

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

May 8, 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, Blake Ertmanis, Superintendent of Parks, Matt Henderson; Director of Parks & Facilities, Gina Madden; Attorney

RECOGNIZE COMMISSIONER NEIL CHRISTENSEN AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR KATSOUGRIS FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE

INSTALLATION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS/OATH OF OFFICE

Ms. Luanne Spiros was sworn in as new Commissioner to the Darien Park District.

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, Spiros, 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 and 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.

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 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 staff had received communications regarding Birchwood Park, and that staff had responded to the residents.

OFFICER REPORTS

- a. **President** – None.
- b. **Vice President** – None.
- c. **Secretary** – None.
- d. **Treasurer** – Commissioner Marchese presented the Treasurer’s report ending April 30, 2017.

Commissioner Jablonski 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: Jablonski, Noverini, Marchese, Spiros, Sarocco

NAYS: None

President Sarocco declared the motion carried.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

None

STAFF REPORTS

a. Executive Director/SEASPAR

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2017 at City Hall. She reported that the annual Election of Officers for the Board will take place at the June 12th meeting.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the first payment for the Dupage County Maintenance Facility has been made and is being held in escrow while the final zoning process is completed.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that Wight & Company is completing the concept plan for Birchwood Park.

President Sarocco questioned when the plan is scheduled to start.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that it will not start until next year. She reported that the detention area needs to work the way it was designed.

b. Assistant Director

Assistant Director Katsougris reported on the upcoming events and programs. She reported that summer registration is going well and that the preschool graduation is scheduled for May 24th at 6:30 pm at Eisenhower Jr. High.

c. Superintendent of Finance

No report.

d. Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Ertmanis reported that the bid for the purchase of the new north shelter at Community Park will be posted on May 12th. He reported that once a bid is awarded for the purchase of the shelter that he will bid out the installation of the shelter at the end of May.

Superintendent Ertmanis reported that work has started on the interior of the Community Park bathroom shelter. He reported that the plumbing and painting contractors will begin upgrading the remaining locker rooms in the Campbell and Wales rinks at the Sportsplex. He further reported that the project should be completed by the beginning of June.

e. Sportsplex the General Manager

General Manager Rossi reported on the Spring Hockey League for high school participants and reported that there are more teams playing than in all previous years. He reported that the Big Bear Tournament is scheduled for May 19-21st.

General Manager Rossi reported that the planned locker room renovations will be completed by the end of the month in both the Campbell and Wales rinks.

f. Director of Parks & Facilities

Director Henderson reported that the new phone service is planned to be installed in June. He reported that staff has been working with the architect on the final design of the ADA playground for Darien Community Park. He further reported that staff is working with the members of the VFW to straighten out the memorial which will be paid for by the VFW.

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 Noverini to approve the Consent Agenda: Warrants, Regular Meeting Minutes, 2017-18 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance, and Resolution 2017-18-01: A Resolution transferring excess fund balances to the capital fund for designated projects

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Marchese, Noverini, Jablonski, Spiros, Sarocco

NAYS: None

President Sarocco declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Noverini 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 7:20 p.m.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Sarocco declared the motion carried.

Rob Sarocco, President
Darien Park District

Frank Noverini, Secretary
Darien Park District