

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

May 23, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Simester called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in Room 5 of the Marion Hills Community Center, 133 Plainfield Road, Darien, Illinois.

Commissioner Christensen moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Campagnolo to appoint Commissioner Simester as Acting President.

Upon voice vote the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4-0.

ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Upon roll call the following Commissioners and staff were present:

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

ABSENT: Shari Gillespie

STAFF: Roy Cripe, Executive Director; Chris Katsougris, Assistant Director; Stephanie Gurgone, Superintendent of Finance

GUESTS: Warren Andersen, Darien
Gloria Andersen, Darien
Ronald Bukusi, Intern
Eileen Budney, Darien
Estelle Kirsanoff, Darien
Jennifer Duda, The Doings
John Poteraske, Darien
Erin Sauder, Suburban Life
Phyllis Zimmer, Willowbrook
Jean Starshak, Lemont
Gloria Jiskra, Darien
Don Jiskra, Darien
Kurt Mach, Darien
Debbie Heniff, Darien
Don Damon, Darien

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Acting President Simester welcomed the guests to the meeting.

Mr. John Poteraske representing the Save the Barn Committee and the Historical Society stated that he was present before the Board because the Committee had reached a significant milestone.

Mr. Poteraske explained the history of how the Save the Barn Committee was formed. He explained that a fundraiser was organized last year and a second fundraiser this year to repair whatever is necessary to preserve the Barn. Mr. Poteraske acknowledged Cindy Veldman, Nancy Campagnolo, Pam Henry, Mary Sullivan, and Pam Keyes for their work on the Committee. He stated that the goal of the Committee is to have another fundraiser to repair the windows and doors as well as interior work in the future. He further stated that they foresee the Barn in the future as a farm museum. Mr. Poteraske thanked the community and presented a check for \$3,090 for the purpose of replacing the siding on the Barn. He thanked the Board.

Assistant Director Katsougris introduced Ronald Bukusi from Aurora University who completed his internship with the Park District for a Master's Degree in Parks and Administration. She stated that he was responsible for designing the survey and compiling the results.

Mr. Bukusi thanked the Board, Executive Director Cripe, and Assistant Director Katsougris for the internship experience.

Mr. Bukusi reported the results of the survey. He explained that the survey was an attitude interest survey which covered demographics, participation levels and opinions of the Park District operations.

Mr. Bukusi reported that 9,292 surveys were mailed to the community in April. He stated that 1,257 were returned from all seven sections of the Park District. Mr. Bukusi reported that the numbers represented 13.21% of the community which is a very good return. He stated that Capital Development elicited a large response. Mr. Bukusi reported that 46% of the returns selected a Community Center as their first or second priority, 41% selected a swimming pool as their first or second priority and some of the respondents felt that they were not well enough informed on the properties financials. Mr. Bukusi reported that 69.5% of the respondents stated that they received information about the Park District from the seasonal brochure and that 77.8% rated the Park District service as good or excellent. He reported that 65.8% rated the Sportsplex customer service as good or excellent and 80.6% rated Marion Hills good or excellent.

Mr. Bukusi reported that Lindenwood, Birchwood, Holly and Meyers parks were most frequently mentioned and the need to have better maintenance and/or playground equipment. He reported that Sportsplex and Marion Hills were cited as needing refurbishing and renovation to improve the Park District image.

Mr. Bukusi reported that the biggest need was a desire for a multi-purpose Community Center, a swimming pool, and bike/pedestrian trails. He reported that programs for adults and teens were

inconvenient and that some of the programs were scheduled during the day when people were working.

Mr. Bukusi reported that 43% of the respondents participated in Recreation Programs and 37% in Sportsplex programs this year. He cited the most popular as: Youth Sports – 12.9%, Adult Fitness – 11%, Adult Special Interest – 10.6%, Senior Activities – 10.4% and Sportsplex Ice Skating – 10.3%. He reported that other programs outside the District were at private health and fitness clubs, other cities and Park Districts, and youth affiliate programs such as UIC. Mr. Bukusi reported that overall the Recreation programs were good or excellent at 45% of the respondents.

Mr. Bukusi reported that the survey is a foundation for research in the community and allows the Park District to set a target and find out what people want.

