

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

September 13, 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

ABSENT: Sylvia McIvor

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.

a. Recognition of Della Deldin's Retirement

President Ray Jablonski acknowledged Superintendent Della Deldin on her Retirement and for her 15 years of service and dedication. The Board and staff thanked Superintendent Deldin.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she received communication from a resident near Chestnut Park that stated they believe there was a rat infestation in the nature area. She reported that staff and the native area contractor have both not encountered any signs of rats in the park. She stated that the native area contractor, who visits monthly, reported that in over 20 years that he has never seen rats living in native planting areas. She stated that staff are working to find a wildlife expert to visit the park to ensure that there are no rats in the area.

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 August 31, 2021.

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

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Noverini, Spiros, Marchese, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report

STAFF REPORTS

a. Executive Director/SEASPAR

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that the next regular meeting is Monday, October 11th. She reported that there is a committee meeting on Monday, September 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the snowplow agreement with District #61 is on the consent agenda for approval. She further reported that the OSLAD grant application was submitted and that the pickleball players came through with letters of recommendation.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that they are short staffed in all Departments and a lot of jobs are posted on the District's website.

b. Superintendent of Finance

Superintendent Della Deldin reported that a large tax distribution was received and that 94.35% of tax revenue was received. She reported that she is still waiting for the auditor to complete the final steps and that final approval will be at the October meeting.

c. Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Blake Ertmanis reported that the Smart Oaks shelter is taking longer than expected. He reported that he is waiting for the contractor on timing of the project at Birchwood Park.

Commissioner Luanne Spiros questioned the vandalism in the bathrooms at DCP.

Superintendent Ertmanis reported that the soap dispensers were ripped off the walls and the soap bags and toilet paper shoved in the toilets multiple times. He reported that staff are spending a significant amount of time to clean and repair bathrooms each time this occurs. He reported that the bathrooms will only be open for rentals and special events due to staff time involved in cleaning up the mess.

d. Sportsplex the General Manager

General Manager Jordan Rossi reported that all youth programs were resumed at Sportsplex.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that signs for masking are posted outside the building, but that each group is responsible for enforcing mask wear among their participants.

e. Director of Parks & Facilities

Director Matt Henderson reported that there is one remaining summer event on Friday, September 17th at South Grove Park. He reported that the events have been positive.

Director Henderson reported that the Hoe-Down is scheduled for Sunday, September 26th at Community Park and that there are some changes. He reported that Jen has done a great job in running the events.

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 Noverini to approve the August 9, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, Warrants, and Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Darien Park District and the Darien School District #61 providing for snow and ice removal services.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

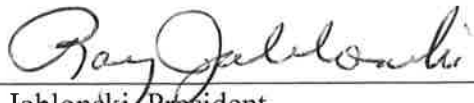
President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Spiros 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 7:21 p.m.



Ray Jablonski, President
Darien Park District



Frank Noverini, Secretary
Darien Park District