

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

**August 11, 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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS**

Alderman Ralph Stompanato was present and thanked the Park District for help with Darien Fest.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications to report.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**a. President**

President Ray Jablonski reported that staff met in early August to discuss strategic planning. He reported that it was agreed to have more discussion items added to the regular meeting agenda format.

President Jablonski reported that there is no Darien Action Committee Meeting scheduled.

**b. Treasurer** – Commissioner Cathy Marchese presented the Treasurer’s report ending July 31, 2025.

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

Commissioner Steve Shanks reported that he spoke with Kim Savage at the Downers Grove Township and how we can work together.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Gina Madden was not in attendance. Executive Director Gurgone reported that updates will be forthcoming regarding electric bikes and park rules.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

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

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported on Darien Fest and that the parking seemed better than last year. She reported that the parking lot information went out late but that it seemed to have helped with parking at the Community Center and that staff saw a lot of kids being picked up and dropped off in the lot, as well as bikers used the lot to lock up their bikes.

Executive Director reported that Westwood Park will be closed for 2026 due to construction. She stated that the board received information in the packet regarding the City's proposed TIF and how it would impact the Park District.

Alderman Ralph Stompanato provided the TIF overview from the City's perspective.

#### **b. Finance Report**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the board received the 2024-25 year end Sportsplex financials and the May and June 2025 financials. She further reported that the audit process is ongoing.

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

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

There was some discussion regarding Sportsplex debt and having a successful year as well as capital spending going forward.

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

Director Matt Henderson reported on the Movies in the Park and Summer Camp. He provided an update on Holly Park Playground and the recent storm clean up.

### **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**

- a. **June 9, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes**
- b. **June 16, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes**
- c. **Warrants – July and August**
  
- d. **Resolution 2025-26-27: A Resolution authorizing intergovernmental agreement between the City of Darien and the Darien Park District for the purchase of road salt.**

**Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to approve the June 9, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, June 16, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes, July and August Warrants, and Resolution 2025-26-27: A Resolution authorizing intergovernmental agreement between the City of Darien and the Darien Park District for the purchase of road salt.**

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

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

**NAYS: None**

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Revised Hours for DCP Tennis & Pickleball Courts**

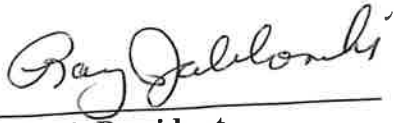
The Board discussed the request by the pickleball group for extended hours at DCP to 10pm, due to the popular use of the courts. Staff researched that multiple courts nearby, including McCollum Park, which has homes similar distance from the courts, is open until 10pm.

Staff discussed that if the board wanted to make this change, they suggested to make it for summer only, from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The Board agreed that it should be done now on a trial basis through Labor Day before making any decisions about next year.

## **ADJOURN**

**There being no further discussion, Commissioner Noverni moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Shanks that the meeting be adjourned.**

**Upon roll call vote the Motion was thereby carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**



**Ray Jablonski, President  
Darien Park District**



**Frank Noverini, Secretary  
Darien Park District**