Commissioner Campagnolo asked if the number of respondents was known for those who returned the survey with the incentive.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the numbers are available but they had not yet been tabulated. She stated that the majority of the returned surveys were through the mail.

Ms. Gloria Anderson, 533 Chestnut Lane, Darien, stated that meeting was an illegal meeting because the notice of the meeting was not advertised ten days prior to the Special Meeting. She stated that the final agenda is supposed to be posted at least 48 hours in advance. She further stated that she plans to file the appropriate paperwork in violation of the Opens Meetings Act.

Ms. Anderson stated that there are certain members of the Board who would like to eliminate the Sergeant at Arms position. She stated that it is very sad that at the first meeting of the new Board the top priority under new business is to eliminate a volunteer position. Ms. Anderson stated that the Sergeant at Arms makes sure that everyone is comfortable in the room and that everyone has a seat. She stated that this position also asks everyone to kindly sign in. Ms. Anderson stated that prior to the Sergeant of Arms appointment the meetings were ruckus and at times unruly. She stated that since being appointed the Sergeant of Arms has never been called on and the meetings much more civil.

Ms. Anderson stated that at the April Board meeting she heard the Sergeant of Arms ask Mayor Carmen Soldato and City Administrator Bryon Vana to sign in. She explained that Mayor Soldato waived his hand and said he was not going to sign in and that Mr. Vana stated that signing in was a form of intimidation. Ms. Anderson stated that Mayor Soldato has been trying to take over the Park District for years. She stated that Mayor Soldato held a meeting prior to the 2003 Park District Board election with Nancy Campagnolo and Ed Mack and badgered Mr. Kris Sant who was running for Commissioner to withdraw. She further stated that after hours of badgering and Mr. Sant refusing to withdraw, Mayor Soldato stated that he was going to have Ed Mack withdraw as a candidate and have placed as a write in candidate for Commissioner.

Ms. Anderson stated that Mayor Soldato was a part of a group who tried to dissolve the Park District. She stated that she had evidence that Mayor Soldato signed his name to numerous petitions under the notarized affidavit portion and that he circulated the petitions when he did not.

Ms. Anderson stated that three of the Commissioners also circulated petitions to dissolve the Park District and also had evidence that Commissioner Noverini and Commissioner Christensen signed the affidavit portion of the petitions stating that they witnessed each and every person and they did not. Ms. Anderson stated that according to Illinois Law what they did is perjury. She stated that she also has evidence that Commissioner Campagnolo circulated a petition and Commissioner Noverini signed his name under the affidavit portion that he circulated.

Ms. Anderson stated that now because she, the Sergeant of Arms, and others gathered evidence on these people it is for political reasons that they want the Sergeant of Arms eliminated.

Ms. Anderson stated that there is an agenda item to eliminate Donald Kreger as Park District Counsel and install the City of Darien's law firm. She stated that this sets up potential conflicts between the City of Darien and the Park District and the dissolution petitions were represented by the City of Darien legal firm as well as Commissioner Noverini and Commissioner Christensen.

Ms. Anderson stated that her evidence is a fact supported by Judith Coleman, who is employed with the City's law firm when she met with her and the Board of Elections for 8 hours. prior to a hearing on the dissolution. Ms. Anderson stated that Ms. Coleman represented the petitioners and worked for the City of Darien law firm. She stated that in her opinion if the law firm is voted in as legal counsel for the Park District, then again Mayor Soldato will control the Park District.

Ms. Anderson stated that also on the agenda there is no line item to eliminate Donald Kreger as the Park District's legal counsel. She stated that the agenda only states under 10B to discuss and approve the appointment of the Park District General Counsel not to fire him. Ms. Anderson stated that Commissioner Noverini stated that he did not like Mr. Kreger and that this was odd because Commissioner Noverini prior to running for Commissioner has not worked with Mr. Kreger in one full meeting. She stated that Commissioner Noverini has also been seen having meetings with Mayor Soldato and that politics should not be the guiding factor for decisions made by the Board. She further stated that it is sad that the Board does not have the best interest of the Park District and its patrons at heart and only want their own political agenda set forth.

