

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

November 8, 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, Nancy Strathdee; 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

There were no communications.

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 October 31, 2021.

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

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Noverini, Spiros, 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 staff met with Mayor Marchese and Bryon Vana regarding Special Events in Darien. She reported that the City is interested in sponsoring additional concerts at the Darien Community Park this summer and that staff agreed to assist in the booking and coordination of the concerts at DCP. Executive Director Gurgone reported that the City would like to see a large stage venue in one the parks in the future.

President Jablonski reported that the City has an arrangement with Carriage Greens and that they do not want all of the City sponsored events there. He reported that the Mayor would like to have a place for events in Darien and put together a community calendar.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Consent Agenda has a lot of items with four of the items for staff changes. She reported that some positions had to be revised.

b. Superintendent of Finance

Executive Director Gurgone introduced Superintendent Nancy Strathdee. Superintendent Strathdee had no report.

c. Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Blake Ertmanis reported that the Fishing Line Recycling Stations at the three ponds was scheduled to be completed by the fall but that the student has not been responding. He reported that if the student does not answer that the parks staff will install the stations in the spring of 2022.

d. Sportsplex the General Manager

General Manager Jordan Rossi reported that a full time Shift Manager was hired at Sportsplex.

e. Director of Parks & Facilities

Director Matt Henderson reported that staff has been talking to the Pickleball Pals to bring indoor pickleball to the District on a consistent basis. He reported that in mid-November the District will be offering a drop in option, on different days and times to measure interest and determine the most desirable days and times to play. He reported that in December set days and times will be set offering a Pickleball Monthly Session that will allow participants to attend as many of the available time slots as they wish in a month. Director Henderson reported that the group will assist with set up and tear down as well as overseeing all the court play. He further reported that most of the pickleball players are already affiliated with the Pickleball Pals.

Director Henderson reported on the Annual Craft Show and that the Winter brochure will be mailed December 3rd with registration for residents on December 15th and non-residents December 22nd. He further reported that the Community Center will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

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 Warrants – October & November, September 13, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, September 27, 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes, Resolution 2021-22-11: A Resolution approving the Environmental Policy of the Darien Park District, Resolution 2021-22-12: A Resolution designating an authorized agent to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, Tax Levy – A motion to determine estimated Levy amounts for Fiscal Year 2022-23 and to post draft of Levy ordinance. Final Ordinance will be on December 13, 2021 agenda, SEASPAR Tax Levy, Resolution 2021-22-13: A Resolution to Declare Surplus Property, Approve Revised Job Description for Superintendent of Recreation, Approved Revised Recreation Organizational Char, Approved Revised Job Description for Facility Operations Manager, and Approve Revised Sportsplex Organizational Chart.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

Commissioner McIvor abstained from the September 27, 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes.

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of Darien Park District Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2021

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that a change was made to the audit report noting that the Board is comprised of the President and 4 members not 5.

Executive Director Gurgone provided the Board with an overview reporting that the entire year was Pandemic impacted. She reported that staff really pitched in to bring in revenue and cut expenses and that staff was able to bring in revenue and end positively. She further reported that the fund balances are still strong that she was pleased with how the year ended with minimized unemployment claims.

Commissioner Spiros stated that it was terrific to see the results and is a testament to leadership and creativity.

Commissioner McIvor made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini approval of Darien Park District Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2021.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: McIvor, Noverini, Spiros, Marchese, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

b. Approval of Annual Statement of Receipts & Disbursements (Annual Treasurer's Report)

Commissioner McIvor made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to Approval of Annual Statement of Receipts & Disbursements (Annual Treasurer's Report)

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:


AYES: McIvor, Noverini, Spiros, Marchese, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner McIvor that the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll call vote the Motion was thereby carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.



Ray Jablonski, President
Darien Park District



Frank Noverini, Secretary
Darien Park District