

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

December 12, 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, Cathy Marchese, Sylvia McIvor

ABSENT: None

Staff: Stephanie Gurgone; Executive Director, Matt Henderson; Director of Parks and Facilities, Nancy Strathdee; Superintendent of Parks, Jordan Rossi; Sportsplex General Manager, Gina Madden, Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS

a. Aaron Gold, Speer Financial

Mr. Aaron Gold, Speer Financial provided the results of the sale of the General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2022. He reported that five bids were received with Republic Bank of Chicago, Oak Brook, Illinois with the most favorable bid at 3.74%. Mr. Gold reported that the closing is scheduled for December 28, 2022 for four years in the amount of \$1,478.550. He reported that the private placement market has been strong and that there was a big spread between the bids.

Commissioner Luanne Spiros questioned if there was a risk with the spread.

Mr. Gold reported that the bids all conformed with the bid sheets.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that she received correspondence from the Rotary Club and that they will be celebrating their 50th anniversary in 2024. She reported that the Club will be donating something permanent to display in Darien and asking for ideas.

OFFICER REPORTS

a. President - President Ray Jablonski had no report.

b. Treasurer – Commissioner Cathy Marchese presented the Treasurer's report ending November 30, 2022.

Commissioner Noverini made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner McIvor to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report ending November 30, 2022.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Noverini, McIvor, Spiros, Jablonski, Marchese

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

c. Commissioner Reports – There were no Commissioner 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 meeting will be on February 27th with the Committee Meeting to follow. She reported that there will not be a meeting in January.

b. Superintendent of Finance

Superintendent Nancy Strathdee stated that she would answer any questions regarding her report.

c. Sportsplex the General Manager

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

e. Director of Parks & Facilities

Director Matt Henderson reported that the recreation report was provided in the packet. He reported that the demolition at 802 Plainfield will be completed by mid-January and that the parking lot will be blocked off. He further reported that the skeleton pavilion is up at Meyers Woods and that the concrete work will be completed in the spring with completion at the end of April.

There was some discussion regarding the ATV activity at South Grove. Staff will discuss how to deter the activity and encouraged residents to contact the police immediately.

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 Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros to approve the Warrants, November 14, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, Darien Park District Tax Levy Ordinance #2022-23-02 and the 2023 Board meeting Schedule.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of Darien Park District Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2022.

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that she provided a summary in the packet and that there is nothing unique but more normal than last year. She reported that the audit for the District is on a modified cash basis and Sportsplex accrual basis.

Commissioner Luanne Spiros questioned if there is a balanced budget and if there are any risks going forward.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the budget is balanced and fiscally sound with more than six months in reserve in both the Corporate and Recreation funds. She reported that inflation has affected the electric with an anticipated 30% increase going forward. If the increase is long term, funds will need to be raised to cover the expenses. She further reported that the debt continues to be paid down and that the District will have the long term debt paid off in a few years.

Commissioner Noverini made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros approval of Darien Park District Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2022.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

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

Commissioner Spiros made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese approval of the Annual Statement of Receipts & Disbursements (Annual Treasurer's Report).

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

- c. **Ordinance 2022-23-03: Consideration and action on an ordinance providing for the issue of \$1,478,550 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 to pay said bonds, authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.**

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that this approval for the ordinance, and by doing so, the District will be accepting the low bid for the bond.

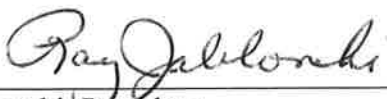
Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner 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.



Ray Jablonski, President
Darien Park District



Frank Noverini, Secretary
Darien Park District