Commissioner Noverini questioned why the meeting was not posted in advance. He stated that the Board made a decision before the 16th.

Executive Director Cripe stated that a Special Meeting was necessary because the Board did not meet on the regular meeting of May 16th. He stated that the statutes states that the notice must be posted 48 hours in advance.

Executive Director Cripe stated that when the announcement is made he prefers to post it in the form of an agenda to give the press as much information as possible. He stated that he did not call the press on the 12th until the agenda was actually created.

Mr. Don Jiskra informed that Board that they should be very cautious about Ms. Anderson. He stated that Ms. Andersen claims that he, Commissioner Noverini and Commissioner Christensen made fraudulent claims and under investigation by the State's Attorney's Office. Mr. Jiskra stated

that he contacted the State's Attorney's Office and they informed him that they were not under investigation and there was no truth to what Mrs. Andersen stated. He stated that the Park District had an excellent Board who is going to do a great job.

Mayor Carmen Soldato stated that he had no intention to speak but because his name was thrown around that he had an obligation to speak. Mayor Soldato stated that he has no interest in running the Park District and that he is a volunteer Mayor in the City of Darien who has all the work he needs. He stated that he is present to support his friends in open government, Commissioner Noverini, Commissioner Christensen and Commissioner Campagnolo who have worked in various capacities on behalf of the Darien residents and particularly supported him.

Mayor Soldato stated that Ms. Andersen has never cared for him and as a result the City of Darien and the Park District have to be pulled back and forth. He stated that he spent an hour listening to comment at the City Council meeting and it is ironic that open and honest government cannot be found unless rules are changed.

Mayor Soldato stated that he has been in government for 14 years as Mayor, 4 years as Alderman, and that he never used a Sergeant of Arms. He stated that the position is not needed in an open and honest government and that maybe there is another place where Mr. Andersen can volunteer his time.

Mayor Soldato stated that the legal status of the matter regarding dissolution of the Park District did go to Birkett's office and it was found that the matter indicated that there was no problematic conduct and not criminal in any way. He stated that he respectfully requested that Ms. Andersen end the comments or that he would be forced to look at remedies because Ms. Andersen knows the truth.

Mayor Soldato stated that there is no knowledge of the timing of that notice and meeting with no legal counsel is not the same. He stated that the legal counsel got the Board under probation. He further stated that it is evident that legal counsel is needed based on what is going on tonight and it is the job of the attorney to make sure that there is a required notice.

Ms. Debbie Heniff stated that she worked long and hard since 1998 to reelect a new Board. She stated that she was happy and that it is a new day.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner Simester moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Campagnolo to remove the Approval of Minutes for the April 11, 2005 and the May 5, 2005 Meeting Minutes from the agenda.

Upon voice vote the MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED by a vote of 4-0.

Commissioner Christensen moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the April 18, 2005 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Upon voice vote the MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED by a vote of 4-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Director Cripe reported that he received a letter from Mr. John Gallan, Lions Foundation, who wanted to be at the meeting thanking the Board for Patio/Brick program at Darien Community Park.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that correspondence was received from Ms. Amy Burrows thanking the Park District and the Preschool for providing the vision and hearing screening to her son. She reported that Ms. Burrows stated that her son did need glasses and thanked the Board for working to keep her son healthy.

Commissioner Simester asked how many students are detected.

Ms. Jean Starshak, Preschool Director, reported that there are approximately 160 children screened. She stated that 4 failed the vision screening and all received glasses and approximately 4 failed the hearing screening with no results available.

Commissioner Campagnolo reported that she received correspondence from Mr. John Poteraske dated April 18th suggesting alternative sites for a Community Center. She stated that Mr. Poteraske provided photos and encouraged the Board to look at other alternatives and not use precious space such as Community Park and Westwood Park but consider using empty or partially filled office buildings in Darien to replace the Recreation Center.

APPROVE CLAIMS, ACCOUNTS AND WARRANTS

Superintendent Gurgone read the warrants.

Commissioner Christensen stated that he wanted to clarify for the taxpayers some of the financial information. He questioned the Sportsplex Operating Fund of \$7,485 from Lanier-Muchin.

