

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

**May 9, 2022**

**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  
(7:03 p.m.)

**ABSENT:** None

**Staff:** Stephanie Gurgone; Executive Director, Matt Henderson; Director of Parks and Facilities, 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** - President Ray Jablonski reported that the next month is the election of officers. He stated that he would like to remain President for another year but that his term is up in 2025 and that he will decide then if he will rerun.
- b. **Treasurer** – Commissioner Cathy Marchese presented the Treasurer’s report ending April 30, 2022.

**Commissioner Noverini made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report ending April 30, 2022.**

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

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

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

**c. Commissioner Reports** – There were no reports.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Gina Madden had no report.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**a. Executive Director/SEASPAR**

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that the next regular Board meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2022, at 7:00 pm She reported that she is planning on cancelling the July Board meeting. Executive Director Gurgone reported that the City of Darien's calendar is live and showing the District special events.

**b. Superintendent of Finance**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she would answer any questions regarding Superintendent Nancy Strathdee's report. She reported that our lead auditor is leaving Lauterbach & Amen, so she did not know if this would cause a delay with this year's audit.

**c. Superintendent of Parks**

Superintendent Blake Ertmanis reported that Birchwood Park Playground is open for play. He reported that the Arbor Day tree planting will be completed and that the Parks Department is currently accepting applications for seasonal park maintenance positions.

Commissioner Sylvia McIvor questioned the Eagle Scout/4H projects.

Superintendent Ertmanis reported that the students have not been responsive and that staff ends up completing the projects, so they will not currently be accepting any more.

**d. Sportsplex the General Manager**

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

Commissioner Luanne Spiros questioned the user group contracts and Eclipse fieldhouse contract.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the goal is to secure better partners and more groups long term.

**e. Director of Parks & Facilities**

Director Matt Henderson reported that the Board received an update regarding the Easter Egg Hunt/ Bunny Bash. He reported that the modified program was a good fit.

Director Henderson reported on the upcoming June events. He reported that there was a medical event at Sportsplex and that staff will be replacing the older AED machines and reassigning them to the Park District Maintenance vehicles.

Director Henderson reported that both the Sportsplex will be closed on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and the Community Center will be closed on Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> for Memorial 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 to approve the April 11, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes, and the Warrants.**

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

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

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Resolution 2022-23-01: A Resolution approving an agreement for use of the Darien Park District Sportsplex facility with Chicago Empire Soccer Club, Subject to Attorney Review.**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that this approval is subject to their attorney’s review and if there are any substantial changes that they would be brought back to the Board for review.

**Commissioner Spiros made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini, approval of Resolution 2022-23-01: A Resolution approving an agreement for use of the Darien Park District Sportsplex facility with Chicago Empire Soccer Club, Subject to Attorney Review**

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

**AYES: Spiros, Noverini, Marchese, 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.
- b. Closed session for the discussion of salary schedules for one or more classes of employees pursuant to 5 ILCS 120 2(c)2.
- c. Closed session for the purposes of review of closed session minutes pursuant to ILCS 120/2(c)21.

At 7:20 p.m. Commissioner Marchese made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to adjourn into Closed Session.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

**ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION (if warranted)**

At 7:31 p.m. Commissioner McIvor made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to reconvene the Regular Meeting.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

Commissioner Marchese made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to give the Executive Director the discretion to approve staffing changes and compensation as recommended.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

President Jablonski reported that there were no Closed Session minutes released.

**ADJOURN**

**There being no further discussion, Commissioner McIvor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese that the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll call vote the Motion was thereby carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.**



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Ray Jablonski, President  
Darien Park District



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Frank Noverini, Secretary  
Darien Park District