

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

February 25, 2019

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, Luanne Spiros, Cathy Marchese,
Frank Noverini

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

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to report.

COMMITTEE TOPICS

A. Operational Issues

1. Sportsplex

a. Sportsplex Rental Rates

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received a detailed summary. She reported that the debt is lower than last year, and that there are 9 years left from paying off the facility.

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the Field House and that Eclipse has a 3 year contract which increases every year.

b. Sportsplex Budget Draft 2019-20

Executive Director reported that there is a 3% wage increase budgeted. She reported that in the future there will be an increase in wages due to the newly passed minimum wage law.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the capital projects consist of adding time clock software, adding a facility keypad system and a few upgrades that are needed to

help facilitate the life of the current ice plant as well as a contingency for additional unexpected repairs that can arise with age of the facility.

c. Sportsplex Capital/Bond Update

Executive Director Gurgone reported that there are 9 years left with the current debt, and the debt total is going down. She reported that there is capital money if needed for repairs.

There was some discussion regarding the security system at Sportsplex. Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff works with the Darien Police Department and that they report that the cameras are very high level.

d. Sportsplex Cell Phone Tower

Executive Director Gurgone reported that Verizon is proposing a possible expansion of the ground structure for the cell tower at Sportsplex adding an antennae in the structure which will not affect the current structure of the flag pole tower. She stated that staff recommends looking into this project as it could provide revenue for the facility.

2. Parks & Recreation

a. Darien Fest

Executive Director Gurgone reported that Darien Fest is proposed to be August 9-11 and that the contract was tentatively prepared with the fee the same as the previous years of \$6,000.

There was some discussion regarding the financials of Darien Fest and the Board agreed to ask the Chamber for a report on the financials of Darien Fest.

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 last year and that staff is recommending no additional changes this year.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that NYC is asking for most of the open time and that they need to submit schedules and rosters by 3/1 in order to reserve the fields before other groups. She reported that the new work order system will show how much is spent maintaining the fields which will determine if a charge should be incurred next year.

3. Admin

a. DPD Budget Draft 2019-20

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the major changes to the budget. She reported that there is a 2.75% increase in operating funds. She reported that there is an increase in wages to ensure that all part-time staff meet minimum wage. .

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff would like to have a discussion about spraying of pesticides at the parks. She stated that a Pinewood Park resident

requested that the District should be spraying with natural products but initial research indicated that there is not a cost-effective product available.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff will research further to see what other Districts are doing, and develop a recommendation for the Board once they have one.

b. DPD Capital/Bond Update

(a) Maintenance Facility Update

Staff gave an update on the status of the new maintenance facility and reported that the county expected the renovations to be 100% completed in about a year.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that there is a small amount of capital funds available for the next few years. She reported that the bigger projects are being spread out.

Executive Director Gurgone displayed photos of the Hinsbrook Park replacement noting that approval will be on the next agenda in order to order the equipment and have it delivered in May/June. She further reported on the south parking lot at the Community Center project and that asphalt quote from Wight & Co. is \$171,000 and that pavers are being considered but more expensive. The Board directed staff to see if there was room in the budget to do pavers, as they are more environmentally friendly and durable.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the maintenance facility has been a slow process and that it will probably be paid for before moving in.

c. Announce Budget Display Date - by April 5th for public hearing on April 8th, Budget will be on agenda for approval on May 13th.

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 Noverini that the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll call vote the Motion was thereby carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



Rob Sarocco, President
Darien Park District



Luanne Spiros, Secretary
Darien Park District