Superintendent Gurgone reported that Lanier-Muchin is the law firm that PDRMA out sources for some cases. She stated that Lanier-Muchin is contracted for services rendered to defend the lawsuit filed by the newspapers in defending the FOIA request. She reported that there was a 50/50 split between the Park District and PDRMA for services rendered in March.

Commissioner Christensen questioned if there were any other bills.

Superintendent Gurgone reported that all the fees were received over the last fiscal year were all billed to the Sportsplex budget.

Commissioner Christensen asked if Sportsplex is still paying the legal fees to defend itself to keep the verdict sealed.

Executive Director Cripe answered yes because action was a FOIA.

Commissioner Christensen asked if there were any other legal bills expected.

Superintendent Gurgone reported that she spoke with the attorney and that there would be another bill but significantly less.

Commissioner Noverini asked if the money was budgeted.

Superintendent Gurgone stated that the money was budgeted but the amount is speculative. Executive Director Cripe stated that within the next month or so everything should come to a close.

Mr. Kurt Mach, Darien, asked if the Board could reverse the decision to keep the results sealed.

Acting President Simester stated that it was a closed issue because the federal courts sealed the results.

Mayor Soldato asked why the Park District pays for an insurance pool for coverage and why pay 50% of the legal fees. He stated that if it were kept in house it would not have cost like it did.

Superintendent Gurgone stated that PDRMA does not outsource a lot but typically if too busy they outsource. She stated that doing that typically does not cost additional dollars.

Executive Director Cripe stated that a group of attorneys at PDRMA handles general counsel and a group for specialized counsel. He stated that it is not uncommon to outsource. He further stated that a proposal was made by PDRMA on how the lawsuit would be paid. Executive Director Cripe reported that there would be some resolution within the next week. He stated that insurance companies often like to have settlements sealed and to keep the information guarded.

Mayor Soldato stated that \$50,000 is being spent to keep things quiet and it is an unconscionable decision. He asked how the public would know that a settlement has been reached. He stated that PDRMA does not have to answer to Darien residents.

Ms. Anderson stated that Commissioner Campagnolo also had a sealed settlement.

Commissioner Campagnolo stated that her case was suited as an individual and that she had tort immunity.

APPROVE CLAIMS, ACCOUNTS, AND WARRANTS

Commissioner Christensen moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini that the following Warrants be approved: Corporate Fund Warrant FY # 2005-2006-1 in the amount of \$34,849.21; Recreation Fund Warrant FY # 2005-2006-1 in the amount of \$37,440.11; Bond & Interest Fund Warrant FY #2005-2006-1 in the amount of \$12,473.52; Capital Projects Fund Warrant FY # 2005-2006-1 in the amount of \$2,521.65; Sportsplex Reimbursement Fund Warrant FY # 2005-2006-1 in the amount of \$11,786.68; Recreation Refund Fund Warrant FY #2005-2006-1 in the amount of \$1,124.00; Imprest Fund Warrant FY #2005-2006-1 in the amount of \$227.00; and the Sportsplex Operating Fund Warrant FY # 2005-2006-1 in the amount of \$82,818.61.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Simester, Campagnolo, Noverini, Christensen

NAYS: None

Acting President Simester declared the motion carried.

OFFICER REPORTS

A. President – None.

B. Vice President – None.

C. Secretary – None.

D. Treasurer – Superintendent Gurgone read the Treasurer's Report for the month ending April 30, 2005.

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

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Campagnolo, Simester, Christensen, Noverini

NAYS: None

Acting President Simester declared the motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Executive Director

Executive Director Cripe reported that he and Superintendent Gurgone met with the Executive Director of DuPage County to determine the Park District and Forest Preserve acquisition of the Posejpal property. He reported that the Forest Preserve is interested and that he would report back to the Board following a meeting with them.

Commissioner Campagnolo stated that she was concerned that the potential grant money available required the Park District to match the dollars and that she did not see that there is that kind of

funding. She questioned if staff has contacted anyone else. She stated that there was also a grant for the Skate Park.

Executive Director Cripe reported that the Executive Director of SEASPAR announced his resignation. He stated that the Board is interviewing for the position.

