

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

February 24, 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 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; 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 that the Board received a detailed summary of the hourly rates for ice, field, and room hourly rates from 2019-20 and 2020-21. She reported that there were no significant changes.

b. Sportsplex Budget Draft 2020-21

Executive Director reported that the Board received the draft of the Sportsplex budget for 2020-21. She reported that the debt for the facility this year is \$1,118,409.00 which is \$2,129.00 more than the previous year but only 8 years away from the debt being paid off.

Commissioner Spiros suggested a sign on Plainfield for capital projects.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that signs are expensive but staff was looking into options.

c. Sportsplex Bond Update

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the bond update for Sportsplex. She reported that the debt remains consistent through 2025-26 and then begins to drop off considerably until it is retired in 2028. She explained the debt payments and reported that when the debt is paid there will be money for more capital projects.

2. Parks & Recreation

a. Rental Rates for Parks and DPDCC

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the rates for the Parks and the Community Center and stated that after making numerous changes to the rate structure the last few years that staff is recommending minimal changes this year.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff added a new category for room rentals for regular rentals only which are rentals that occur at least once a month with same room setup. She stated that the regular groups are churches, homeowners associations, etc.

b. Park & Recreation Updates

Executive Director Gurgone provided the park and recreation updates.

Commissioner Noverini questioned Darien Fest and if a date has been given to them. Staff reported that the Chamber had not requested a park or dates. He stated that 4/1 is when people can rent pavilions. He further stated that the money for damages from Darien Fest was not received.

Commissioner Spiros questioned if there is any grant money available for Holly Park.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff is looking into what grants are available.

3. Admin

a. DPD Budget Draft 2020-21

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the changes to the budget. She reported that the minimum wage will be \$10 per hour in July. She further reported that there will be a 2.08% increase in operating funds and that the final tax levy information from the County will be available mid-March.

b. DPD Capital/Bond Update

Executive Director Gurgone reported that \$210,000 is budgeted for the payment for the purchase of the Dupage County facility and that there are three total remaining payments with two payments after the 2020-21 fiscal year. She further reported that there is also an additional \$39,010 to replace the flooring at the Maintenance Facility.

(a) Maintenance Facility Update

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the facility should be fully operational by the Spring of 2021 and all vehicles will be stored inside.

c. Announce Budget Display Date - by April 10th for public hearing on April 13th. Budget will be on agenda for approval on May 11th.

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the budget display date and public hearing. She stated if there are any changes to the budget that they will be discussed at the April meeting.

Executive Director Gurgone also reported that the electricity bid will be available by the first week in March.

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 7:45 p.m.



Rob Sarocco, President
Darien Park District



Luanne Spiros, Secretary
Darien Park District