

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

**June 14, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Jablonski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Darien Park District Maintenance Garage on Nantucket Drive, 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, Attorney Gina Madden

**PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

There was no communication to report.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

- a. **President** – None
- b. **Vice President** – None
- c. **Secretary** – None
- d. **Treasurer** – Commissioner Cathy Marchese presented the Treasurer’s report ending May 31, 2021.

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

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**Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:**

**AYES:** Noverini, Spiros, McIvor, 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 Monday, August 9, 2021, and a tentative Committee meeting on September 27, 2021. She reported that item 9e. under the Consent Agenda will be tabled until the September meeting.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she has been in communication with the Homeowners Association of Hinsbrook regarding the park. She reported that the Homeowners Association Board is in the process of changeover and that there is discussion that they may want to give the park to the District. She further reported that if the District took over the park, it would not be a simple or inexpensive process. She stated that for example, there will need to be an environmental study which will be costly but that nothing will be done until more information is provided. She stated that she would report more once there was more information.

President Ray Jablonski reported that he spoke with the Alderman Belczak recently and that he mentioned that the Homeowners Association wants to be more active, so maybe this could still change.

### **b. Superintendent of Finance**

Superintendent Della Deldin reported that she is working with the auditors and that the audit should be ready for approval at the September meeting.

### **c. Superintendent of Parks**

Superintendent Blake Ertmanis reported that he is working with Wight & Company regarding the replacement of the north parking lot and tennis court complex at Community Park. He reported that the Park ID sign was installed at South Grove pond. He also reported that they will have 10-11 summer workers.

### **d. Sportsplex the General Manager**

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

Executive Director Gurgone reported that now Illinois is officially in Phase 5, which means Sportsplex can now host hockey tournaments.

### **e. Director of Parks & Facilities**

Director Matt Henderson reported that recently a resident asked about recycling cans at Community Park. He reported that in the past visitors used the cans as garbage containers which requires staff to spend time sorting which is necessary due to a fee if it is not sorted. He further reported that staff will try to reintroduce recycling cans again at Community Park which will be labeled by July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Director Henderson reported that the first summer movie was held at South Grove Park and was well attended with approximately 250 people.

Commissioner McIvor stated that the event was fabulous and that the residents were pleased.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that there are 3 others planned in other parks, but that staff may consider more in the Fall if there is additional money available in the budget.

### **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 McIvor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to Table 9e. - Resolution 2021-22-09: A Resolution transferring excess fund balances from the bond & interest fund, corporate fund, and recreation fund to the Community Center Capital Projects fund for designated projects.**

**Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:**

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

**Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to approve the Warrants, the May 10, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, Resolution 2021-22-07: Resolution authorizing intergovernmental agreement between the City of Darien and the Darien Park District for the purchase of road salt, and Resolution 2021-22-08: A Resolution approving an agreement for the use of Darien Park District Sportsplex facility with DuPage Stars (Ice Rental).**

**Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:**

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

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Award of Bid to Hacienda Landscaping for the installation of the Birchwood Park playground in the amount of \$96,614.**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that this is for the installation of the Birchwood Park playground. She stated that the cost is more expensive than normal due to the necessary rubber surfacing (due to possible water in the park, and that the pricing is in line.

**Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to award the Bid to Hacienda Landscaping for the installation of the Birchwood Park playground in the amount of \$96,614.**

**Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:**

**AYES: Noverini, Spiros, Marchese, McIvor, Jablonski**

**NAYS: None**

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

**b. Award of Bid for the Smart Oaks shelter installation to the lowest responsible bidder.**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the lowest bidder was Hacienda Landscaping in the amount of \$113,789.20. She reported that most of the bids received were 20-30% higher than the last shelter install due to higher material costs, higher labor costs, and higher demand for projects to be completed and less qualified contractor to complete the project. She stated that other capital projects would be adjusted this year to compensate for the higher project amount.

**Commissioner Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner McIvor to award the Bid for Smart Oaks shelter installation to Hacienda Landscaping in the amount of \$113,789.20.**

**Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:**

**AYES: Marchese, McIvor, Noverini, Spiros, Jablonski**

**NAYS: None**

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

**c. Election of Officers**

**Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to nominate Ray Jablonski as President.**

**Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:**

**AYES: Noverini, Marchese, McIvor, Spiros.**

**President Jablonski abstained**

**NAYS: None**

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

**Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to nominate Luanne Spiros as Vice President.**

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

**AYES:** Noverini, Marchese, McIvor, Jablonski  
Commissioner Spiros abstained.

**NAYS:** None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

Commissioner Spiros moved, duly seconded by Commissioner McIvor to nominate Frank Noverini as Secretary.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

**AYES:** Spiros, McIvor, Marchese, Jablonski.  
Commissioner Noverini abstained

**NAYS:** None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

Commissioner Spiros moved, duly seconded by Commissioner McIvor to nominate Cathy Marchese as Treasurer.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

**AYES:** Noverini, McIvor, Marchese, Spiros, Jablonski.

**NAYS:** None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

### GUIDED TOUR OF MAINTENANCE FACILITY

Superintendent Blake Ertmanis provided a tour of the maintenance facility.

### ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner McIvor 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 7:55 p.m.



Ray Jablonski, President  
Darien Park District



Frank Noverini, Secretary  
Darien Park District