

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

March 11, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

President Ray Jablonski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Darien Park District Community Center, 7301 Fairview, Darien, Illinois.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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, Jordan Rossi; Sportsplex General Manager, Gina Madden; Attorney (6:07 p.m.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS

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

COMMUNICATONS

There were no communications to report.

COMMITTEE TOPICS

These topics were discussed and presented in a presentation at the meeting.

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone presented and provided a snapshot of what is coming ahead and a review of the current fiscal year to the Board. She reported that all materials are available in the packet.

1. **Sportsplex**
 - a. **Sportsplex Budget Draft 2024-25**

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the budget numbers for 2024-25 and stated that the numbers were based on planned rate increases for hourly rental and program fees. She reported that the debt pay off is still on track for the 2027-28 fiscal year.

b. Sportsplex Capital/Bond update

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the debt schedule and stated that there are no other bonds for Sportsplex and that there will be no debt by 2028 and no plans to issue any other bonds due to the high annual debt service.

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the Capital Budget Plan 2024-2031+ and stated that the schedule includes capital items budgeted. She reported that starting in 2028-29 there will no longer be any long-term debt on the building and at that time the building repairs and maintenance budget will need to increase due to the age of the facility.

2. Parks & Recreation

a. Special events

Executive Director Gurgone reported on a preliminary list for the 50th Anniversary Special Events for 2024-25.

b. Admin

a. DPD Budget Draft 2024-25

Executive Director Gurgone provided a summary of the changes in the budget. She reported that the Ordinance will be put on display following a public hearing in April.

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the capital projects for the fiscal year, special events, sustainability initiatives, cooperative programming including SEASPAR.

There was some discussion regarding the hoe down event and the petting zoo and pony rides.

b. DPD Capital/Bond Update

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the DPD Debt Schedule. She reported that the District can continue to work within its means over the next few years for capital projects and will be able to do larger capital projects when the current debt is paid off.

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the 2024-25 Capital Projects List and Capital Budget Plan for 2024-2034 and that the schedule may continue to change on an annual basis based on immediate needs.

c. DPD Amended Blended Budget Draft 2023-24

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the draft of the amended budget this year is due to the DCP Project expenditures spent and the grant funds received in the 2024-25 fiscal year.

- d. Announce Budget and Amended Budget Display Date – was put on display on March 6th, for public hearing on April 8th, Budget will be on agenda for approval on April 8th.**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Ordinance was posted on March 6th and that the public hearing and approval on April 8th.

c. Darien Fest Draft Intergovernmental Agreement

Attorney Gina Madden reported that she is drafting an IGA for Darien Fest with the City of Darien.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the agreement will be approved in the regular meeting subject to attorney review.

There was some discussion on assessing the success of the event.


PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner McIvor 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 7:14 p.m.



Ray Jablonski, President
Darien Park District



Frank Noverini, Secretary
Darien Park District