

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

August 10, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

President Sarocco called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Darien Park District Community Center, 7301 Fairview, 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 Facilities, Della Deldin; Superintendent of Finance, Blake Ertmanis; Superintendent of Parks, Jordan Rossi; Sportsplex General Manager

PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS

Mr. Jim Flynn was in the audience. He stated that he was a new Darien resident and wanted to get involved.

Executive Director Gurgone read a summary of President Sarocco's accomplishments while on the Board of Commissioners.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

OFFICER REPORTS

- a. **President** – Commissioner Rob Sarocco reported that this will be his last officer report. He stated that he has enjoyed his time on the Board from April 2009 – September 2020. Commissioner Sarocco thanked everyone and the Darien Park District.
- b. **Vice President** – None
- c. **Secretary** – None
- d. **Treasurer** – Commissioner Cathy Marchese presented the Treasurer's report ending July 31, 2020.

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

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Noverini, Spiros, Jablonski, Marchese, Sarocco

NAYS: None

President Sarocco declared the motion carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Gina Madden had no report.

STAFF REPORTS

a. Executive Director/SEASPAR

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported on the Board vacancy effective 9/2/2020. She reported that the next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2020 and will most likely be held at the Darien Park District in the gym. She provided an update on the Sportsplex financials and that August revenue will be less due to the restrictions in place.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Preschool numbers are down and that if things go well, they may increase in the winter. She reported that the Board vacancy will be posted on the website and that this will be a short-term appointment until the election in April.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that SEASAR is running their programs in person.

Commissioner Spiros about the protocols for preschool. Executive Director Gurgone reported that parents will be asked to take their child's temperature before arriving and to self-certify that they are symptom free. Teachers will also have thermometers to use if needed.

b. Superintendent of Finance

Superintendent Della Deldin reported that the audit is in its final review phase and will be presented for approval at the September meeting if ready.

c. Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Blake Ertmanis reported that the tennis courts at Smart Oaks have been completed and that staff is auditing the playgrounds and following the monthly inspection standards.

d. Sportsplex the General Manager

General Manager Jordan Rossi reported that as of 8/15/2020 hockey was announced as a high-risk category and will go back to Phase 3 no contact. He reported that the Hawks are trying to follow the guidelines and that there is a movement of trying to get hockey changed to a medium risk sport.

e. Director of Parks & Facilities

Director Matt Henderson reported that the Lion's Club Annual Halloween Party is not feasible or safe to have the event with the current restrictions on social gatherings in place.

He also reported that the Lion's Club was informed that the gym is no longer for the Needy Family Food drive, due to the gym renovation. He further reported that the Lion's Club will have access to rooms 4 and 5 for the organization and room 3 for presents as well as the main lobby the day of distribution. Director Henderson reported that limited Lions members will be allowed in the facility, rosters will be required for those working to maintain records, and they will be required to social distance.

He reported that if further restrictions are passed by the State the event could potentially have to be cancelled, especially if the facility had to be closed.

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 July 31, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes and Warrants.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Sarocco declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Allow Gina Madden, legal counsel to the Park District to file an Appearance and/or Intervene on behalf of the Park District in all pending tax objection matters per staff recommendation.**

Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to allow Gina Madden, legal counsel to the Park District to file an Appearance and/or Intervene on behalf of the Park District in all pending tax objection matters per staff recommendation.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Sarocco declared the motion carried.

- b. Election of Officers**

Executive Director Gurgone noted that these new positions would take effect on 9/14/20 at the next Board meeting.

President Sarocco moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to nominate Ray Jablonski as Park District Board of Director's President, Luanne Spiros as Park District Board of Director's Vice President, Frank Noverini as Park District Board of Director's Secretary, Cathy Marchese as Park District Board of Director's Treasurer

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Sarocco declared the motion carried.

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 7:30 p.m.



Ray Jablonski, President
Darien Park District



Frank Noverini, Secretary
Darien Park District