

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

February 26, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

President Sarocco called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Darien Park District Community Center, 7301 Fairview Avenue, 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,
Luanne Spiros

ABSENT: None

Staff: Stephanie Gurgone; Executive Director, Matt Henderson; Director of Parks and Recreation, Della Deldin; Superintendent of Finance, Blake Ertmanis; Superintendent of Parks, Jordan Rossi; Sportsplex General Manager, Gina Madden; Attorney

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to report.

COMMITTEE TOPICS

A. Operational Issues

1. Sportsplex

a. Sportsplex Rental Rates

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the rental rates and that the Eclipse and Chicago Hawks have three-year contracts that are expiring. She discussed the proposed rates and reported that the rates will be finalized once the new contracts are finalized.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that there is not much free time for additional booking for ice or the field house.

b. Sportsplex Budget Draft 2018-19

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff has budgeted conservatively this year and that the Sportsplex budget was prepared using projections from the current fiscal year. She reported that overall some of the programs are down but that time is being redistributed for ice contract ending with net results of the ice rinks

ending with a higher net profit. She further reported that the debt for the facility this year is lower than last year.

c. Sportsplex Capital/Bond Update

Executive Director Gurgone reported that after this year the facility is under ten years away from the debt being completely paid off for the building. She reported that once this occurs that there will be major capital improvements that will be needed such as the ice plants, etc., but that eventually the net profit from the building can be put back into the District.

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the capital project list for next year stating that there is a need for shower partitions in the locker rooms.

2. Parks & Recreation

a. Darien Fest

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff met with the new Chamber Director and felt that the meeting was positive. She provided and discussed a new contract with the same fee of \$6,000 for next year. The Board discussed the fee and felt that it was reasonable. Executive Director Gurgone reported that this item would be placed on the agenda for approval in March.

b. Rental Rates for Parks and DPDCC

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the rates for the Parks and the Community Center and stated that the rental pricing was updated to be more in line with the surrounding districts. She reported that staff is recommending rate changes for the pavilions and rooms based on staff feedback and that there would be no changes to the Field rental rates.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she received correspondence from the Gift of Carl suggesting to build a rain garden at Chestnut Park. She reported that the rain garden improves water drainage, recharges ground water, creates a habitat for birds and butterflies, reduces mosquito breeding and other population, etc. but will also enhance the sidewalk and eye appeal.

Superintendent Ertmanis stated that this will be a great solution for wet areas.

Commissioner Jablonski questioned if there would be any concerns with safety inlets.

Superintendent Ertmanis reported that a split fence would be placed around it.

Commissioner Spiros questioned if nearby residents were in favor of this.

Superintendent Ertmanis reported that he spoke in length to Alderman Tom Belczak and that he thought it was a great idea and that a public hearing was not necessary.

Commissioner Noverini stated that something should be sent to the residents and for discussion at the April meeting. Executive Director Gurgone stated that staff will send

a letter to residents informing them of the change, and will invite them to attend the April board meeting for public comment if they have questions.

Commissioner Spiros stated that it is a good match for challenging wet areas that cannot be mowed.

3. Admin

a. DPD Budget Draft 2018-19

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the major changes to the budget. She reported that the document will be on display by April 6th and a Public Hearing conducted at the April 9th meeting and passage at the May 14th Board Meeting.

b. DPD Capital/Bond Update

Executive Director Gurgone stated that she provided the Board with the debt schedule and noted the payments to Dupage County for the Maintenance Facility. She reported that the District issued no other bonds aside from the annual General Obligation bond each year and that there will be no outstanding debt by 2028 allowing the District to issue a large capital bond as this year approaches to do major park renovations or improvements.

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the Capital projects and suggested replacing the south shelter at Community Park which is heavily used.

Superintendent Ertmanis provided a picture of the proposal and reported that it will be the same square footage and will match the one on the north side. He reported that the cost will be \$150,000 installed.

Commissioner Marchese questioned what the plans are for the dedication bricks.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff is aware of the bricks and will discuss ideas of what to do with them.

Commissioner Marchese questioned the location of the concerts.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that they may have to be moved to the north shelter for this summer. She reported that the south shelter will not be rented out this year.

Commissioner Marchese stated that the Lions Club would like to request a day at the Park along with the District's concert.

There was some discussion on the demolition of the Park District maintenance property on Plainfield Road. Director Henderson reported that it will be 18 months or more before the new facility is ready and some of the equipment will remain there until demolition.

Commissioner Jablonski questioned if the VFW has contacted staff regarding the property.

Superintendent Ertmanis reported that he has not spoken to the VFW but that the property would be used as residential if it was sold.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that resurfacing will be done in the Community Park parking lot on Plainfield Road but that it will be held off until the shelter is completed. There was discussion on expanding the parking lot off Plainfield Road, and staff agreed to investigate this option.

c. Announce Budget Display Date - by April 6th for public hearing on April 9th, Budget will be on agenda for approval on May 14th.

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the budget display date and public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Spiros 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 8:01 p.m.



Rob Sarocco, President
Darien Park District



Frank Noverini, Secretary
Darien Park District