B. Assistant Director

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that 83 students graduated from preschool. She stated that applications are being accepted for the Fall and Summer preschool program.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday, June 18th at Darien Community Park. She reported that there were currently 24 sellers registered.

Commissioner Campagnolo asked who would be attending the NRPA Conference. She stated that the conference was expensive and that she would like to take the cost of the conference and utilize the money elsewhere. She further stated that she was not a fan of national conferences and that it is not a wise use of taxpayer's money.

Superintendent Gurgone stated that the money for travel was budgeted.

Executive Director Cripe reported that he was not planning on attending but that it was wise to budget money for educational events. He stated that the Park District gets a return for continuing education classes.

Commissioner Campagnolo asked if there were survey results for residents who did not participate in Park District programs. She asked if they were going to other cities and park districts because Darien was not offering what was needed. She stated that she would like to somehow recapture the group.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that they would go through the survey, organize and analyze and make the necessary changes. Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Park District received information from the survey that there are a number of Darien non residents who attend classes with a Darien resident friend.

Executive Director Cripe reported that the value of the survey does not stop and that the information is a significant to take it to the next level.

Commissioner Campagnolo stated that 80% of the residents were informed via the brochure. She stated that staff should utilize the website because it is an excellent tool for people to surf the website. She also stated that staff should work more with the cable company.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that staff works with the cable company on a regular basis.

Commissioner Christensen suggested putting the City of Darien and the NYC on the Park District website home page.

C. Superintendent of Finance

Superintendent Gurgone reported that a representative from Knutte and Associates conducted a year end audit of the Sportsplex. She stated that the results would be available at the next Board Meeting.

Commissioner Christensen recapped the 2004 financials for Sportsplex. He stated that the taxpayers are paying for it based on bond expenditures that were used for projects at Sportsplex. .

D. Superintendent of Parks.

Superintendent Strickler was not present. Executive Director Cripe reported that Mr. Brian Walsh would be redoing landscaping around the signs at Westwood Park to fulfill the requirements of becoming an Eagle Scout.

Commissioner Campagnolo asked if Superintendent Strickler was posting community projects or service work on the website.

Executive Director Cripe reported that the website will eventually have positions posted as well as volunteer services.

Commissioner Campagnolo recognized Home Depot for donating flowers at Darien Community Park.

Executive Director Cripe reported that he would send Home Depot a thank you note.

Commissioner Simester questioned the status of the dedication trees. He asked that Superintendent Strickler add it to his report.

E. Sportsplex General Manager

Superintendent Gurgone reported that the brochure would be mailed out on May 31st. She stated that there were new programs for youth and adults and that the classes would also be available on the website.

Superintendent Gurgone reported that the Moscow State Circus was on Friday, June 3rd. She stated that tickets were available at the Sportsplex.

Commissioner Christensen stated that Superintendent Gurgone and Mr. Dan Russell were overseeing the operation of Sportsplex and doing a great job.

Commissioner Campagnolo asked if security at Sportsplex was working out.

Superintendent Gurgone stated that it was quiet and that the presence of the police officer helps. She stated that new rules were sent out enforcing the alcohol insurance. She further stated that people are thinking twice about alcohol because they do not want to pay the extra money.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discuss Salaries Pool Amendment

Assistant Director Katsouris reported that at the May 5th meeting she asked the Board to exclude the teachers from the salary pool. She stated that this was consistent with all others not in the pool.

B. Discuss and Approve Budget and Appropriations Ordinance in Final Form

Superintendent Gurgone reported that the net result is a \$2,800 reduction in the budget.

Commissioner Simester moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Campagnolo authorizing the Superintendent of Finance and the Executive Director to countersign the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance and the Salary Pool Amendment.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Campagnolo, Simester, Christensen, Noverini

NAYS: None

Acting President Simester declared the motion carried.

Commissioner Christensen moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve Ordinance No. 2005-2006-01, AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE BUDGET AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS OF SUMS OF MONEY FOR ALL THE NECESSARY EXPENDITURES OF THE DARIEN PARK DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2005 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2006.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Campagnolo, Simester, Christensen, Noverini

NAYS: None

Acting President Simester declared the motion carried.

