

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

**June 9, 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, Steve Shanks

**ABSENT:** Cathy Marchese

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that she received a post event email from the police department that the “Cops and Bobbers” event was a success.

Commissioner Luanne Spiros suggested sharing with the City staff and elected officials.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**a. President**

**i. Meeting Report**

President Ray Jablonski provided an update on the recent joint meeting with the City of Darien and that he spent a significant amount of time on crafting an agenda for the 6/5/2025 meeting with City and Park District boards.

President Jablonski reported that the City Alderman spoke regarding complaints received regarding the DPD parks and discussed how it is communicated to DPD department heads.

President Jablonski suggested scheduling a Committee meeting to discuss topics such as long-term Sportsplex and DPD Capital projects. He reported that the next Committee meeting is scheduled for the fall and staff will schedule it on the same night as one of the Regular Board Meetings. He further reported that the next CAC Meeting is scheduled for June 14,2025.

**b. Treasurer** – Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone presented the Treasurer’s report ending May 31, 2025.

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

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

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

**NAYS: None**

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

**c. Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner Frank Noverini reported that the meeting with the city officials went well and that he felt it was very productive.

Commissioner Steve Shanks reported that he and his family visited Garden View and utilized the splash pad. He commented that obtaining the OSLAD Grants for numerous parks shows that the park district knows what they are doing.

Commissioner Luanne Spiros provided her thoughts and insight on the meeting with the City, the OSLAD Grant process, and ideas shared by the Aldermen. She stated that the educational component of the meeting was great and that the information provided to the City officials was informative.

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

Attorney Gina Madden had no report.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**a. Executive Director/SEASPAR**

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that she will work on setting up the Fall Committee Meeting as discussed.

**b. Finance Report**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the audit process has started and that the auditors will be in the office in July to continue the work.

**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 staff is evaluating the Drive-In event to determine if it will be repeated next year. He provided a tree inventory update and that staff would prepare an annual report on trees.

**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. **May 5, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes**
- b. **Warrants**
- c. **Resolution 2025-26-01: A Resolution transferring excess fund balances from the Corporate and Recreation Fund to the Community Center Capital Fund for designated projects.**
- d. **Resolution 2025-26-02: A Resolution approving an agreement for use of the Darien Park District Sportsplex facility with Chicago Empire Soccer Club (FH use).**
- e. **Resolution 2025-06-03: Resolution approving an agreement for use of Darien Park District Sportsplex facility with Chicago Empire Soccer Club (DSL program).**
- f. **Resolution 2025-26-04: A Resolution approving an agreement for use of Darien Park District Sportsplex Facility with Chicago Edge Skating Academy (classes & freestyle)**
- g. **Resolution 2025-26-05: A Resolution approving an agreement for use of Darien Park District Sportsplex Facility with Chicago Edge Skating Academy (office space).**
- h. **Resolution 2025-26-06: A Resolution approving an agreement for use of Darien Park District Sportsplex Facility with Chicago Hawks Hockey Club (concession stand).**

**Commissioner Shanks moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros to approve the May 5, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, Warrants, Resolution 2025-26-01: A Resolution transferring excess fund balances from the Corporate and Recreation Fund to the Community Center Capital Fund for designated projects, Resolution 2025-26-02: A Resolution approving an agreement for use of the Darien Park District Sportsplex facility with Chicago Empire Soccer Club (FH use), Resolution 2025-06-03: Resolution approving an agreement for use of Darien**

**Park District Sportsplex facility with Chicago Empire Soccer Club (DSL program), Resolution 2025-26-04: A Resolution approving an agreement for use of Darien Park District Sportsplex Facility with Chicago Edge Skating Academy (classes & freestyle), Resolution 2025-26-05: A Resolution approving an agreement for use of Darien Park District Sportsplex Facility with Chicago Edge Skating Academy (office space) and Resolution 2025-26-06: A Resolution approving an agreement for use of Darien Park District Sportsplex Facility with Chicago Hawks Hockey Club (concession stand).**

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

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

**NAYS: None**

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Award of bid to Best Bus as low responsible bidder for the 2025 15 passenger minibus (SEASPAR ADA bus).**

**Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros to Award bid to Best Bus as low responsible bidder for the 2025 15 passenger minibus (SEASPAR ADA bus).**

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

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

**NAYS: None**

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

- b. Award contract to Best Bus for the 12025 15 passenger minibus.**

**Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros to Award contract to Best Bus for the 12025 15 passenger minibus.**

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

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

**NAYS: None**

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

- c. Award bid to Innovation Landscape for \$108,772 for the Holly Park Playground Installation.**

**Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros to Award bid to Innovation Landscape for \$108,772 for the Holly Park Playground Installation.**

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

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

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

**d. Election of Officers**

The following Commissioners were nominated as officers of the Darien Park District Board of Commissioners:

**President: Ray Jablonski**  
**Vice President: Luanne Spiros**  
**Treasurer: Cathy Marchese**  
**Secretary: Frank Noverini**  
**Commissioner: Steve Shanks**

Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros to approve the nominated officers of the Darien Park District Board of Commissioners as presented.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Noverini, Spiros, Shanks, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.


**e. Action (if necessary) from June 5, 2025, Meeting.**

There was no action needed.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Noverni 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 8:45 p.m.

  
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Ray Jablonski, President  
Darien Park District

  
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Frank Noverini, Secretary  
Darien Park District