

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

**April 11, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Ray 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 (7:02 pm),  
Sylvia McIvor (7:02 pm)

**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**

**a. Public Hearing for 2022-23 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance**

**Commissioner Spiros made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to open the Public Hearing for 2022-23 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance.**

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

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

**NAYS: None**

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that the District is anticipating receiving \$3,105,687 in tax dollars and is a 1.54% increase in operating funds from the current year. She reported that in the Corporate Fund the District is budgeting about a 2.5% increase in the revenues and expenditures. She further reported that in the Recreation Fund the District is budgeting about a 4% decrease in revenues and expenditures and that both fund budgets are balanced.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that in addition to paying down outstanding debt, the District is anticipating spending approximately \$343,000 on Capital projects next year which includes the replacement of the shelter at Meyer Woods and the demolition of the old maintenance facility at 802 Plainfield. She reported that the budget also includes the final \$210,000 payment towards the purchase and renovation of the DuPage County Maintenance Facility.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Sportsplex budget has revenue and expenses slightly lower than the 2021-22 budget and that the budget includes all building expenses out of facility revenues including \$100,000 of Capital projects and debt and principal on all the outstanding debt.

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

**Commissioner McIvor made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to close the Public Hearing for 2022-23 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance.**

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

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

**NAYS: None**

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

**a. President** - No report

**b. Vice President** – No report

- 1. Treasurer's Report** – Commissioner Cathy Marchese presented the Treasurer's report ending March 31, 2022.

**Commissioner Spiros made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report ending March 31, 2022.**

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

**AYES: Spiros, Marchese, Noverini, 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 Regular Meeting will be Monday, May 9, 2022. She reported that staff provided information for the Community Calendar and that she provided the updated 2022 Sustainability report which will be updated every April. She stated that there were not a lot of changes made to the report.

Commissioner Sylvia McIvor suggested using the Arboretum list for planting trees for more diversity.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff tracks all of the trees planted and does work off the suggested list.

**b. Superintendent of Finance**

Superintendent Nancy Strathdee did not have anything further to add to her report and there were no questions.

**c. Superintendent of Parks**

Superintendent Blake Ertmanis reported that the final parts for the new Birchwood Park are being installed and that the safety surface will be installed by the end of April. He reported that the portable restrooms will be placed in the parks during the week of April 11<sup>th</sup>. He further reported that there are summer positions available.

**d. Sportsplex the General Manager**

General Manager Jordan Rossi did not have anything further to add to his report and there were no questions.

**e. Director of Parks & Facilities**

Director of Parks & Facilities Matt Henderson reported that April will be the last month of offering indoor pickleball. He reported that the temporary lines at the tennis courts at Smart Oaks Park will be available for outdoor play and that indoor pickleball will return in the fall.

Director Henderson reported that both buildings will be closed on Easter Sunday.

**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 approval of the March 14, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, Warrants, Ordinance 2022-23-01: Annual Budget & Appropriations Ordinance and Nationwide Resolution.**

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

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

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Acceptance of Icon Shelters as the low qualified, sole source bid from Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$66,834.40 for Meyer Woods Shelter.**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the current shelter at Meyer Woods Park was installed when the park was originally developed in 1992. She reported that the funds for this purchase will be from the 22-23 fiscal year but due to the long lead time, an order would like to be placed before the new fiscal year commences. She further reported that once the order is placed it will take up to 24 weeks for delivery.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the park will remain open but that they are not renting the pavilion out this summer, due to unknown timing of construction.

**Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros acceptance of Icon Shelters as the low qualified, sole source bid from Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$66,834.40 for Meyer Woods Shelter.**

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

**AYES: Noverini, Spiros, Marchese, McIvor, 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 7:19 p.m.**



Ray Jablonski, President  
Darien Park District



Frank Noverini, Secretary  
Darien Park District