C. Discuss Capital Project List

Superintendent Gurgone reported that Superintendent Strickler was asking the Board to approve the projects for facility development, maintenance equipment and park improvement/development (Holly Park playground) not to exceed \$97,200.

Commissioner Campagnolo suggested reconsidering the \$50,000 for Skate Park equipment and allocating it to Lindenwood Park. She stated that the Skate Park is relatively new and that

approximately \$170,000 was spent. Commissioner Campagnolo stated that Lindenwood Park needs attention and she would prefer to focus attention to the park.

Commissioner Simester asked that it be discussed when Commissioner Gillespie was present.

Commissioner Noverini questioned what happened to the grant for Skate Park.

Assistant Director Katsougris stated that the grant was Illinois First money and that it was never received.

Commissioner Christensen agreed with Commissioner Campagnolo but that he would be open to hear Commissioner Gillespie's thoughts.

Commissioner Noverini stated that the Skate Park drainage is awful.

Executive Director Cripe stated that staff agreed and was aware of the situation. He reported that Superintendent Strickler and the City's Public Works Department were communicating.

Executive Director Cripe reported that Superintendent Strickler is working on the Holly Park Playground schedule.

Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Campagnolo to approve the Facility Development – Toilet Partitions/Bathroom Renovation/DCP Shelter, Maintenance Equipment – Laser/Transit/Spray Tank (300 gallon)/Welder/Torch Set, and Park Improvement/Development – Holly Park Playground not to exceed \$97,200.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Campagnolo, Simester, Christensen, Noverini

NAYS: None

Acting President Simester declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Simester read a memorandum from Commissioner Gillespie and her disappointment that the meeting was scheduled during her absence. He stated that Commissioner Gillespie was requesting that items 10A, B, and C 1-5 be removed from the agenda and discussed at a future meeting.

Commissioner Simester moved to table 10A, 10B AND 10C items 1-5 from the agenda. There was no second.

Executive Director Cripe reported on the changes made to the agenda and the lessons learned. He suggested that any Board member wishing to have an item for discussion on the agenda should get the information to the Executive Director prior to the agenda going out. Executive Director Cripe stated that an agenda was provided to the Board over the weekend and that he was communicating

with Commissioner Campagnolo by email. He stated that the discussions were going on for several days and that it was not a last minute change.

Commissioner Campagnolo stated that she emailed Executive Director Cripe on May 12th, a week and a half prior to the meeting requesting items to be discussed on the agenda. She stated that when she received the agenda the items were not included and she questioned why they were not. She stated that Executive Director Cripe reported that he did not have a copy at the time he put the agenda together and simply forgot.

Commissioner Campagnolo stated that she was told that Commissioner Gillespie could attend the first hour of the meeting. She requested that the items be discussed at the beginning of the meeting so that she would be present and heard.

Commissioner Campagnolo stated that on May 16 or 17th she was informed that Commissioner Gillespie would not be at the meeting. She stated that it was less than a week that she was informed of her inability to attend the meeting and the amended agenda was sent out on Saturday with the agenda items.

Commissioner Campagnolo stated that it is unfortunate that Commissioner Gillespie is not present or to exclude her from discussions but it is important for the Board to move forward. She stated that it is evidenced by not having an attorney present that the Board seek legal counsel soon.

A. Discuss and Rescind Motion to Create Sergeant of Arms

Commissioner Campagnolo stated that the Sergeant of Arms has the authority to physically remove any person disrupting the meeting and that the direction of the Board is to reach out to residents and not threaten. She stated that the intent was to allow Commissioner Gillespie to voice her opinion but that her schedule changed at the last minute.

Commissioner Simester stated that a week's notice should be more than enough time.

Commissioner Campagnolo stated that she was told that she would not be attending the meeting less than a week.

Executive Director Cripe reported that the motion to appoint the Sergeant of Arms was done in October 2003.

Commissioner Campagnolo moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Christensen to rescind the Sergeant of Arms appointment.

Commissioner Simester suggested using another title such as Greeter.

Commissioner Campagnolo did not agree and did not want to make an official title.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Campagnolo, Christensen, Noverini

NAYS: Simester

Acting President Simester declared the motion carried.

