

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

**October 9, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Ray 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, Cathy Marchese, Frank Noverini, Sylvia McIvor

**ABSENT:** Luanne Spiros

**Staff:** Stephanie Gurgone; Executive Director, Matt Henderson: Director of Parks and Facilities, Antonio Washington; Superintendent of Finance, Jordan Rossi; Sportsplex General Manager, Gina Madden; Attorney

**PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Sylvia McIvor reported that the CVS property located at the corner of Lemont & 83rd was discussed at a City meeting and someone raised the question if it was a piece of property the Park District might be interested in.

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that she wasn't sure if the property was within the District's boundaries, but that she would check to confirm.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

- a. **President** – President Ray Jablonski provided an overview of the Darien Action Committee meeting. He reported that 900 – 1200 attended the Octoberfest at Carriage Green Golf Course and that the event will be September 21, 2024 next year at Carriage Greens.

President Jablonski provided an update on the negative comments from the event reporting that residents sharing a property line with the course had issues with people entering their property and that next year temporary fencing will be installed. He reported that next year's event will use outside vendors for beer and food instead of using the Darien Lions Club.

President Jablonski reported that there will be an Open House at Old Lace School House on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and that the event will include crafts and hot chocolate provided from

the Darien Women's Club. He reported that the City will be adding a quarterly mailing to all residents with all events for organizations in Darien.

- b. Treasurer** – Commissioner Cathy Marchese presented the Treasurer's report ending September 30, 2023.

**Commissioner Noverini made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner McIvor to approve the Treasurer's report ending September 30, 2023.**

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

**AYES:** Noverini, McIvor, Marchese, Jablonski

**NAYS:** None

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

- c. Commissioner Reports** – Commissioner Sylvia McIvor reported that the Rotary Club is hosting a recycling event at City Hall on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Gina Madden had no report.

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

**a. Executive Director/SEASPAR**

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone provided an updated efficiency report with updates to include Co-op with Downers Grove Township Senior Programs.

**b. Superintendent of Finance**

Superintendent Antonio Washington reported that he should have an update on the progress of the audit by Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**c. Sportsplex General Manager**

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

Commissioner Sylvia McIvor questioned if there was any further contact with individuals interested in the concession space at Sportsplex.

General Manager Rossi confirmed that there has been no additional communications.

**d. Director of Parks & Facilities**

Director Matt Henderson provided an update on the Community Park construction project.

Commissioner Sylvia McIvor questioned the native area near South Grove Playground, as asked if additional flowers/pollinators could be added to the area.

Commissioner Cathy Marchese mentioned that she thought there were missing letters on the wall at Community Park.

Director Henderson reported that he would check and address all if needed.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **a. Efficiency Committee Updates**

Commissioner Sylvia McIvor reported that she would provide contact info for partnering with DuPage County on programs, specifically senior programs.

### **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 Marchese to approve the Warrants, September 11, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes, and the September 11, 2023, Efficiency Committee Meeting Minutes.**

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

**AYES: Noverini, Marchese, Jablonski (McIvor abstained)**

**NAYS: None**

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

**At 7:26 p.m. Commissioner Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner McIvor to adjourn to Closed Session.**

- a. Closed Session for the purposes of review of closed session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 21.**
- b. Closed Session for the purposes of pending or threatened litigation pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 11.**

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

**AYES: Marchese, Noverini, McIvor, Jablonski**

**NAYS: None**

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

**ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION (if warranted)**

At 7:56 p.m. Commissioner McIvor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to reconvene the Regular Meeting.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: McIvor, Marchese, Noverini, Jablonski

NAYS: None

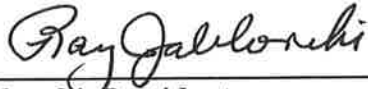
President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

President Ray 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 Noverini that the meeting be adjourned.

Upon roll call vote the Motion was thereby carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.



Ray Jablonski, President  
Darien Park District



Frank Noverini, Secretary  
Darien Park District