

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

April 10, 2023

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 Finance, Jordan Rossi; Sportsplex General Manager, Gina Madden; Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS

a. Public Hearing for Amended 2022-23 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance

Commissioner Noverini made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to open the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2022-23-06: the District's Amended Budget & Appropriations Ordinance.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Noverini, Marchese, Spiros, McIvor, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that there is an amended budget this year because of the grant project expenditures that are occurring prior to April 30, 2023 and coming out of the newly issued 2022B bond. She further reported that the budget is also being amended to spend approximately \$100,000 from the Corporate Fund on capital projects from the high interest amounts earned this fiscal year which were not budgeted.

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

Commissioner Noverini made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to close the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2022-23-06: the District's Amended Budget & Appropriations Ordinance.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Noverini, Marchese, Spiros, McIvor, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

b. Public Hearing for 2023-24 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance

Commissioner McIvor made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2023-24-01: 2023-24 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: McIvor, Marchese, Noverini, Spiros, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that the District is anticipating receiving \$3,258,449 in tax dollars in 2023-24 which is a 5% increase in operating funds from the current year. She reported that in the Corporate fund the District is budgeting approximately 7.5% increase in revenues and expenditures and a 2% increase in the Recreation fund. She further reported that both fund budgets are balanced.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that in addition to paying down outstanding debt, the District is anticipating spending approximately \$1.2 million on capital projects next year which includes the District tennis court renovation project and parking lot and smaller projects at the Community Center. She reported that the Sportsplex budget has revenue and expenses slightly lower than the 2022-23 budget and that the Sportsplex budget includes all building expenses out of facility revenues which includes payments on all the outstanding debt.

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

Commissioner Spiros made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to close the public hearing for Ordinance 2023-24-01: 2023-24 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Spiros, Noverini, Marchese, McIvor, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Jablonski reported that Kingswood Academy invited the District to a meeting to discuss their lease. He reported that he was contacting them to inform them that the District no longer owns the building.

OFFICER REPORTS

- a. **President** – President Ray Jablonski had no report.
- b. **Treasurer** – Commissioner Cathy Marchese presented the Treasurer’s report ending March 31, 2023.

Commissioner Noverini made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report ending March 31, 2023.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Noverini, Spiros, Marchese, McIvor, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

- c. **Commissioners’ Reports** – There were no Commissioner reports.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

There was no attorney report.

STAFF REPORTS

- a. **Executive Director/SEASPAR**
 - i. **2023 Sustainability Report Update**

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that the next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. She reported that the Statements of Economic Interest are due by 5/1.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received the SEASPAR Annual Report and the 2023 update to the Sustainability report. She provided an overview of the Sustainability report updates.

Commissioner Sylvia McIvor suggested that she would like to see something on the website showing the percentages of lighting, native plantings, etc.

Commissioner Luanne Spiros stated that it was great seeing sustainability included in the budget. She suggested having a yard waste/composting included. Director Matt Henderson reported that staff mulches the grass and trees. Executive Director Gurgone stated that she would include this in the report.

- b. **Superintendent of Finance**

Superintendent Nancy Strathdee reported that as of March 31st that 99.91% of the expected tax revenues have been received for 2022-23. She further reported that the interest earned continues to outpace the annual budget.

Superintendent Strathdee reported that the 2023 annual audit is scheduled for the week of July 10, 2023.

c. Sportsplex the General Manager

General Manager Jordan Rossi reported that the chiller project is completed.

There was some discussion regarding promoting Darien businesses for tournaments. General Manager Rossi reported that the teams usually plan everything out and that most just Google nearby businesses.

e. Director of Parks & Facilities

Director Matt Henderson reported that the Board received the Recreation report. He reported that staff met with Wight and Co. to discuss Driftwood Park and that the lead time is nine months for ordering playground equipment but that it will not have to be paid for until delivery.

Director Henderson reported that 802 Plainfield should have topsoil by early May. He reported that the new pavilion at Meyer Woods is almost ready and it will be open for rentals when completed. He further reported that staff is finalizing the contract with the vendor for the tennis court/parking lot at Community Park.

Director Henderson reported that they are hiring for the summer and that that three will be returning and that it continues to be a challenge getting summer workers.

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 march 13, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, Warrants, Ordinance 2022-23-06: Amended Budget & Appropriations Ordinance and Ordinance 2023-04-01: Annual Budget & Appropriations Ordinance.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Noverini 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 6:42 p.m.



Ray Jablonski, President
Darien Park District



Frank Noverini, Secretary
Darien Park District