

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

January 11, 2021

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** – President Ray Jablonski thanked the staff for their commitment to their positions at the District during very challenging times. He stated that the work has not gone unnoticed.
- b. **Vice President** – None
- c. **Secretary** – None
- d. **Treasurer** – Commissioner Cathy Marchese presented the Treasurer’s report ending December 31, 2020.

Commissioner Noverini made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner McIvor to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report ending December 31, 2020.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Noverini, McIvor, 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 the next Board meeting will be held on February 8, 2021 but will begin at 6:00 pm. She reported that the Committee Meeting has been scheduled for February 22nd at the Community Center, and will most likely also start at 6pm.

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the financials and the COVID impacts from March – December. She reported that the Sportsplex financials were also provided along with information on the 2021 Rollover Bond.

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 he attended the International Society of Arboriculture's International Virtual Conference. He reported that this included continuing education units to keep his Arborist Certification current. He further reported that the bid for the removal and replacement of the pathways at Community Park and the results will be opened on January 27th and a recommendation will be brought to the February 8th Board meeting.

Commissioner McIvor suggested working with other governmental agencies regarding asphalt work. Staff reported that the Park District has worked with other agencies when the projects are compatible, such as parking lot replacements.

d. Sportsplex the General Manager

General Manager Jordan Rossi reported that he would answer any questions on his report.

e. Director of Parks & Facilities

Director Matt Henderson reported on the Fitness Center Annual Specials and that video fitness options are now offered.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that anything that has been offered in person has been well received by parents, because a lot of schools have kids on the computer all day long.

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 and the December 7, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of the Darien Park District Board Policy Updates

Commissioner Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the Darien Park District Board Policy Updates.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the last policy update was approved in 2014. She reported on the updates and provided a spreadsheet and stated that this has been reviewed by staff and Attorney Gina Madden for the required updates.

Attorney Gina Madden reported that the Board's role is to set policy and avoid the day-to-day interaction. She reported that in 2015 there was a change to the Open Meeting's Act and highlighted the changes. She reported that training for sexual harassment must be done.

Commissioner McIvor stated that she would like to see environmental stewardship added to the mission statement.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that this could be discussed at the February Board meeting in conjunction with other Environmental Topics.

Commissioner McIvor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the amended motion to repeal and replace the Board Policy on January 11, 2021.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

- a. **Closed session for the purpose of discussion of the employment, performance, and compensation of specific employees pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 1.**

President Jablonski reported that the Board will not be taking any action after closed session.

At 8:03 p.m. Commissioner Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to adjourn into Closed Session.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

At 8:30 p.m. Commissioner Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner McIvor to resume the Regular Meeting.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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


President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

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 8:31 p.m.



Ray Jablonski, President
Darien Park District



Frank Noverini, Secretary
Darien Park District