

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

April 10, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

President Sarocco 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: Rob Sarocco, Ray Jablonski, Frank Noverini, Cathy Marchese
Neil Christensen

ABSENT: None

Staff: Stephanie Gurgone; Executive Director, Chris Katsougris; Assistant Director, Della Deldin; Superintendent of Finance, Jordan Rossi; Sportsplex General Manager, Blake Ertmanis, Superintendent of Parks, Matt Henderson; Director of Parks & Facilities, Gina Madden; Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENT & GUESTS

a. Public Hearing for 2017-18 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance

At 7:01 p.m. Commissioner Noverini made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Jablonski to open the Public Hearing for 2017-18 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Noverini, Jablonski, Marchese, Christensen, Sarocco
NAYS: None

President Sarocco declared the motion carried.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the District is anticipating receiving \$2,803,323 in tax dollars, which is a .7% increase from the current year. She reported that the District is budgeting a 1% increase in the Corporate Fund in revenues and expenditures and a 5% increase in the Recreation Fund revenues and expenditures.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the District is anticipating spending approximately \$377,000 on capital projects next year and \$300,000 towards the purchase and renovation of the Dupage County Maintenance Facility. She further reported that \$450,000 will be spent out of the Districts ADA funds to build a new fully ADA accessible playground on the South end of Darien Community Park.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Sportsplex budget has revenue and expenses slightly lower than last year and that the budget includes paying \$1,091,051 of principal and \$285,190 of interest on outstanding debt. She reported that the Budget & Appropriations Ordinance will be placed on the consent agenda for the May 8, 2017 Board meeting for approval.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

At 7:04 p.m. Commissioner Marchese made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Jablonski to close the Public Hearing for 2017-18 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Marchese, Jablonski, Noverini, Christensen, Sarocco
NAYS: None

President Sarocco declared the motion carried.

COMMUNICATION

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she received correspondence from a resident interested in the Silver Sneakers program for the Fitness Center and that staff is looking into it.

OFFICER REPORTS

- a. **President** – None.
- b. **Vice President** – None.
- c. **Secretary** – None.
- d. **Treasurer** – Commissioner Marchese presented the Treasurer's report ending March 31, 2017.

Commissioner Christensen made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report ending March 31, 2017.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Christensen, Noverini, Jablonski, Marchese, Sarocco
NAYS: None

President Sarocco declared the motion carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Madden had no report.

STAFF REPORTS

- a. **Executive Director/SEASPAR**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 8, 2017 at City Hall. She reported that the next Committee Meeting may be cancelled.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that Dupage County is waiting for a date for the special use application for the Maintenance Facility. She further reported that the Lions Club officially requested to rent Darien Community Park North Pavilion on August 6th for their first Darien Lions Day in the Park. She reported that the Lions changed their initial plans of doing the event in conjunction with the Darien Dash and also changed parks. Executive Director Gurgone reported that this will be on the same day as the Concert in the Park and that it will be a fundraiser for the Lions Club.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff met with City staff and Wight & Company to discuss Birchwood Park and that all involved were able to come up with some ideas for a long term solution to the issues at the park. She also reported that all involved were agreeable to sharing in the cost of the solution. She reported that Wight & Company will develop a conceptual plan for the park with cost estimates and that staff will discuss with the City.

President Sarocco questioned if staff has received more complaints.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that there have been more complaints especially because of all the rain.

b. Assistant Director

Assistant Director Katsougris reported on the upcoming events and programs. She reported that picnic permits were issued to residents on April 3rd and that permits will be issued to non-residents April 17th. She reported that the North Pavilion at Darien Community Park will be unavailable this summer due to planned construction.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Spring/Summer brochure was mailed to all Darien residents.

c. Superintendent of Finance

Superintendent Deldin stated that she would answer any questions regarding her report.

d. Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Ertmanis reported that staff is preparing for the mowing and that the portable restrooms will be in place at the parks by April 17th.

e. Sportsplex the General Manager

General Manager Rossi reported on the SRL Outdoor season and Spring Hockey. He also provided an update on the Sportsplex improvements and shared some photos on the completed bathroom.

f. Director of Parks & Facilities

Director Henderson provided an update on the phone services. He reported that the new system will be installed soon.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that there will be a significant money savings and little down time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR CONSENT AGENDA)

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Christensen to approve the Consent Agenda: March 13, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes and Warrants.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Marchese, Christensen, Jablonski, Noverini, Sarocco
NAYS: None

President Sarocco declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Award a Bid for purchase of a John Deere 5075E tractor to J.W. Turf in the amount of \$36,965.57

Executive Director Gurgone reported that this is to accept the bid for the 2017/18 budget.

b. Commissioner Jablonski moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to Award a Bid for purchase of a John Deere 5075E tractor to J.W. Turf in the amount of \$36,965.57

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Jablonski, Marchese, Christensen, Noverini, Sarocco
NAYS: None

President Sarocco declared the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Noverini 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 7:16 p.m.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Noverini, Jablonski, Marchese, Christensen, Sarocco

NAYS: None

President Sarocco declared the motion carried.



President
Darien Park District



Secretary
Darien Park District