

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF DUPAGE
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
DARIEN PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

November 10, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

President Ray Jablonski called the meeting to order at 6:31 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: Steve Shanks

Staff: Stephanie Gurgone; Executive Director, Matt Henderson: Director of Parks and Facilities, Jordan Rossi; Sportsplex General Manager

PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS (6:31 p.m.)

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

PUBLIC HEARING – 6:31 p.m.

Conduct Public Hearing for the issuance of not to exceed \$4,000,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds for capital improvements, to provide the revenue source to pay certain outstanding debt obligation of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto.

Commissioner Spiros made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to open the Public Hearing for the issuance of not to exceed \$4,000,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds for capital improvements, to provide the revenue source to pay certain outstanding debt obligation of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Spiros, Marchese, Noverini, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported on the required public hearing and procedural steps for issuing \$4 million in general obligation and limited tax department bonds for capital improvements, with future issuances planned for 2027 and 2028. She reported that this process is required every three years and was last conducted in November 2022. She further reported that the bonds to be issued in February will cover payments on outstanding bonds, issuance fees, and capital projects, primarily the Westwood Park project.

Commissioner Noverini made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to close the Public Hearing for the issuance of not to exceed \$4,000,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds for capital improvements, to provide the revenue source to pay certain outstanding debt obligation of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Spiros, Marchese, Noverini, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS (6:36 p.m.)

There was no communication to report.

OFFICER REPORTS (6:36 p.m.)

a. President

President Jablonski had no report.

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

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

Commissioner Luanne Spiros reported that she had a liaison check-in with the City, confirming no issues, and agreed to draft a joint agenda for the upcoming semi-annual meeting on January 12, 2026. She reported that she would provide any updates at the December meeting.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT (6:37 p.m.)

There was no Attorney report.

STAFF REPORTS (6:37p.m.)

a. Executive Director/SEASPAR

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that the next regular meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2025, at 6:30 pm. She reported on the posting and timing of the 2026 Board Meeting schedule, recommending a standard start time of 6:30 PM for flexibility, and outlined procedures for adjusting meeting times as needed.

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the 2026 event planning and coordination with the City staff. She reported that it was decided not to combine Oktoberfest and the Hoe Down due to logistical constraints and discussed potential future collaborations with the Lions Club and alternative event options.

President Ray Jablonski reported that the Lions Club is looking to draw more families with younger children to start Oktoberfest.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the District provides the Hoe Down and many other fall events and suggested that the Lions Club consider collaborating with the winter event or collaborating with existing District events especially in 2027 when facilities become available.

b. Finance Report (6:48 p.m.)

Executive Director Gurgone reported that almost all property tax revenue had been received along with a continued receipt of interest income.

c. Sportsplex General Manager (6:49 p.m.)

General Manager Jordan Rossi suggested alternative dates for the Lions Club Halloween event in 2026 due to Halloween falling on a Saturday, and conflicts with ice availability.

d. Director of Parks & Facilities (6:52 p.m.)

Director Matt Henderson provided updates on recent and upcoming recreation events, including the successful early scheduling of the Trunk or Treat event. He reported that the park facilities will

be winterized and mulching continue until December 1st with plans to remove the pickleball equipment. He further reported that the replacement parts for the splash pad were received and installed, resolving outstanding maintenance issues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (6:57 p.m.)

There was no unfinished business report.

PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR CONSENT AGENDA) (6:57 p.m.)

There was no one wishing to present public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA (6:57 p.m.)

- a. Warrants
- b. October 13, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes
- c. Tax Levy – A motion to determine estimated Levy amounts for Fiscal Year 2026-27 and to post draft of Levy ordinance. Final Ordinance will be on December 8, 2025, agenda.
- d. SEASPAR Tax Levy
- e. 2026 Board Meeting Schedule
- f. Resolution 2025-26-08: A Resolution to Declare Surplus Property

Commissioner Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the Warrants, the October 13, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes, Tax Levy – A motion to determine estimated Levy amounts for Fiscal Year 2026-27 and to post draft of Levy ordinance. Final Ordinance will be on December 8, 2025, agenda, SEARSPAR Tax Levy, 2026 Board Meeting Schedule, and Resolution 2025-26-08: A Resolution to Declare Surplus Property.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Marchese, Noverini, Spiros, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS (6:58 p.m.)

- a. Award bid for Westwood Park project to Maneval Construction Co. Inc. in an amount of \$1,503,487.

Executive Director Gurgone announced the bid for the Westwood Park project to Maneval Construction Company for \$1,503,487 with bids coming in lower than anticipated due to decreased costs for asphalt, concrete, and labor. She reported that the lower bid amounts provide the District with flexibility to address potential change orders during construction and consider advancing other capital purchases if project costs remain under budget. She further reported that the major items such as the stage, playground, and shade structure will be purchased separately and brought to the Board for approval in the coming months.

- b. Authorize the purchase of a 2026 Ford F-550 Super Cab 4x4 Dump Truck, per the District's vehicle replacement plan, through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative, in an amount not to exceed \$86,231.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that this is for the purchase of a 2026 Ford F550 Supercab 4x4 Dump Truck for \$86,231 as part of the district's vehicle replacement plan.

Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to approve New Business items a. Award bid for Westwood Park project to Maneval Construction Co. Inc. in an amount of \$1,503,487 and b. Authorize the purchase of a 2026 Ford F-550 Super Cab 4x4 Dump Truck, per the District's vehicle replacement plan, through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative, in an amount not to exceed \$86,231.

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 Spiros that the meeting be adjourned.

Upon a roll call vote the Motion was thereby carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.



Ray Jablonski, President
Darien Park District



Frank Noverini, Secretary
Darien Park District