

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

**April 14, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Ray Jablonski called the meeting to order at 6:48 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**

**a. Public Hearing for 2025-26 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance**

**Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros to open Public Hearing for 2025 -26 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance.**

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

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

**NAYS:** None

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that the budget was discussed in detail at the March 10, 2025 Committee Meeting. She reported that the District is anticipating receiving \$3,544,937 in tax dollars in 2025-26 which is a 3.73% increase in operating funds from the current year. She further reported that the District is budgeting approximately 5% increase in revenues and expenditures in the Corporate and Recreation funds.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that in addition to paying down the outstanding debt, the District is anticipating spending approximately \$715,000 on capital projects next year which includes Holly Park, equipment replacement and the beginning of Westwood Park project and various smaller projects at the Community Center.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Sportsplex budget includes all building expenses out of facility revenues including payments on all the outstanding debt.

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

**Commissioner Spiros made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to close the Public Hearing.**

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

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

**NAYS: None**

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

There was no communication to report.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

- a. President** –President Ray Jablonski reported that the next Action Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Treasurer** – Commissioner Cathy Marchese presented the Treasurer’s report ending March 31, 2025

**Commissioner Spiros made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the Treasurer’s report ending March 31, 2025.**

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

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

**NAYS: None**

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

### **c. Commissioner Reports**

There were no Commissioner reports.

### **ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

Attorney Gina Madden reported that she served a FOIA to the County for the early voting list. She reported that this request was not to be confrontational but to facilitate better communication. Attorney Madden reported that the County has been unresponsive to her correspondence and that she will continue to keep things friendly but that she would be scheduling a meeting with Bob Berlin directly for assistance.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff feels concerned about safety issues going forward with large elections and interested to discuss other alternative locations.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **a. Executive Director/SEASPAR**

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that the next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 5, 2025. She reported that she met with Alderman Gerry Leganski who was interested in better promoting the District programs. She further reported that staff is looking into software that has an app for registering online from programs this summer.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she has been asked to serve on a focus group for the Lisle Park District.

### **i. 2025 Sustainability Report Update**

Executive Director Gurgone provided an update on the 2025 Sustainability Report. She reported on the five Principles, the sustainable practices, 2025 update and future plans.

### **b. Finance Report**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the District should start receiving next year's property tax revenue in May.

### **c. Sportsplex General Manager**

General Manager Jordan Rossi stated that he would answer any questions. There was some discussion regarding concessions and the Hawks.

### **d. Director of Parks & Facilities**

Director Matt Henderson reported that the Recreation report was provided. He reported that the Easter events were very well attended.

Director Henderson reported that all of the outdoor restrooms are out at the parks and that the grand opening for Gardenvue is scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **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 Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to approve Ordinance 2025-26-01: Annual Budget & Appropriations Ordinance, March 10, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, March 10, 2025 Committee Meeting Minutes, Warrants, and Approval of**

**Intergovernmental Agreement with Cass Junior High School District for the use of the soccer field located at Smart Oaks Park.**

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

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

**NAYS: None**

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Darien Police Department for Darien Police “Cops & Bobbers” Fishing Tournament.**

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that the police department is organizing a new event for additional community outreach. She reported that Attorney Madden prepared a contract for the one day event.

**Commissioner Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Darien Police Department for Darien Police “Cops & Bobbers” Fishing Tournament.**

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

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

**NAYS: None**

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

- b. Approval of Field Rental Agreement with Darien Youth Club, subject to attorney review.**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that PDRMA has new requirements regarding affiliates. She reported that the agreement language is similar to the hockey club contract without the fees.

**Commissioner Spiros moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese approval of Field Rental Agreement with Darien Youth Club, subject to attorney review.**

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

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

**NAYS: None**

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

### **CLOSED SESSION**

- 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 the discussion of salary schedules for one or more classes of employees pursuant to 5 ILCS 120 2(c)2.**

- c. **Closed session for the purpose of review of closed session minutes pursuant to ILCS 120/2 (c) 21.**

**At 7:36 pm. Commissioner Spiros moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to adjourn into Closed Session.**

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

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

**NAYS: None**

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

President Ray Jablonski announced that any action taken after closed session would be reflected in the minutes.

**At 7:46 p.m. Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to reconvene the Regular Meeting.**

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

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

**NAYS: None**

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

**Commissioner Spiros moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini, to give the Executive Director the discretion to approve staffing changes and compensation as recommended.**

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

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

**NAYS: None**

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

**Commissioner Spiros moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese approval of the March 10, 2025, Closed Session Meeting Minutes.**

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

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

**NAYS: None**

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

President Jablonski reported that the closed session minutes would not be released.

**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 7:47 p.m.**



**Ray Jablonski, President  
Darien Park District**



**Frank Noverini, Secretary  
Darien Park District**