

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

May 13, 2019

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, Cathy Marchese, Luanne Spiros,
Frank Noverini

ABSENT: None

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

INSTALLATION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS/OATH

Attorney Gina Madden read the Oath of Office/Installation and swore in Commissioner Frank Noverini and Commissioner Cathy Marchese.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS

a. Fitness Report by Program Specialist, Laura Tanoyue

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she invited Laura to provide a brief overview of the Fitness Center.

Ms. Laura Tanoyue reported on the Fitness Center specials and reported that the Fitness Center is 11 years old with a current membership of 601. She reported on many of the highlights of the Fitness Center. She also reported that staff surveyed the members and provided a copy to the Board.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the average member age is 60-79 and that there are over 2,000 enrolled in fitness classes and that there is a large percentage of residents using the programs. She reported that membership rates have not increased much since opening.

Commissioner Spiros thanked Ms. Tanoyue and questioned how staff surveyed members.

Ms. Tanoyne reported that they provided a paper survey and members were given the option to complete a survey over a week.

Commissioner Spiros stated that she would be interested in hearing the outcome of the bike options.

Director Henderson reported that they are looking into a new bike, but that space is limited.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

OFFICER REPORTS

- a. **President** – None.
- b. **Vice President** – None.
- c. **Secretary** – None.
- d. **Treasurer** – Commissioner Marchese presented the Treasurer’s report ending April 30, 2019.

Commissioner Noverini made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report ending April 30, 2019.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Noverini, Spiros, Jablonski, Marchese, Sarocco

NAYS: None

President Sarocco declared the motion carried.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

There was no report.

STAFF REPORTS

a. Executive Director/SEASPAR

Executive Director Gurgone reported that final approval for Budget & Appropriations Ordinance is on the consent agenda. She reported that the final is the same as the draft with no changes.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she received the signed agreement back from the Darien Chamber of Commerce for Darien Fest 2019. She reported that the Chamber was notified regarding the Board’s discussions from last month’s meeting and that the Chamber will be provided additional information no later than October 2019 for future Darien Fests.

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the Preschool Open House scheduled for June 19th, July 17th and August 7th.

Commissioner Spiros stated that the early prevention for preschool hearing and vision is terrific.

b. Superintendent of Finance

Superintendent Deldin was not in attendance.

c. Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Ertmanis reported that staff was not able to mow because of all the rain.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff received correspondence from a resident regarding Herbicide at Pinewood Park. She reported that letters were sent to all the homeowners whose property backs up to the park stating that the District has been using weed control over the last nine years and that not spraying the park is a viable option.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that of the 24 residents that were contacted, 3 responded that they would like to continue with spraying and 1 responded that they would not like spraying. She reported that the residents did ask that the District provide additional signage of which staff agreed. She stated that staff will continue to look at what other districts are doing and if there is an alternative solution.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that all the parks have been sprayed except for Pinewood and that spraying will need to be done within the next two weeks. She reported that the condominium Homeowners Association next to the park property also sprays for weeds.

d. Sportsplex General Manager

General Manager Rossi reported that the Skate School session has been pushed back to June 1st because of a scheduling conflict. He reported that Sportsplex currently has openings for part time staff.

e. Director of Parks & Facilities

Director Henderson reported that last fall with the removal of the south pavilion at Community Park, staff removed and stored the Darien Lions Club brick pavers that were located around the structure. He reported that staff will be re-installing the pavers back around the new structure with an anticipated completion date by the end of June.

Director Henderson reported that the Pickleball lines on the two tennis courts at Community Park were delayed due to weather and that staff anticipates the project completed by early June.

Director Henderson reported on the holiday facility hours for Memorial Day weekend.

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 Jablonski moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to approve the Warrants, April 8, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes, and the 2019-20 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Sarocco declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Award of bid for Hinsbrook Park Playground installation to the lowest responsible bidder.**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the bid opening was today. She reported that the motion for approval is for the installation to the lowest bidder subject to reference verification and attorney review. She further reported that should there be an issue with the vendor, they will move down the list. Executive Director Gurgone reported that the bids ranged from \$64,000 – \$84,000.

Superintendent Ertmanis reported that the playground will start June 1st and that staff is anticipating completion by July 4th.

Commissioner Spiros moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to award of bid subject to reference verification and attorney review for Hinsbrook Park Playground installation to the lowest responsible bidder.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Sarocco declared the motion carried.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros that the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll call vote the Motion was thereby carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Sarocco declared the motion carried.

Rob Sarocco, President
Darien Park District

Luann Spiros, Secretary
Darien Park District

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Marchese, Spiros, Noverini, Jablonski, Sarocco

NAYS: None

President Sarocco declared the motion carried.



Rob Sarocco, President
Darien Park District



Luanne Spiros, Secretary
Darien Park District