

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

January 31, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

President Ray Jablonski called the meeting to order at 7:01 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, Frank Noverini, Sylvia McIvor

ABSENT: Cathy Marchese

Staff: Stephanie Gurgone; Executive Director, Nancy Strathdee; Superintendent of Finance, Blake Ertmanis; Superintendent of Parks, Gina Madden, Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS

a. Aaron Gold, Speer Financial

Mr. Aaron Gold, Speer Financial reported on the Rollover Bond sale. He reported that four bids were received for the General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2022 and that the bid of 1st Secure Community Bank in Joliet was the best bid received. Mr. Gold reported that the net capital available will be approximately \$300,000.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that the Board received information on Citizen of the Year dinner tickets.

OFFICER REPORTS

- a. **President** - No report
- b. **Vice President** – No report
- c. **Secretary** – No report
- d. **Treasurer** – Executive Director Gurgone presented the Treasurer’s report ending December 31, 2021.

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

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Noverini, Spiros, 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 the next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 28, 2022. She reported that staff is working on the budget for the Committee Meeting.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received information regarding the Woodmere Townhomes. She stated that the Woodmere townhomes are in the City of Darien but not the Darien Park District. The townhomes are in a separate Park District, so there would be an involved process if they wanted to be in the Darien Park District instead. Executive Director Gurgone reported that she has provided the resident the appropriate information and that she will update the Board if there is any new information.

b. Superintendent of Finance

Superintendent Nancy Strathdee reported that an adjustment was made to the October bond expense in the Sportsplex financials.

c. Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Blake Ertmanis stated that he would answer any questions on his report.

d. Sportsplex the General Manager

Director of Parks & Facilities Matt Henderson stated that he would answer any questions regarding General Manager Jordan Rossi's report.

e. Director of Parks & Facilities

Director Matt Henderson reported on the Recreation Report provided by Jen Kranz and highlighted the upcoming events and noted that Pickleball has 36 participants.

Director Henderson reported that staff is cleaning out the maintenance facility at 802 Plainfield and that the goal is to have most items moved into the new facility by the end of March. He reported that until the building is demolished that staff will continue to keep the property and facilities operational.

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 Spiros approval of Warrants and the December 13, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance 2021-22-03: Consideration and action on an ordinance providing for the issue of \$1,002,135 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, 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 and to provide a revenue source to pay certain outstanding obligations of the District, providing for the levy of taxes pay said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.**

Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros approval of Ordinance 2021-22-03: Consideration and action on an ordinance providing for the issue of \$1,002,135 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, 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 and to provide a revenue source to pay certain outstanding obligations of the District, providing for the levy of taxes pay said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

- b. Ordinance 2021-22-04: An Ordinance abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2021 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.

Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros approval of Ordinance 2021-22-04: An Ordinance abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2021 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.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

c. Ordinance 2021-22-05: An Ordinance abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2021 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 Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros approval of Ordinance 2021-22-05: An Ordinance abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2021 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.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

d. Authorize payment for the emergency and necessary repair of the Norris Rink Ice Plant & Chiller in the amount not to exceed \$200,000.

Director of Parks & Facilities Matt Henderson reported on the emergency Chiller replacement for Norris Ice Plant at Sportsplex. He reported that the Chiller for the Norris rink was installed in 2008 when the fieldhouse on the north end of the Sportsplex was converted into an ice rink. He reported that because of the age of the chiller, replacement of the entire chiller system is needed. He further reported that this piece of machinery is equivalent to an engine of a car and that without the fix, it could be a huge revenue loss. Director Henderson reported that the budget should allow to pay for half of the cost up in the current fiscal year, and half in the next fiscal year.

There was some discussion regarding the new equipment and if it will be more efficient as well as the timing of the repairs.

Commissioner Sylvia McIvor suggested looking into rebates and that she would work with staff.

Director Henderson reported that due to the long lead time that staff is working with the vendor to determine a plan to ensure that the ice plant remains running until the new unit is received. He reported that a lightly used compressor from Carrier will be purchased and that once the chiller is replaced there will be an extra compressor.

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that the amended amount not to exceed would change to \$189,780.

Commissioner McIvor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to amend item d. amount to exceed from \$200,000 to \$189,780 to Carrier Corporation.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros to authorize payment for the emergency and necessary repair of the Norris Rink Ice Plant & Chiller in the amount not to exceed \$189,780 to Carrier Corporation.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

- 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.**

At 7:32 p.m., Commissioner McIvor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros to convene into Closed Session for the purposes of discussion of the employment, performance and compensation of specific employees pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 1.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried. President Ray Jablonski stated that any action after Closed Session will be noted in the minutes.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION (if warranted)

a. Approve extension of Executive Director's Employment Agreement

At 8:02 p.m. the Regular Board Meeting reconvened.

Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros to approve the Executive Director's Employment Agreement.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

Commissioner Spiros that the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll call vote the Motion was thereby carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Ray Jablonski, President
Darien Park District



Frank Noverini, Secretary
Darien Park District