

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF DUPAGE
DARIEN PARK DISTRICT
COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE**

April 24, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

Acting President Noverini called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in Room 5 of the Marion Hills Community Center, 133 Plainfield Road, Darien, Illinois.

ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Upon roll call the following Commissioners and staff were present:

PRESENT: Frank Noverini, Neil Christensen, Dick Simester, Shari Gillespie

ABSENT: Nancy Campagnolo

STAFF: Chris Katsougris; Assistant Director, Robert Strickler; Superintendent of Parks, Matthew Henderson; Sportsplex General Manager

GUESTS: Gloria Anderson, Darien
Jean Starshak, Lemont
Donna Carter, Darien

PUBLIC COMMENT AND GUESTS

Acting President Noverini welcomed the guests to the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

a. E-mail from Ron Brueckman/Golf at Birchwood Park

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Board received copies of correspondence from a Birchwood Park resident concerning golfers in the park. She read the Ordinance and fines for violations.

Commissioner Christensen stated that he wants the parks to be inviting but that there needs to be rules for all parks. After some discussion the Board directed staff to place signs in the park prohibiting any golf from being played.

Commissioner Christensen stated that he received an email from the President of the Hinsdale South Hornets Hockey Club inquiring for ice time on Friday, Saturday and Sunday to host the Metro West League. He stated that he forwarded the information to General Manager Henderson.

b. SEASPAR Retirement Invitation

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that Mr. Bob Pindar was retiring as Director of SEASPAR after 24 years. She stated that a reception will be held on June 1st and that any Board members interested in attending should either RSVP directly to SEASPAR or to contact Joanne Pollack by May 24th.

COMMITTEE TOPICS

A. Long Range Goals

a. Feasibility Assessment of Fairview School

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that staff was looking for direction from the Board as to what work needs to be done by PHN.

Commissioner Christensen stated that the feasibility has to be a component and some structure would have to be done similar to what is being done at Marion Hills.

Superintendent Strickler reported that there are two different phases for Marion Hills. He stated that Phase I is a feasibility study to find out what it would cost the District to bring Marion Hills up to Code and to meet all ADA requirements. He reported that Phase II is an evaluation with staff to determine what is needed to turn it into a recreation center such as the number of classrooms needed, size of administration area, etc.

Superintendent Strickler stated that he recommended looking at Fairview the same way as Marion Hills is being done for Phase I.

Commissioner Christensen stated that he wanted to find out exactly what Fairview can accommodate.

The Board directed staff to have PHN complete a feasibility assessment of Fairview School including structural, mechanical, ADA, potential for expansion, offices and accommodation of programs currently offered by the District and programs offered for the future including possible cost to make changes to the facility. The Board also directed staff to provide PHN with the conceptual drawing for Westwood Park so that they could determine what was being proposed and if it would fit into Fairview.

B. Short Range Goals

None.

C. Operational Issues

1. Sportsplex

a. Sportsplex Financials

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Board received the Sportsplex Financials through March 2006.

Commissioner Christensen distributed a year-to-date report. He stated that the numbers are looking good. He stated that the Sportsplex is \$200,000 ahead through March allowing the Board to approve expenditure for landscaping and other improvements at Sportsplex.

b. IHSL Contract

General Manager Henderson reported that the IHSL is interested in a 3-year contract and that pricing long term was never discussed.

Commissioner Gillespie asked what hours they were requesting.

General Manager Henderson stated that the IHSL was interested in Saturday and Sunday from 7:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. He reported that the IHSL scaled back because they ran into issues with smaller arenas. General Manager Henderson stated that he recommended that the Board consider giving the IHSL the high school rate. He stated that this will also maintain consistency.

The Board agreed to give the IHSL the same rate as the high schools and to place approval of the contract on the consent agenda.

c. Clarendon Chiropractic board ad

General Manager Henderson reported that he has been in contact with numerous businesses regarding advertising in the building. He reported that Clarendon Chiropractic was looking for exclusive advertisement.

The Board agreed that no advertiser would be given exclusive exposure unless there was a large sponsorship package.

2. Parks and Recreation

a. EJV Tennis Courts

Superintendent Strickler reported that staff recently discovered that many years ago the District constructed tennis courts on three District 61 school sites. He stated that only the courts at Eisenhower Jr. High are still in use but that they are in need of repair.

Superintendent Strickler provided the Board with a quote to replace and a quote to repair the courts.

The Board was concerned with safety and directed staff to seek additional quotes for repair only and to contact PDRMA regarding liability exposure.

3. Administration

a. Mayada Subdivision Annexation

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Mayada Subdivision is located at 67th and Bentley. She stated that the Board received a map of property location and that the City recently annexed the property. Assistant Director Katsougris stated that the Board received a copy of the Ordinance annexing the subdivision into the District. The Board agreed to place the Annexation Ordinance on the consent agenda.

b. Volunteer Recognition

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that there are 108 volunteers including 53 adults and 55 youths. She stated that staff was awaiting the final count for the recognition at the May 8th Board meeting.

c. Establishment of meeting dates, time and location

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Board received a list of the meeting dates, times and locations.

The Board agreed to keep the same schedule of dates, time and locations for the monthly meetings and to place it on the consent agenda.

d. Establish Consent Agenda for 05/08 Meeting

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Board agreed to place the IHSL contract for 3 years at the same rate as the high school, the Mayada Subdivision Annexation, and the Meeting dates, time and location on the consent agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Gillespie that the meeting be adjourned. Upon voice vote the Motion was thereby carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Frank Noverini, Acting President
Darien Park District

Richard Simester, Secretary
Darien Park District