B. Discuss and Approve Appointment of Park District General Counsel

Commissioner Simester stated that hiring the City of Darien's legal counsel would be an ongoing conflict of interest and that he preferred to interview an attorney who had experience in Park District law.

Commissioner Campagnolo stated that the timing to interview law firms is critical because it will be July or August before the Board can take action. She stated that the Park District paid an astronomical amount of money to the present legal firm of \$230 per hour and who got the Board on watch with the State's Attorney's Office.

Commissioner Campagnolo stated that interviewing law firms would be difficult basing a decision on a 20 minute interview.

Mayor Carmen Soldato stated that Mr. John Murphey notified the City that if hired by the Park District and there is a conflict between both parties that he would ask that both parties get another attorney. He stated that it would not be an ongoing conflict but could be a conflict with a resolution.

Commissioner Simester disagreed and stated that it would be a conflict.

Mayor Soldato stated that the Board needs to choose an attorney who does not cost the taxpayers money. He stated that the past Board held meetings at 4:00 p.m. when the public could not attend and that the Sergeant of Arms position was voted on during Commissioner Campagnolo's absence.

Commissioner Campagnolo stated that Mr. Murphey has been with the City for 25 years. She stated that the Park District needs an attorney who is well versed. She further stated that the past attorney was bond counsel and that we need to differentiate between bond counsel and legal counsel. Commissioner Campagnolo stated that a conflict of interest is what has been happening in the past. She stated that there is no conflict with John Murphey and that the Board should give him 6 months or a year and if unacceptable select another general counsel.

Commissioner Campagnolo moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the appointment of John Murphey of Rosenthal, Murphey and Coblentz as Darien Park District General Counsel.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Campagnolo, Christensen, Noverini

NAYS: Simester

Acting President Simester declared the motion carried.

C. Discuss and Approve Board Meeting Procedure

1. Establish Committee of the Whole and set meeting date

Commissioner Campagnolo stated that there were more Committees than Board members and suggested a Committee of the Whole and a General Board Meeting. She stated that action that did not need a vote could be taken care of at the Committee of the Whole and anything needing action moved to the Regular Board Meeting.

2. Regular Meeting Time and Location

Commissioner Campagnolo suggested moving the monthly Board meetings to the City Council Chambers to utilize their state-of-the-art equipment.

Executive Director Cripe reported that he had not received Commissioner Gillespie's June schedule and that he was not sure if she had a schedule in place.

Commissioner Campagnolo stated that the Board needed to establish some definite dates and that Commissioner Gillespie had three weeks to forward her schedule.

Commissioner Christensen moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to table 10C 1-5 to the next meeting.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Campagnolo, Simester, Christensen, Noverini

NAYS: None.

Acting President Simester declared the motion carried.

D. Discuss and Approve Camp Director and Camp Counselor Job Description

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that there were not job descriptions in place. She stated that she and PDRMA suggested that they be in place.

Commissioner Christensen moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Campagnolo to approve the Camp Director and Camp Counselor Job Descriptions.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Campagnolo, Simester, Christensen, Noverini

NAYS: None.

Acting President Simester declared the motion carried.

E. Discuss and Approve Day Camp Policy and Procedures Manual

Commissioner Christensen stated that they were nicely done and comprehensive.

Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Christensen to approve the Day Camp Policy and Procedures Manual.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Campagnolo, Simester, Christensen, Noverini

NAYS: None.

Acting President Simester declared the motion carried.

F. Discuss and Approve Prevailing Wage Ordinance

Superintendent Gurgone reported that this Ordinance is done every year.

Commissioner Christensen moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the Prevailing Wage Ordinance.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Campagnolo, Simester, Christensen, Noverini

NAYS: None.

Acting President Simester declared the motion carried.

G. Discuss and Ratify SEASPAR Budget for 2005-06

Commissioner Campagnolo moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Christensen to Ratify the SEASPAR Budget for 2005-06.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Campagnolo, Simester, Christensen, Noverini

NAYS: None.

Acting President Simester declared the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Simester that the meeting be adjourned. Upon voice vote the Motion was thereby carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Richard Simester, Acting President
Darien Park District

Richard Simester, Secretary
Darien Park District