

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

February 12, 2024

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, Luanne Spiros, Frank Noverini, Cathy Marchese

ABSENT: Sylvia McIvor

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS

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

COMMUNICATONS

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that she provided correspondence in the packet from the Darien Woman's Club.

OFFICER REPORTS

- a. President** –President Ray Jablonski had no report.
- b. Treasurer** – Commissioner Cathy Marchese presented the Treasurer's report ending December 31, 2023, and January 31, 2024.

Commissioner Noverini made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros to approve the Treasurer's report ending December 31, 2023, and January 31, 2024.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Noverini, Spiros, Marchese, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

c. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Luanne Spiros asked for an update regarding the snow removal at the parks.

Director Matt Henderson reported that the schools are doing their own snow removal because it's difficult to do both in a timely manner. He reported that next winter staff will plow the building parking lots and the paths.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Gina Madden had no report.

STAFF REPORTS

a. Executive Director/SEASPAR

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that the next Committee Meeting will be March 11th and not February 26th. She reported that Westwood Park is tentatively reserved for Darien Fest and the Lion's Club Oktoberfest as well as 3 concerts this summer pending Attorney Madden preparing the rental agreements. She further reported that the City of Darien has generously offered to pay for a concert at the 50th Anniversary Kick-off on Thursday, June 6th at Darien Community Park.

Commissioner Spiros stated that it is great to work with the City and the Lion's Club and the use of the parks.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she and Commissioner Spiros attended the SEASPAR Believe and Achieve event.

b. Finance Report

Executive Director Gurgone reported that Cheri Greco, the new Lauterbach representative has been in the office 1-2 days per week and that staff is happy with the process.

c. Sportsplex General Manager

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

d. Director of Parks & Facilities

Director Matt Henderson reported that he provided the monthly Recreation Report. He reported that the opening bids for the Gardenvue Park Project is underway and that he would provide the bid reports at the next Committee Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to report.

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 Spiros to approve Warrants – January & February, December 11, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes, December 11, 2023, Efficiency Committee Meeting Minutes, approval of the Darien Park District Efficiency Report, as recommended by the Efficiency Committee and the Rental Rates for Parks, DPDCC, and Sportsplex.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Noverini, Spiros, Marchese, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance 2023-24-04: An Ordinance abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2023 to pay the principal of an interest on \$6,565,000 General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2015B, of the Darien Park District, Dupage County, Illinois.**
- b. Ordinance 2023-24-05: An Ordinance abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2023 to pay the principal and interest on the \$3,630,000 General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020B, of the Darien Park District, Dupage County, Illinois.**
- c. Resolution 2023-24-09: A Resolution approving an agreement for the use of Darien Park District Sportsplex facility with Chicago Hawks Hockey Club (Ice Rental).**
- d. Resolution 2023-24-10: A Resolution approving an agreement for the use of Darien Park District Sportsplex facility with Chicago Hawks Hockey Club (Little Hawks).**
- e. Resolution 2023-24-11: A Resolution approving an agreement for use of the Darien Sportsplex facility with Chicago Hawks Hockey Club (office space).**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the District does not receive taxes dollars for the Ordinances and that approval is presented annually. She reported on the Chicago Hawks Hockey Club Resolutions.

Commissioner Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros approval of Ordinance 2023-24-04: An Ordinance abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2023 to pay the principal of an interest on \$6,565,000 General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2015B, of the Darien Park District, Dupage County, Illinois,

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Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Marchese, Spiros, Noverini, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:17 p.m. Commissioner Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to adjourn to Closed Session for:

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

President Ray Jablonski reported that any Closed Meeting action will be reflected in the meeting minutes.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION (IF WARRANTED)

At 8:02 p.m. Commissioner Spiros moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to resume the Regular Meeting.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Spiros, Noverini Marchese, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

Commissioner Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve:

- a. The extension of the Executive Director's Employment Agreement as recommended
- b. Give Attorney Madden authority to appear on behalf of the District
- c. November 13, 2023 Closed Session Meeting Minutes

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Marchese, Noverini, Spiros, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

President Ray Jablonski reported that there will be no Closed Session minutes released.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Spiros 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 8:04 p.m.



Ray Jablonski, President
Darien Park District



Frank Noverini, Secretary
Darien Park District