

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

February 10, 2020

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: Ray Jablonski, Luanne Spiros, Cathy Marchese, Frank Noverini

ABSENT: Rob Sarocco

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS

a. Aaron Gold, Speer Financial

Mr. Dan Forbes, Speer Financial reported on the annual rollover General Obligation bond issue. He reported that this year, the rate is a full percentage lower than last year. Mr. Forbes reported that three good bids were received, and Republic Bank came in the lowest at 1.56%. He reported on the cost of issuance and that there will be approximately \$268,000 left for capital which is similar to last year.

Mr. Forbes stated that it is wonderful to work with Executive Director Gurgone.

b. Eagle Scout: Kushal Shah

Mr. Kushal Shah, Eagle Scout stated that he is looking to build three library boxes for his Eagle Scout project. He stated that there will be one at Hinsbrook, and Smart Oaks Park and that the third will be at the Hindu Temple in Lemont where he attends. Mr. Shah stated that he will do the construction at his home and that he is gathering donations from family and friends for materials and food for the workers. He provided a written letter asking for donations to staff if someone is interested in donating.

Commissioner Spiros questioned how he decided on the library boxes.

Mr. Shah stated that he saw one elsewhere and that it was well liked, and that Darien did not have them.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that the Board received correspondence regarding the Citizen of the Year event.

OFFICER REPORTS

- a. **President** – None.
- b. **Vice President** – None.
- c. **Secretary** – None.
- d. **Treasurer** – Commissioner Cathy Marchese presented the Treasurer’s report ending January 31, 2020.

Commissioner Spiros made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report ending January 31, 2020.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

Vice President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Attorney Gina Madden stated that she had no report.

STAFF REPORTS

a. Executive Director/SEASPAR

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that the next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2020 at City Hall and the Committee Meeting on Monday, February 24, 2020 at the Community Center both beginning at 7:00 pm.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that SEASPAR’s annual Fish Fry is scheduled for Friday, February 21st at Wheatstack in Lisle.

b. Superintendent of Finance

Superintendent Della Deldin reported on the upcoming trips.

c. Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Blake Ertmanis reported to residents that the District does not perform snow removal on pathways in the parks. He reported that Sportsplex and the Community Center are the only District properties that staff perform snow removal.

Commissioner Spiros questioned why the paths are not plowed.

Superintendent Ertmanis reported that it is a PDRMA requirement and if plowing is performed that the area must be salted and ice free. He stated that there is a huge cost for supplies and staff hours. Executive Director Gurgone reminded the Board that our parks staff also plows the District 61 school lots, so doing the pathways would not be feasible with limited staff.

Superintendent Ertmanis reported that Chestnut Park is now certified as an official Monarch Butterfly Waystation. He further reported that the Summer Job Fair is scheduled for March 5th from 6:30 – 7:30 pm at the Community Center.

d. Sportsplex the General Manager

General Manager Jordan Rossi stated that he would answer any questions on his report.

e. Director of Parks & Facilities

Director Matt Henderson reported that there have been upgrades to the Fitness Center. He reported that the existing stationary bike was replaced with another bike and a rowing machine. He further reported that the Fitness Center equipment is at capacity.

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 Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to approve the Warrants and the January 13, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

Vice President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 2019-20-06: A Resolution authorizing the participation in the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative (NIMEC) and authorizing the Director to approve a contract with the lowest cost electricity provider for a period up to 36 months.**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that NIMEC will be holding the annual bid on March 3, 2020. She reported that the bids are only valid on the day of the bid so staff will be required to make the decision and sign the paperwork. She further reported that the contract will be ratified at the March Board meeting.

Commissioner Spiros moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini authorizing the participation in the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative (NIMEC) and authorizing the Director to approve a contract with the lowest cost electricity provider for a period up to 36 months.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

Vice President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

- b. Ordinance 2019-20-04: Consideration and action on An Ordinance providing for the issue of approximately \$945,385 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2020, of the Darien Par District, DuPage County, Illinois, for the payment of land for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of said Park District, to provide a revenue source to pay certain outstanding bonds of the District, and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.**

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that the dollar amount on the posted agenda was listed as "approximate" as the final number would not be known until the bond was sold. .

Commissioner Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros approving Ordinance 2019-20-04: Consideration and action on An Ordinance providing for the issue of approximately \$945,385 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2020, of the Darien Par District, DuPage County, Illinois, for the payment of land for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of said Park District, to provide a revenue source to pay certain outstanding bonds of the District, and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

Vice President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

- c. Ordinance 2019-20-05: An Ordinance abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 1029 to pay the principal and interest on the \$6,590,000 General Obligation**

Refunding Park Bonds (Alternative Revenue Sources), Series 2011A, of the Darien Park District, DuPage County, Illinois.

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that this is the annual process for Sportsplex.

Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese approving Ordinance 2019-20-05: An Ordinance abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 1029 to pay the principal and interest on the \$6,590,000 General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds (Alternative Revenue Sources), Series 2011A, of the Darien Park District, DuPage County, Illinois.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

Vice President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

- d. Ordinance 2019-20-06: An Ordinance abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2019 to pay the principal of and interest on \$6,565,000 General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2015B, of the Darien Park District, DuPage County, Illinois.**

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that this is the annual process for Sportsplex.

Commissioner Spiros moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese approving Ordinance 2019-20-06: An Ordinance abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2019 to pay the principal of and interest on \$6,565,000 General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2015B, of the Darien Park District, DuPage County, Illinois.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

Vice President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:21 p.m. Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to adjourn into Closed Session for the purposes of discussion of the employment, performance and compensation of specific employees pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 1.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

Vice President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

At 7:32 p.m. Commissioner Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to reconvene the Regular Meeting.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

Vice President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION (IF WARRANTED)

a. Approve extension of Executive Director's Employment Agreement

Commissioner Spiros moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the Executive Director's contract as presented.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

Vice President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner No that the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll call vote the Motion was thereby carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.



Rob Sarocco, President
Darien Park District



Luanne Spiros, Secretary
Darien Park District