

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

January 9, 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, Jordan Rossi; Sportsplex General Manager, Matt Henderson; Director of Parks & Facilities, Gina Madden; Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENT & GUESTS

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

President Sarocco reported that the items for Closed Session noted on the agenda would be moved to the next regular meeting.

Commissioner Jablonski made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to amend the January 9, 2017 Darien Park District Regular Meeting Agenda.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Sarocco declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:01 p.m. Commissioner Marchese made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Christensen to Open the Public Hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Park Commissioners to issue not to exceed \$3,000,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintain, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Sarocco declared the motion carried.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the public hearing is to satisfy the requirements of the Bond Issue Notification Act. She reported that the District anticipates issuing General Obligation Bonds in February 2017, 2018, and 2019. She further reported that the amount of the 2017 bond is projected to be \$939,590 and 2018 and 2019 issue will be slightly larger than the 2017 amount as they typically go up each year by the CPI.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that Speer Financial is projecting the interest rate on the 2017 bond to be approximately 1.35% but could vary on the date of the bond sale. She reported that the bond proceeds will be used for payments on the 2015 bonds (for Fairview renovations) in the amount of \$220,000, fees for issuance of approximately \$15,000, payment for the purchase of Dupage County facility \$300,000 and Capital Projects during the 2017-18 Fiscal Year of approximately \$375,000. She further reported that the District will receive tax dollars during each year to pay off the full amount of each annual issue.

Commissioner Marchese made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Christensen to close the public hearing.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

COMMUNICATION

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she received positive correspondence regarding the Senior Luncheon.

OFFICER REPORTS

- a. **President** – None.
- b. **Vice President** – None.
- c. **Secretary** – None.
- d. **Treasurer** – Commissioner Marchese presented the Treasurer's report ending December 31, 2016.

Commissioner Jablonski made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report ending December 31, 2016.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Jablonski, Noverini, Marchese, Christensen, 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, February 13, 2017 and that the next Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2017 at the Community Center.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the SEASPAR Joint Agreement relating to the recent statutory bid limit change limit is on the Consent Agenda for approval. She reported that the agreement removes \$20,000 and replaces it with "statutory limit," so that changes don't need to be made every time the law changes.

b. Assistant Director

Assistant Director Katsougris reported on the upcoming fall session of events and programs. She reported that the fall preschool registration for residents starts January 16th and non-residents January 23rd. Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the first garage sale of the year is scheduled for Saturday, February 4th, and she reported on the January Fitness Center Special.

c. Superintendent of Finance

Executive Director Gurgone reported that 99.31% of the tax revenue was received and that the District has received over \$33,000 in impact fees.

d. Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Ertmanis reported that staff is working on projects inside the Community Center and at Sportsplex. He reported that he is finalizing the list of surplus items for auction in late winter and that the list of items will be available for approval at the February meeting.

e. Sportsplex the General Manager

General Manager Rossi reported that the Hawks and Infinity Hockey ran successful camps and nearly doubled their numbers from last year. He reported that staff will continue to work with these two groups to provide the ice they want for camps as the registrations have been consistent.

General Manager Rossi reported that the Little Hawks programs are all starting at the end of January and beginning of February.

Commissioner Christensen questioned if any sponsorship was solicited for the showcase.

General Manager Rossi stated that they did not seek sponsorship because these groups rent the ice.

f. Director of Parks and Facilities

Director Henderson reported that the District received a check from PDRMA for \$1,500 and that the District is accredited for the next four years. He reported that the money will be used for safety training.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for consent agenda)

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

Attorney Madden reported that there is new legislation regarding travel expense reimbursement, and the new ordinance in the agenda must be passed to comply. She reported that travel expenses must be noted prior to travel and that the District is already complying.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Jablonski to approve the Consent Agenda: December 12, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes, warrants, SEASPAR Joint Agreement Update, and Ordinance #2016-17-04: An ordinance adopting the travel expenses reimbursement policy of the Darien Park District.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Sarocco declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

a. License Agreement for Use of Darien Park District Property for Darien Fest 2017

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received information regarding the history of fees for Darien Fest with a couple of options as well as the license agreement. There was some discussion regarding the options. The Board agreed that the fee would be \$6,000 with the District earmarking \$1,000 of the fee for the District's various special events throughout the year.

Commissioner Jablonski moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to approve the license agreement for Darien Fest 2017 with a fee of \$6,000.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

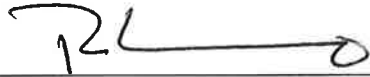
AYES: Jablonski, Marchese, Noverini, Christensen, Sarocco

NAYS: None

President Sarocco declared the motion carried.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Christensen moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese that the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll call vote the Motion was thereby carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.



Rob Sarocco, President
Darien Park District



Frank Noverini, Secretary
Darien Park District