

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

March 9, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Acting President Luanne Spiros called the meeting to order at 6:28 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: Luanne Spiros, Frank Noverini, Cathy Marchese, Steve Shanks

ABSENT: Ray Jablonski

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS (6:29 p.m.)

No public comments were presented.

COMMUNICATIONS (6:29 p.m.)

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported she would report on the communications in her report.

OFFICER REPORTS (6:30 p.m.)

- a. **President** – None
- b. **Treasurer** – Commissioner Cathy Marchese presented the Treasurer’s report ending February 28, 2026.

Commissioner Noverini made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to approve the Treasurer’s report ending February 28, 2026.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Noverini, Marchese, Spiros, Shanks

NAYS: None

Acting President Spiros declared the motion carried.

c. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Steve Shanks reported that he attended the Darien Action Committee. He reported that the next meeting is scheduled for April 4th.

STAFF REPORTS (6:31 p.m.)

a. Executive Director/SEASPAR

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 13th. She reported that she received a call from Congressman Sean Casten's chief of staff about the opportunity to apply for a community project funding grant, with a tight deadline for submission.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff reviewed the capital list, consulted with the Congressman's staff about eligible projects, and decided to submit a proposal for renovating the Community Park baseball field, including new fencing, lighting, dugouts, and a fully turfed infield.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff worked with Wight to develop a project budget, submitted the application before the deadline, and acknowledged that the outcome depends on the federal funding.

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the City's decision to move summer events from Community Park to Carriage Greens, prompting discussion on communication challenges, impacts on planning, and future events.

The group considered placing temporary signs at parks to inform residents about venue changes and direct them to updated event information via QR codes.

b. Finance Report 6:46 p.m.)

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she provided financials through January for both the Park District and Sportsplex.

c. Sportsplex General Manager (6:47 p.m.)

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

d. Director of Parks & Facilities (6:48 p.m.)

Director Matt Henderson provided updates on the Westwood Park construction project, including the anticipated start date, closure plans, communication strategies, and the project's aggressive timeline, with monthly updates promised to the Commissioners.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that updates will be provided monthly, and information will be shared with the City and posted via QR codes in the summer brochure to keep residents informed about project progress.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (6:53 p.m.)

There was no unfinished business report.

PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR CONSENT AGENDA) (6:53 p.m.)

There was no one wishing to present public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA (6:53 p.m.)

- a. February 9, 2026, Meeting Minutes
- b. Warrants

Commissioner Shanks moved duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to approve the February 9, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes and Warrants.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Shanks, Marchese, Noverini, Spiros

NAYS: None

Acting President Spiros declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS (6:54 p.m.)

- a. Award of Little Tikes as the low qualified, sole source bid from Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing program in the amount of \$52,177.39 for Westwood/DPDCC Playground equipment.

Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to Award Little Tikes as the low qualified, sole source bid from Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing program in the amount of \$52,177.39 for Westwood/DPDCC Playground equipment.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Marchese, Noverini, Spiros

NAYS: None

Commissioner Steve Shanks abstained due to a potential conflict of interest related to one of the vendors and clarified the relationship between Sourcewell and the vendors.

Acting President Spiros declared the motion carried.

- b. Award of ICON Shelters as the low qualified, sole source bid from Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing program in the amount of \$199,330 for Westwood Park Band Shelter.

Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to Award ICON Shelters as the low qualified, sole source bid from Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing program in the amount of \$199,330 for Westwood Park Band Shelter.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Noverini, Marchese, Spiros

NAYS: None

Commissioner Steve Shanks abstained due to a potential conflict of interest related to one of the vendors and clarified the relationship between Sourcewell and the vendors.

Acting President Spiros declared the motion carried.

- c. Award of Shade Systems as the low qualified, sole source bid from Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing program in the amount of \$19,182 for Westwood Park Shade Structure.

Commissioner Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to Award Shade Systems as the low qualified, sole source bid from Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing program in the amount of \$19,182 for Westwood Park Shade Structure.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Marchese, Noverini, Spiros

NAYS: None

Commissioner Steve Shanks abstained due to a potential conflict of interest related to one of the vendors and clarified the relationship between Sourcewell and the vendors.

Acting President Spiros declared the motion carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT (6:57 p.m.)

No attorney report was presented.

ADJOURN

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

Upon a roll call vote the Motion was thereby carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.



Ray Jablonski, President
Darien Park District



Frank Noverini, Secretary
Darien Park District