

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

October 12, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

President Jablonski called the meeting to order at 7:01 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: Ray Jablonski, Luanne Spiros, Cathy Marchese, Frank Noverini

ABSENT: Sylvia McIvor

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Spiros reported that she received correspondence from Cathy Street, Darien Garden Club thanking the District for the investment into the parks and the native plantings.

OFFICER REPORTS

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

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

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Noverini, Spiros, Marchese, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski 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 staff met with Commissioner Sylvia McIvor and presented an overview of what is going on at the District. She reported that she also received the Board packet.

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the current Board Policies Manual and discussion regarding the Remote Attendance Policy. She reported that remote attendance was allowed but in November 2006 the Board revised the policy to prohibit remote attendance.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that during 2020, the Board operated under the Governor's Emergency Order due to COVID allowing the attendance of Board members remotely. She reported that as of now, remote attendance in "normal times" is not allowed.

Attorney Gina Madden recommended that the Board adopt a pandemic policy to allow for remote attendance, specifically if there is any type of crisis or pandemic.

The Board agreed that a pandemic policy should be drafted.

Attorney Madden reported that she will draft a pandemic policy for review at the next meeting.

b. Superintendent of Finance

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the audit is on the agenda for approval. She reported that staff was happy with the new auditing firm.

c. Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Blake Ertmanis provided an update on South Grove Pond project and that the grading and planting of the area will be done sometime in the spring.

Superintendent Ertmanis reported that he is still receiving complaints regarding the DYC parking at Community Park. He reported that he spoke with the resident and that the DYC was notified again.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the DYC is parking in the resident's yard. She reported that the resident was provided the DYC Board contact information.

d. Sportsplex the General Manager

Matt Henderson reported that the Big Bear tournament was not hosted this year (for the first time in 10 years) at Sportsplex because hockey is labeled as a "high risk" sport. He reported that this event will hopefully be back as well as other events in 2021.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that a lot of the teams are traveling outside of Illinois to play games.

e. Director of Parks & Facilities

Matt Henderson reported that staff is working on finalizing programs for the Winter Program Brochure. He reported that the brochure will be available online and will not be mailed to residents due to changes and savings on printing and postage costs. The online brochure will allow for last minute changes to be made, depending on the activities allowed during COVID.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that if there are groups who would like a paper copy that staff will print some pages to hand out. She reported that the annual cost to print 3 brochures with mailing is over \$30,000.

Director Henderson reported that they will look at possibly providing a hybrid in the future.

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 Spiros to approve the September 14, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes, Warrants, and Resolution #2020-21-05: A resolution to declare surplus property of the Darien Park District.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approval of Darien Park District Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended April 30, 2020.**
- b. Approval of Annual Statement of Receipts & Disbursements (Annual Treasurer's Report).**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received the full Audit Report and documents. She gave a summary of the audit.

President Ray Jablonski stated that the audit validates the policies and practices of the District.

Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese approval of Darien Park District Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended April 30, 2020 and approval of Annual Statement of Receipts & Disbursements (Annual Treasurer's Report).

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

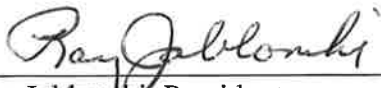
AYES: Noverini, Marchese, Spiros, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Spiros moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese that the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll call vote the Motion was thereby carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.



Ray Jablonski, President
Darien Park District



Frank Noverini, Secretary
Darien Park District