that he was asking the Board for approval to purchase the playground equipment before construction and before naming the contractor. Superintendent Strickler stated that the architect has provided construction plans and the Board provided a packet with the playground purchased with a contractor to be named at a later date.

### **D. Sportsplex General Manager**

Acting General Manager Gurgone reported on the upcoming events at Sportsplex. She stated that the second Public Skate was scheduled for Friday evening from 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. for \$5.

Acting General Manager Gurgone reported on the upcoming scheduled camps and that they could be found on the Sportsplex and Darien Park District websites.

Commissioner Christensen reported that the DYC is up to date on payments for rent and late registration fees. He reported that General Manager Gurgone is working with Hinsdale South to use the Sportsplex as a gym class which will begin this fall.

Commissioner Christensen reported that the security deposit from GetFast has been accomplished.

President Campagnolo suggested moving the Question or Comments from Guests portion of the meeting before Unfinished Business because the Board would be taking a vote.

At 7:20 p.m. President Campagnolo opened the meeting to the public.

## QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM GUESTS

Ms. Gloria Andersen, 533 Chestnut Lane, Darien questioned how residents were emailing President Campagnolo. She stated that the website does not provide email addresses for the Board of Commissioners.

President Campagnolo stated that she received the email because of her involvement with the Save the Barn Committee. She stated that it was a good suggestion and that the Board needs to discuss how to establish email for individual Board members. President Campagnolo stated that she was personally in favor of positing email addresses on the website.

Ms. Andersen questioned the results of the Holly Park meeting and asked why the landscaping and benches down the block were approved and if they were part of the \$85,000 budget.

Superintendent Strickler reported that the goal is to save the residents and the Park District money. He stated that the park was downsized to save money and the playground relocated out of the detention area.

President Campagnolo stated that the Board approved the Holly Park project not to exceed \$85,000. She stated that the Board did not give a specific list. President Campagnolo stated that the Board relies on the expertise of staff to make a proposal. She stated that the Superintendent of Parks suggested that one area would be beautifully landscaped and the other area would be a barren wasteland and therefore made sense to make the two areas look beautiful together for the price of one.

Ms. Andersen asked if the area was separate.

Superintendent Strickler stated that it was suggested from the City and the engineers to move the playground area to the flat area for a savings of \$10,000 - \$15,000 in engineering fees. He stated that the project was originally brought before the Board to build in the detention area.

Mr. Warren Andersen, 533 Chestnut Lane, Darien, stated that the minutes were posted on the website and questioned why the May 23, 2005 meeting minutes were not posted.

President Campagnolo reported that all meeting minutes are posted on the website after approval.

Mr. Kurt Mach, 1500 Evergreen, Darien, stated that he was excited that there was a second public comment section on the agenda. He welcomed the Board to the new facility and stated that he has seen a vast improvement.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. Approve revised Board Bylaws**

President Campagnolo reported that staff and the Board have been working on the Board Bylaws for the last few months.

Commissioner Christensen noted the Agenda Format and suggested that items 3 and 5 be noted with an \* so that they may be moved into the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Simester questioned the sentence regarding the Office of the Secretary.

General Counsel Murphey reported that the wording was changed to the Office of the Secretary so that staff could provide the services.

President Campagnolo suggested moving the Question and Comment section before Unfinished Business.

The Board agreed on the suggested changes.

**Commissioner Christensen moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the Darien Park District Board Bylaws as amended.**

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

**AYES: Campagnolo, Noverini, Christensen, Simester**

**NAYS: None**

**President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.**

### **B. Approve Holly Park Playground**

**Commissioner Christensen moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Simester to direct the Superintendent of Parks to go out for bid for the Holly Park playground equipment per Option #5.**

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

**AYES: Campagnolo, Noverini, Christensen, Simester**

**NAYS: None**

**President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

President Campagnolo reported that the items on the Consent Agenda were discussed in a previous meeting and that a Board member has the right to take it off for further discussion.

**A. June 6, 2005 Special Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Noverini noted a change to page 10 of the Meeting Minutes.

**B. June 20, 2005 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Christensen noted a change to page 7 of the Meeting Minutes.

**C. Approve Claims, Accounts and Warrants**

Corporate Fund Warrant FY # 2005-2006-3 in the amount of \$12,108.71; Recreation Fund Warrant FY # 2005-2006-3 in the amount of \$34,869.63; Liability Insurance Fund Warrant FY # 2005-2006-3 in the amount of \$7,375.13; SEASPAR Fund Warrant FY # 2005-2006-3 in the amount of \$54,425.97; Capital Projects Fund Warrant FY # 2005-2006-3 in the amount of \$979.32; Sportsplex Reimbursement Fund Warrant FY # 2005-2006-3 in the amount of \$18,409.02; Recreation Refund Fund Warrant FY #2005-2006-3 in the amount of \$2,199.00; Imprest Fund Warrant FY #2005-2006-3 in the amount of \$1,234.80; and the Sportsplex Operating Fund Warrant FY # 2005-2006-3 in the amount of \$47,883.02.

**D. LaCrosse Contract**

**E. 2004-05 Budget Line Item Adjustments**

**Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Christensen to approve the Consent Agenda.**

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

**AYES: Campagnolo, Noverini, Christensen, Simester**

**NAYS: None**

**President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Acting General Manager Gurgone reported on the three bid proposals for the concession stand from Tatiana & Galo Lopez, Elliott's Off Broadway, and Mexican Food Company. She reported that staff is recommending proposal #3 Mexican Food Company providing 20% of gross revenue with a \$3,000 per month minimum guarantee for Year 1 and 20% of gross revenue, with a \$3,000 per month minimum guarantee for Year 2. She further reported that the company has the concessions at the Hoffman Estates Arena and that they are highly recommended.

Commissioner Christensen stated that Acting General Manager Gurgone's recommendation is a sound and great opportunity. He suggested getting the company in a couple of weeks early, rent free in order to set up.

Commissioner Simester questioned if the \$15,000 of business per month was realistic.

Acting General Manager Gurgone stated that the company does not feel that there would be a problem meeting or exceeding the \$15,000.

**Commissioner Christensen moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to accept the bid proposal for Mexican Food Company and provide them with possession on August 16, 2005 in order to provide them ample set up time with no rent for 15-16 days in August.**

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

**AYES: Campagnolo, Noverini, Christensen, Simester**

**NAYS: None**

**President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.**

Acting General Manager Gurgone reported that the company is interested in getting in early so that they are up and running by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

**At 7:45 p.m. Commissioner Simester moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to convene into executive session under Section 2(c)21 for discussion of minutes of prior meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of review, approval or release of such Minutes.**

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

**AYES: Campagnolo, Noverini, Christensen, Simester**

**NAYS: None**

**President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.**

At 7:54 p.m. the Board reconvened to the Regular Meeting.

### **ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING**

**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 7:55 p.m.

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Nancy Campagnolo, President  
Darien Park District

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Richard Simester, Secretary  
Darien Park District