

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

**August 8, 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, Frank Noverini, Sylvia McIvor

**ABSENT:** Cathy Marchese

**Staff:** Stephanie Gurgone; Executive Director, Matt Henderson; Director of Parks and Facilities, 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 there will be Community Action Committee Meeting on Saturday.

**b. Treasurer** – Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone presented the Treasurer’s report ending July 31, 2022.

**Commissioner Noverini made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report ending July 31, 2022.**

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

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

**NAYS:** None

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

**c. Commissioners’ 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 NIMEC informed the District that electricity markets are in turmoil and that the rates will go up during the next bid process in 2022-23. She reported that during the bid process staff will explore if a 1 or a 3-year contract makes the most sense.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the District received the DCP OSLAD grant and that the proposal from Wight for the design work is on the agenda for approval. She provided a summary of the grant award and reported that there will be two newly renovated tennis courts, four new pickleball courts, one new synthetic turf volleyball court and two renovated half basketball courts, baggo stations, pathways, shade structures, fitness stations and a renovated parking lot with permeable pavers and bioswale plantings.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff is also looking at lighting for the pickleball court. She reported that the pickleball group is excited about the project.

She also reported that staff is considering applying for another OSLAD grant for 2022-23, but they would be meeting with Wight to determine which projects would be possibilities.

### **b. Superintendent of Finance**

Superintendent Nancy Strathdee reported that the auditors were out in July to complete the audit and that they have not provided a date for final approval.

### **d. Sportsplex the General Manager**

General Manager Jordan Rossi reported that there were several exterior projects completed over the summer and that staff did most of the work which saved a lot of money.

### **e. Director of Parks & Facilities**

Director Matt Henderson reported on the final Summer Movie in the Park. He reported that staff is working on tree trimming along the property lines.

## **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 Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros to approve the June 13, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, Warrants – July & August, Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Cass Junior High School District 63 for the use of the soccer field located at Smart Oaks Park, Resolution 2022-23-06, A Resolution transferring excess funds from bond & interest fund, corporate fund and recreation fund to the capital fund for designated projects, and Annual Budget Line item Adjustments for fiscal year 2021-22.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Noverini, Spiros, McIvor, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Acceptance of the low bid for the demolition of 802 Plainfield Road to Johler Demolition, Inc. for \$92,782.50**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the demo timing is unknown until the bid is awarded. She stated that she is hoping it will be completed by fall and then graded and seeded. She reported that the neighbors will be notified.

Commissioner Luanne Spiros suggested bringing in the Garden Club at the beginning of the planning process for the garden plots.

- b. **Reject sole bid received for Meyer Woods Shelter Project**

Executive Director Gurgone reported staff was unhappy with the one bid received. She reported that there will be a new bid opening date and hopeful that this will attract multiple bids.

- c. **Authorize staff to re-let the bids for the Meyer Woods Shelter Project**  
d. **Acceptance of proposal from Wight & Company for the final design services Darien Community Park project for \$94,500**  
e. **Resolution 2022-23-03: A Resolution approving an agreement for the use of Darien Park District Sportsplex facility with Chicago Empire Soccer Club**  
f. **Resolution 2022-23-04: A Resolution approving an agreement for use of Darien Park District Sportsplex Facility with Chicago Edge Skating Academy (classes)**  
g. **Resolution 2022-23-05: A Resolution approving an agreement for the use of Darien Park District Sportsplex Facility with Chicago Edge Skating Academy (freestyle)**

Commissioner Noverini made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros, approval of New Business items a. – g., as presented.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Noverini, Spiros, McIvor, Jablonski

**NAYS:       None**

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

**h. Approval of Agreement with Pepsi Beverages Company, subject to attorney review**

President Ray Jablonski recused himself.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff is working with Pepsi for a 3-year agreement. She reported that Attorney Gina Madden has reviewed the contract and has changes. She stated that this approval is subject to attorney review.

**Commissioner McIvor made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini, approval of an Agreement with Pepsi Beverages Company, subject to attorney review.**

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

**AYES:       Noverini, Spiros, McIvor**

**NAYS:       None**

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

**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 7:35 p.m.**



Ray Jablonski, President  
Darien Park District



Frank Noverini, Secretary  
Darien Park District