

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

May 11, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

President Sarocco called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. This was a Zoom meeting.

ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Upon roll call the following Commissioners were present:

PRESENT (via zoom): Rob Sarocco, Ray Jablonski, Luanne Spiros, Cathy Marchese, Frank Noverini

ABSENT: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS

a. Public Hearing for 2020-21 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance

Commissioner Jablonski moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2020-21-01: District's 2020-21 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Sarocco declared the motion carried.

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that the notice was published for the revised May 11th meeting hearing and no comments were received via phone or email. She reported that the budget was prepared before the Covid-19 pandemic and due to the uncertainties in re-opening and effect on programs, the budget was not amended. She further reported that staff will continue to make adjustments in expenditures as needed until operations are back to normal.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

Commissioner Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to close the public hearing for Ordinance 2020-21-01: The District's 2020-21 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Sarocco declared the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

OFFICER REPORTS

- a. **President** – None.
- b. **Vice President** – None.
- c. **Secretary** – None.
- d. **Treasurer** – Commissioner Cathy Marchese presented the Treasurer’s report ending April 30, 2020.

Commissioner Spiros made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report ending April 30, 2020.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Spiros, Noverini, 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 that the next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 8, 2020 and that she will announce the details as that date approaches. She reported on the programs that have been cancelled. She reported that all full-time staff has been working, but with the continued closures and loss of revenue, that would change. She reported that this week, phase 1 furloughs would occur, starting with Sportsplex.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff is taking down the ice at Sportsplex. She reported that staff is looking at a baseline utility number on running the building with no programs. She reported that the Sportsplex bond payments still need to be made without revenue and that Speer Financial is looking at bond restructuring and running scenarios.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff is looking at the cell phone tower and possibly a buyout of the lease now instead of later. She further reported that the last option would be for next year not

abating some or all of the Sportsplex bond is a possibility if things don't change, and that staff will continue to look at all options as the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

President Sarocco suggested putting up signs to get the word out for residents to look at the website for updates.

There was some discussion regarding sending out a postcard for the Fall brochure and that staff would look at the costs.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that staff would hang banners with information to direct people to the website.

b. Superintendent of Finance

Executive Director Gurgone reported that Superintendent Della Deldin is in the lobby waiting for any guests to arrive. She reported that all trips have been cancelled.

c. Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Blake Ertmanis reported that he has received a lot of positive feedback on the native plantings.

President Sarocco reported that he is looking to see if Home Depot can donate materials to build five wood duck boxes at the parks. He explained that wood duck boxes allow the ducks to lay their eggs near the water's edge.

Superintendent Ertmanis reported that the Boy Scout project is on hold and will be done sometime this summer.

d. Sportsplex the General Manager

General Manager Jordan Rossi had no report.

e. Director of Parks & Facilities

Director Matt Henderson had no report.

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 Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Jablonski to approve Warrants, March 9, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes, March 9, 2020 Special Committee Meeting Minutes, Ordinance 2020-21-01: Annual Budget & Appropriations Ordinance, Resolution 2020-21-01: Resolution authorizing intergovernmental agreement between the City of Darien and the Darien Park District for the purchase of road salt, Resolution 2020-21-02: Resolution authorizing the Darien Park District to enhance and expand available habitat for monarch butterflies and other native pollinators, Award of Darien Park District Annual Audit to Lauterbach & Amen, LLP, Approval of Purchase and Installation of DPDCC gym flooring, and Approve the filing of Petition for Rule to Show Cause for attorney’s fees awarded in Dawson v Dawson matter, and ratify any and all prior action taken by legal counsel and FOIA officer.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Sarocco declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Award of bid for the 2020 Tennis Court Rehabilitation project at Smart Oaks Park

Executive Director Gurgone reported that 2 bids were received and that Superintendent Ertmanis is checking the references. She reported that this is in the budget and will be done in the summer.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

Commissioner Jablonski moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini accepting the lowest bidder for the 2020 Tennis Court Rehabilitation project at Smart Oaks Park.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

**AYES: Jablonski, Noverini, Marchese, 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 7:41 p.m.



Rob Sarocco, President
Darien Park District



Luanne Spiros, Secretary
Darien Park District