

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

February 27, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

President Jablonski called the meeting to order at 6:51 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

ABSENT: Sylvia McIvor

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS

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

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE TOPICS

1. Sportsplex

a. Sportsplex Rental Rates

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that she provided the Board with the recommended rates and that they will be on the March agenda for approval.

b. Sportsplex Budget Draft 2023-24

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff provided detail of the budget. She reported that there were no significant changes but that there will be an increase in utilities. She further reported that money was not allocated for any capital next year, and that the debt in the home stretch for the next four years.

c. Sportsplex Capital/Bond update

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she provided a summary of the Sportsplex Capital/Bond update. She reported that there are two callable bonds in 2023 but that with high interest rates now, it won't be possible to restructure them now. However, staff will make sure that Speer continues to monitor.

2. Parks & Recreation

a. Rental Rates for Parks and DPDCC

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the only pavilion rental available will be Smart Oaks. She reported that there will be a waitlist for Meyers Woods and as soon as it is complete staff will start with residents first. She further reported that there will be no rentals at Community Park since parking will be an issue.

There was some discussion regarding the non-residential room rental rates. Executive Director Gurgone reported that she would take a look to see if additional adjustments need to be made.

3. Admin

a. DPD Budget Draft 2022-23

Executive Director Gurgone provided a summary of the major changes in the budget. She highlighted some of the changes from last year noted that staff is starting to budget for the 50th Anniversary in 2024.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that there will not be concerts in the park due to construction, but a few more movies in the park. She reported on potential involvement for SEASPAR to run the concessions.

b. DPD Capital /Bond Update

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she provided the debt schedule showing the District's outstanding debt. She reported that staff is working with Wight on a site plan for Driftwood Park with a playground, swings and a shaded structure, possibly for May 2024. She further reported that the playground order would need to be placed by the fall, due to long lead times.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff is awaiting a decision on the grant and should it be denied that staff will work with Wight on why and how to reapply. She reported that if the grant is approved that the work will be completed over the next couple of years.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff is recommending approval of the DCP bids for the tennis courts, pickleball courts, etc. and lights for the March meeting. She stated that the board can set operating hours for the lights and courts. She also stated that staff is looking into sound abatement panels.

c. DPD Amended Budget Draft 2022-23

Executive Director Gurgone reported that there will be an amended budget in the March board packet providing any new changes. This is due to the DCP project expenses starting in this fiscal year, as well as the expenditure of interest revenue on capital projects.

d. Announce Budget and Amended Budget Display Date – by March 10th for public hearing on April 10th. Budget will be on agenda for approval on April 10th.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the budget will be on the April agenda for approval.

e. Miscellaneous Rotary Club List

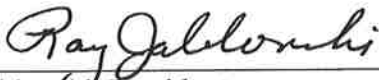
Executive Director Gurgone reported that as previously discussed that the Rotary Club is looking for suggestions to celebrate their 50th Anniversary in 2024 and that they would like to leave a tangible gift in Darien. She reported that staff brainstormed and put together a list but felt that a SEASPAR donation, possibly a bus or something for the Darien Eagles site would be best. Executive Director Gurgone stated that she would update the Board if she hears from the Rotary Club.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros that the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll call vote the Motion was thereby carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.



Ray Jablonski, President
Darien Park District



Frank Noverini, Secretary
Darien Park District