

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

**December 2, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Ray 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, Frank Noverini, Cathy Marchese

**ABSENT:** None

**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.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications to report.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

- a. **President** –President Ray Jablonski reported that he provided a report on the City’s Goal Setting Meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup> as well as a lunch meeting with the Mayor on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Treasurer** – Commissioner Cathy Marchese presented the Treasurer’s report ending November 30, 2024.

**Commissioner Noverini made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros to approve the Treasurer’s report ending November 30, 2024.**

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

**AYES:** Spiros, Noverini, Jablonski, Marchese

**NAYS:** None

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

**b. Commissioner Reports**

There were no Commissioner reports.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Gina Madden provided an update regarding the FOIA submitted from DuPage County regarding the polling locations. She reported that there has been no response as of 12/2/2024 and will keep the Board updated should she receive any further updates.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**a. Executive Director/SEASPAR**

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that there will not be a January 2025 meeting and that the next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. She reported that the annual audit is on the agenda for approval. She further reported that staff is awaiting a response for the announcement on OSLAD grant awards.

**b. Finance Report**

Executive Director Gurgone stated that she would answer any questions regarding the report.

**c. Sportsplex General Manager**

General Manager Jordan Rossi reported that he would answer any questions regarding his report. Commissioner Luanne Spiros questioned the ice plant and the longevity. General Manager Rossi provided an update.

**d. Director of Parks & Facilities**

Director Matt Henderson stated that the Recreation report was provided and reported that Gardenvue Park is near completion.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business to report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR CONSENT AGENDA)**

There was no one wishing to present public comment

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Commissioner Spiros moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to approve the Darien Park District Tax Levy Ordinance #2024-25-02, 2025 Board Meeting Schedule, Updated Board Member Policy Manual, November 11, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes, and Warrants.**

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

**AYES: Spiros, Marchese, Noverini, Jablonski**

**NAYS:           None**  
**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Approval of Darien Park District Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2024.**

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that the Board was provided an electronic copy of the audit report.

Executive Director Gurgone provided an overview regarding the audit process and provided highlights from the audit noting that the year ended in a positive position.

Commissioner Luanne Spiros commented on the balanced budget with no risks and that the debt drawn down is fantastic and that she was proud to have a balanced budget.

**Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese approval of Darien Park District Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2024.**

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

**AYES:           Noverini, Marchese, Spiros, Jablonski**

**NAYS:           None**

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

**b. Approval of Annual Statement of Receipts & Disbursements (Annual Treasurer's Report)**

**Commissioner Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros approval of Annual Statement of Receipts & Disbursements (Annual Treasurer's Report).**

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

**AYES:           Marchese, Spiros, Noverini, Jablonski**

**NAYS:           None**

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

**c. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Darien for June 26<sup>th</sup> concert, subject to attorney review and all staff recommendations.**

**d. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Darien for July 31<sup>st</sup> concert, subject to attorney review and all staff recommendations.**

**e. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Darien for August 28<sup>th</sup> concert, subject to attorney review and all staff recommendations.**

**f. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Darien for Fall Festival/Oktoberfest (date TBD) subject to attorney review and all staff recommendations.**

- g. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Darien for August 5<sup>th</sup> National Night Out, subject to attorney review and all staff recommendations.**
- h. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Darien for Darien Fest (August 8-10<sup>th</sup>), subject to attorney review and all staff recommendations.**

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone provided a summary of the events from the summer of 2024 along with recommendations for future events. She reported that the Park District will continue to run numerous special events throughout the year, but will not run concerts to avoid conflict with the City.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the insurance and IGA language will remain the same as 2024 and there should be zero liability taken on by the Darien Park District for having the events at Westwood Park.

There was some discussion regarding the issues during 2024, including that parking locations were not communicated well to the public along with parking on the berms at Westwood and that this cannot happen going forward. The contract will be amended to clarify these, and to state that on site meetings would be needed prior to each event.

Commissioner Luanne Spiros stated that staff knows best and that she appreciated staff feedback and recommended that the decisionmakers are identified on both sides and discussions are on the staff level.

President Ray Jablonski reported that there is discussion regarding having 2025 Darien Fest at Hinsdale South. He stated that with an approved IGA for Westwood it is good for the District if the location changes.

**Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese approval of New Business items c. – h. of the Regular Board Meeting Agenda.**

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

**AYES: Noverini, Marchese, Spiros, Jablonski**

**NAYS: None**

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

### **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 7:44 p.m.**



**Ray Jablonski, President  
Darien Park District**

**Darien Park District**



**Frank Noverini, Secretary  
Darien Park District**

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