

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

March 10, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

President Ray Jablonski called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 (6:16 p.m.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS

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

COMMITTEE TOPICS – These topics will all be discussed and presented in a presentation at the meeting

- A. Review of 2024-25
- B. Budget Draft 2025-26
- C. Capital Projects
- D. Debt/Bond Update 2025-26
- E. Announce Budget Ordinance was put on display on March 7th, for public hearing on April 14th.
Budget will be on agenda for approval on April 14th.

Executive Stephanie Gurgone presented a review of the 2024-25 programs and stated that the mission statement guides the budget. She presented a review of the fiscal year and reported that there was a big increase in summer camps.

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the Sportsplex clubs and provided the program highlights for the Preschool, Fitness Center and Summer and Fall programs.

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the capital projects and that the budget goals are similar to last year and with a balanced budget. She reported on budget challenges such as minimum wage, staffing in general and more expensive capital improvement expenses.

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the proposed budget and the Sportsplex operating budget. She reported that the Darien Park District budget had a 5% increase in revenue and expenses and that the existing debt will be paid off by 2028 and followed by \$1.3 million available for the capital

plan on an annual basis. She reported on the property tax bill and that the taxes that support special recreation and ADA improvements.

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the Sportsplex budget and that the revenue is generated from programs.

Executive Director Gurgone provided an overview of staffing and that there is longevity with many staff employed for 10 and 15 years.

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the planned capital projects including Holly Park playground, as well as Westwood Park grant project planned for Spring 2026. She reported on equipment replacement and pavers and flooring improvements and that the special events budget will remain the same.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff will focus on sustainability initiatives and cooperative programming. She reported that the announcement was put on display and the public hearing on the agenda for the April board meeting.


PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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 6:41 p.m.



Ray Jablonski, President
Darien Park District



Frank Noverini, Secretary
Darien Park District