

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

May 11, 2026

**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, 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 (6:31 p.m.)**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS (6:32 p.m.)**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she provided communications from the Garden Club and Gift of Carl Foundation.

**OFFICER REPORTS (6:34 p.m.)**

- a. **President** – President Ray Jablonski reported that he attended the Hinsbrook Park event which was well attended.
- b. **Treasurer** - Commissioner Cathy Marchese presented the Treasurer's report ending April 30, 2026.

Commissioner Noverini made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Shanks to approve the Treasurer's report ending April 30, 2026.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

**NAYS:** None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

**c. Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner Frank Noverini reported that he and Commissioner Cathy Marchese were approached regarding an incident in the exercise room. Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone stated that she will talk with staff, and that such matters should be referred to the police.

Commissioner Steve Shanks reported that he attended the Downers Grove Township Youth Services Advisory Committee.

**ATTORNEYS REPORT (6:40 p.m.)**

Attorney Gina Madden stated that she had no report.

**STAFF REPORTS (6:40 p.m.)**

**a. Executive Director/SEASPAR**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the next Regular Board Meeting is Monday, June 8th at 630 p.m. She reported that she and Director Matt Henderson met with two vendors regarding the strategic plan, with a timeline and next steps to follow.

**b. Finance Report (6:42 p.m.)**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that March financials were provided in the packet and that the auditors will begin doing the work in June.

**c. Sportsplex General Manager (6:45 p.m.)**

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

**d. Director of Parks & Facilities (6:45 p.m.)**

Director Matt Henderson reported that the recreation report was provided. He reported that mowing continues to be a struggle until the summer help is on board.

Director Henderson provided an update on Westwood Park and touched on the native plantings and the plan for a controlled burn. He also noted ongoing discussions with a resident regarding the plantings and aesthetic concerns.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (7:10 p.m.)**

There was no unfinished business report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR CONSENT AGENDA) (7:10 p.m.)**

There was no one wishing to present public comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA (7:10 p.m.)**

- a. April 13, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. Warrants

Commissioner Shanks moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Shanks, Noverini, Marchese, Spiros, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS (7:12 p.m.)**

- a. Election of Officers

President Jablonski moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to nominate Luanne Spiros as President, Ray Jablonski as Vice President, Frank Noverini as Secretary, and Cathy Marchese as Treasurer.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Noverini, Marchese, Spiros, Jablonski

NAYS: None

Commissioner Shanks abstained.

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

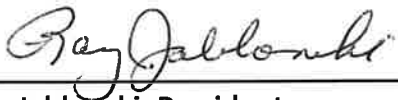
**BOARD MEMBER ANNUAL TRAINING (7:13 p.m.)**

Attorney Gina Madden provided the required annual State of Illinois training covering sexual harassment, FOIA and the Open Meetings Act.

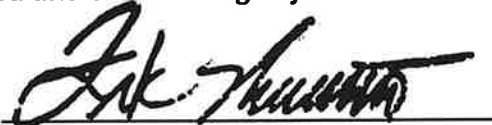
**ADJOURN**

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Marchese 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 7:49 p.m.



Ray Jablonski, President  
Darien Park District



Frank Noverini, Secretary  
Darien Park District