

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

May 5, 2025

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, Steve Shanks

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. New Board Member Installation

Judge Cristina Kye, swore in new board member Steve Shanks and returning board members Luanne Spiros and Ray Jablonski.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that she provided an email from Mr. Vito Abbate thanking the District for the use of the Park District gym for pickleball.

OFFICER REPORTS

a. President

i. CAC meeting report

President Ray Jablonski provided an update on the recent Community Action Committee meeting upcoming events.

ii. City of Darien email

President Jablonski reported that he received an email from Mayor Joe Marchese regarding the City of Darien's Strategic Plan and initiative to developing a working relationship with the Darien Park District. He reported that he will schedule a meeting with the Mayor to discuss the topics and make sure there is a clear understanding from both groups.

There was some discussion regarding Commissioner participation in the meetings and it was agreed that two people attend to start.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the City was not interested in staff participation.

Commissioner Luanne Spiros stated that she liked the collaboration and recommended a joint agenda be set with common goals.

President Jablonski stated that he would respond to the email.

Attorney Gina Madden noted the Open Meetings Act and commented that there should be a posted joint agenda along with attendees. She further reported that the City's Strategic Plan is not binding on the City or any government entity.

b. Treasurer – Commissioner Cathy Marchese presented the Treasurer's report ending April 30, 2025.

Commissioner Noverini made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros to approve the Treasurer's report ending April 30, 2025.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Noverini, Spiros, Marchese, Shanks, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

c. Commissioner Reports

There were no Commissioner reports.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Gina Madden had no report.

STAFF REPORTS

a. Executive Director/SEASPAR

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that the next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 9, 2025. She reported that the Budget & Appropriations Ordinance was filed on 4/30/2025 and she provided an update on the OSLAD Grant.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Preschool graduation is scheduled for May 14th at 6:30 pm and that SEASPAR is having a fundraiser on May 6th at Miskatonic Brewery.

b. Finance Report

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the new fiscal year has started and staff will continue to work with Lauterbach and Amen.

c. Sportsplex General Manager

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

d. Director of Parks & Facilities

Director Matt Henderson reported that the Recreation report was provided and that the Easter and Earth Day events were a big hit. He reported that the 50th Anniversary events are wrapping up and that grass mowing season has begun.

Director Henderson announced that the grand opening of Gardenview is scheduled for May 21st.

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 Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the April 14, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes and Warrants.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Marchese, Noverini, Spiros, Shanks, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Award of Little Tikes as the low qualified, sole source bid from Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing program in the amount of \$76,185 for Holly Park Playground.

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that Holly Park was the most needed for replacement. She reported that now all the parks will have the same type of equipment, which makes it easier for staff to do repairs.

Commissioner Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini awarding Little Tikes as the low qualified, sole source bid from Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing program in the amount of \$76,185 for Holly Park Playground.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Marchese, Noverini, Spiros, Shanks, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

b. Award of Reinders as the low qualified, sole source bid from Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing program in the amount of \$91,293,74 for Groundsmaster 4000-D (T4) mower.

Director Matt Henderson reported that the mower is aging and that the purchase of the mower will provide for two reliable mowers.

Commissioner Spiros moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese awarding Reinders as the low qualified, sole source bid from Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing program in the amount of \$91,293,74 for Groundsmaster 4000-D (T4) mower.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Spiros, Marchese, Noverini, Shanks, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros that the meeting be adjourned.

Upon roll call vote the Motion was thereby carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Ray Jablonski, President
Darien Park District



Frank Noverini, Secretary
Darien Park District