

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

March 13, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

President Jablonski called the meeting to order at 7:01 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, Attorney Gina Madden

PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that she received the offer letter with the grant award for 802 Plainfield. She reported that nothing can begin until the documents are received and construction will start approximately one year from this spring. She further reported staff appreciated all the support from the Garden Club and that information will be in the Summer brochure.

Commissioner Spiros congratulated staff and stated that this is great and tied to sustainability and that it should be recognized that this is not coming from taxpayer dollars.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that there will be a sign posted regarding the grant when completed and that all of the supporters will be recognized.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she responded to an email from Brian Liedtke informing him that the District is always open to program ideas and that he expressed that he did not know he could do that.

OFFICER REPORTS

- a. **President** – President Ray Jablonski reported that Executive Director Gurgone responded to Mr. Brian Liedtke regarding programs, and he responded to Mr. Liedtke regarding Darien Fest. He stated that Mr. Liedtke responded to him and that he responded. He reported that he attended the Community Action Committee and provided the Board with the upcoming events.

b. Treasurer

i. Treasurer's Report ended February 28, 2023

Commissioner Cathy Marchese presented the Treasurer's report ending February 28, 2023.

Commissioner Noverini made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report ending February 28, 2023.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Noverini, Spiros, Marchese, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

c. Commissioner Reports – None

STAFF REPORTS

a. Executive Director/SEASPAR

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that the next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. She reported that everyone should have received an email from Dupage County to file the Statement of Economic Interest online.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that bids were received for electricity. She reported that the rates from 2020 were historically low and that staff is recommending a 3-year contract to lock in the rates and avoid any further increases. She further reported that the Draft Budget & Appropriations Ordinance for FY2023-24 was prepared with no significant changes and has been posted and the public hearing and approval at the April meeting.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff is working on the process with Wight & Co for Driftwood Park. She reported that due to a recent new bill that the District is required to form an "Efficiency Committee" by June 10, 2023. There was discussion with recommendations on who will be appointed to the Committee.

b. Superintendent of Finance

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

c. Sportsplex the General Manager

General Manager Jordan Rossi reported that the chiller installation is still in progress.

d. Director of Parks & Facilities

Director Matt Henderson reported that the Board received the recreation report and that pickleball is going well. He reported that the Board also received the fitness report and that the percentages are close to what they were before Covid.

Commissioner Luanne Spiros questioned if this was the best use of the space.

Director Henderson reported that the size is perfect and that it needs to be there and not just to generate dollars.

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 Noverini to approve Warrants. Rental Rates for Park, DPDCC, Sportsplex, February 27, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, February 27, 2023 Committee Meeting Minutes, and Resolution 2022-23-10: A Resolution approving and ratifying the electricity supply agreement – fixed price solutions with Dynegy Energy Services, LLC.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Spiros, Noverini, Marchese, Jablonski

NAYS: None

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Award bid for Darien Community Park Site Improvement Project to Clauss Brothers, Inc. for the Base Bid plus Alternate 1, in the amount of \$1,300,900.25.**

Commissioner Spiros moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to award the bid for Darien Community Park Site Improvement Project to Clauss Brothers, Inc. for the Base Bid plus Alternate 1, in the amount of \$1,300,900.25.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Spiros, Noverini, Marchese, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- a. Required Annual Harassment Training**

Attorney Gina Madden reported that the Board received a copy of the materials which are identical to last year. She reported that nothing has changed but that she continues to monitor case law. Attorney Madden provided some examples and stated that the policies are current and relevant.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:00 p.m. Commissioner Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to adjourn to Closed Session for the purposes of:

- 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 for the purposes of review of closed session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 21.**

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION (if warranted)

At 8:28 p.m. Commissioner Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros to reconvene the Regular Meeting.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to approve the extension of the Executive Director's Employment Agreement as recommended.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

Commissioner Marchese moved, 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:

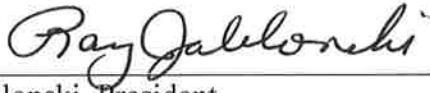
AYES: **Marchese, Noverini, Spiros, Jablonski**
NAYS: **None**

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

President Jablonski reported that there were no closed session minutes to be released.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Marchese 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 8:31p.m.



Ray Jablonski, President
Darien Park District



Frank Noverini, Secretary
Darien Park District