

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

February 8, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Jablonski called the meeting to order at 6:01 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, 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

2. CLOSED SESSION

At 6:03 p.m., Commissioner Noverini made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to adjourn into Closed Session.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Noverini, Marchese, McIvor, Spiros, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

- a. Closed session for the purposes of discussion of the employment, performance, and compensation of specific employees pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 1**
- b. Closed session for the purposes of salary schedules for one or more classes of employees pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 (c) 2**

3. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION (IF WARRANTED)

- a. Approve extension of Executive Director's Employment Agreement**

At 6:58 p.m., Commissioner McIvor made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to reconvene the Regular Meeting.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

Commissioner McIvor made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to amend item 3(a) to approve salary increase for the Executive Director; and to authorize Board President to work with Legal Counsel to draft the Executive Director's Contract.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

4. MANDATORY BOARD TRAINING
Harassment/General Updates – Presented by Attorney Gina Madden

Attorney Gina Madden presented training to the Board and reported that the Board was given copies of all the slides. She reported that training is mandatory for all private and public entities.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS

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

6. COMMUNICATIONS

None

7. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. President** – No report
- b. Vice President** – No report
- c. Secretary** – No report
- d. Treasurer** – Commissioner Cathy Marchese presented the Treasurer's report ending January 31, 2021.

Commissioner Spiros made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report ending January 31, 2021.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

8. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Gina Madden had no report.

9. STAFF REPORTS

a. Executive Director/SEASPAR

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that the next Board meeting will be held on March 8, 2021. She reported that the Committee Meeting has been scheduled for February 22nd at 6:00 pm at the Community Center.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she forwarded a link to the Board regarding the DuPage Monarch Project 2020 Annual Report.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the open space at Nantucket is owned by DuPage County and has been maintained by the District under an old license agreement from 1994. She reported that the County plans to expand their maintenance facility that sits on the south end of the property and that they will be utilizing some of the space. She further reported that Attorney Madden will be working with the State's Attorney to redo a new license agreement for the remaining property.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the two annual Abatement Ordinances are on the agenda for approval. She reported that the Ordinances are passed annually so that the property taxes on the bonds associated with Sportsplex are not collected.

b. Superintendent of Finance

Superintendent Della Deldin reported that there will not be any senior trips for the remainder of the year.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that Phase 4 currently does not allow field trips for camps.

c. Superintendent of Parks

i. Maintenance Facility Report

Superintendent Blake Ertmanis reported that he received a complaint from a resident regarding ice fishing at Southgrove Pond. He reported that there is no ice fishing allowed and advised the resident to contact the police.

Commissioner McIvor reported that she does not believe the fisherman is from the neighborhood. She reported that she will work with the neighborhood and post an announcement on the Facebook.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that the staff provided a report on the Maintenance Facility. She reported that the County has been great to work with and the facility has been a great fit for the County and the District. She further reported that the County worked with the District to spread out the payments and the payments are almost completed.

Superintendent Ertmanis provided a slide show of the old and new maintenance facilities.

Commissioner Spiros asked if staff had any idea on savings.

Superintendent Ertmanis reported that the new facility will save on labor, time, batteries on the vehicles, etc. He reported that the County will also be putting in fuel pumps.

Director Matt Henderson reported that the biggest aspect is safety for staff.

Commissioner McIvor questioned if there is a budget for the demolition at the 802 Plainfield facility.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the District's initial plan is to keep the property and turn it into garden plots. The project is scheduled for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

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 that staff is planning programs for the summer brochure. He reported that staff will be printing and mailing the summer brochure to all residents with eventually transition to online, but that staff felt that having a physical book gets everyone back to the programs.

Director Henderson reported that the brochure will be mailed on Friday, April 2nd, and registration for residents on April 14th and non-residents April 21st.

Commissioner McIvor questioned the total printed brochures.

Director Henderson reported that about 12,000 are printed and 9,000 mailed and that that there is not a huge savings in cutting down the number. He reported that this is budgeted for \$30,000 total for all three brochures for the year.

Commissioner Spiros asked that staff report on the upcoming virtual March 5th Annual ASCD Pre-K & Kindergarten Conference.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR CONSENT AGENDA)

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

12. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner McIvor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros to approve the Warrants, and the January 11, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Award bid for Community Park Path Improvement project in the amount of \$162,600
- b. Ordinance 2020-21-05: Consideration and action on an ordinance providing for the issue of not to exceed \$1,700,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds for the payment of land condemned or purchased for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of said Park District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, to refund certain outstanding bonds of the District and to provide a revenue source to pay certain outstanding obligations of the District, providing for the levy of taxes to pay said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof
- c. Ordinance 2020-21-06: An Ordinance abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2020 to pay the principal and interest on the \$3,630,000 General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020B, of the Darien Park District, DuPage County, Illinois
- d. Ordinance 2020-21-07: An Ordinance abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2020 to pay the principal of and interest on \$6,565,000 General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2015B, of the Darien Park District, DuPage County, Illinois

Commissioner McIvor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve New Business items a. – d. as presented.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

14. 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 8:17 p.m.



Ray Jablonski, President
Darien Park District



Frank Noverini, Secretary
Darien Park District