

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

December 7, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

President Jablonski 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: Ray Jablonski, Luanne Spiros, Cathy Marchese, Frank Noverini, Sylvia McIvor

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, Gina Madden; Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS

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

COMMUNICATIONS

None

OFFICER REPORTS

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

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

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Spiros, Noverini, Marchese, McIvor, 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 she distributed the 2021 meeting schedule and the SEASPAR Annual Report Magazine. She reported that SEASPAR is changing their calendar year because a majority of the SEASPAR members have the calendar year and it makes more sense.

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the financials and the loss of revenue due to COVID.

b. Superintendent of Finance

Superintendent Della Deldin stated that she would answer any questions on her report.

c. Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Blake Ertmanis reported that the City and District will be partnering on Holly Park natural plantings in the Spring.

There was some discussion on contacting the City about placing an LED stop sign near Southgrove park playground because the present stop sign is not very visible. Commissioner McIvor stated that she would contact the City for more information.

d. Sportsplex the General Manager

General Manage Rossi reported that he received feedback regarding solar panels at Sportsplex. He reported that although there are no upfront costs associated with the install that a new roof has to be installed prior. He further reported that the estimated pricing of a new roof a few years ago was over \$300,000.

Commissioner McIvor stated that there are incentives available to do both but that presently the utility companies are out of credits.

Commissioner Spiros questioned when the idea of solar panels could be done.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that it will be at least ten years out before having any significant capital available at the facility due to the debt payments. She reported that in 2028 the debt will go start to go down.

e. Director of Parks & Facilities

Director Matt Henderson reported that the floor at the new Maintenance Facility is completed and that staff will start storing vehicles and equipment in the garage area. He reported that once the transfer of

ownership is complete that staff will slowly transition from the old location to the new location and fully operational by late spring 2021.

Director Henderson reported that staff is working on a new District website to be up and running by mid-December. He reported that staff has been testing the site and provided input. Director Henderson reported that there are many updated features and an upgrade to the present website.

There was some discussion on Zoom classes. Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff is working on some virtual options and will run a trial in December.

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 Spiros moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to approve the Warrants.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner McIvor to approve the November 9, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

Commissioner Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros to approve SEASPAR Resolution #2020-21-07: A Resolution to approve an amendment to the joint agreement for Southeast Association for Special Parks and Recreation (“SEASPAR”).

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

Commissioner McIvor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to approve Darien Park District Tax Levy Ordinance #2020-21-04.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Noverini 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 7:29 p.m.



Ray Jablonski, President
Darien Park District



Frank Noverini, Secretary
Darien Park District