

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

April 28, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

President Campagnolo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Darien Park District Community Center, 7301 Fairview Avenue, Darien, Illinois.

ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Upon roll call the following Commissioners were present:

PRESENT: Nancy Campagnolo, Frank Noverini, Neil Christensen, Ray Jablonski (7:05), James Tikalsky

ABSENT: None

Staff: Stephanie Gurgone; Executive Director, Chris Katsougris; Assistant Director, Robert Strickler; Superintendent of Parks, Della Deldin; Superintendent of Finance, Matt Henderson; Sportsplex General Manager

Guests: None

PUBLIC COMMENT & GUESTS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Christensen reported that he spoke with a neighbor who asked if the Park District would be interested in donating something for the School District 63 fundraiser. He reported that he gave his neighbor the contact person on staff.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the District has contributed in the past and that free skate passes or a skate party could be an option.

President Campagnolo reported that she received an email from John Poteraske regarding a resident who is concerned about the trash in Westwood Park. President Campagnolo reported that she spoke with the resident and that the resident suggested organizing volunteers to clean up the parks. She stated that she will meet with the resident in May.

Superintendent Strickler reported that Bartlett has an Adopt-A-Park Program and that it works well. He reported that Westwood is one of the worst parks and that there is a scout group that picks up garbage.

President Campagnolo stated that she will meet with the volunteer when she is home from school and schedule time to meet and work with her as well as try to get the City and Aldermen involved.

Commissioner Christensen suggested a press release to inform the public.

COMMITTEE TOPICS

A. Sportsplex

a. Remaining Ice Contracts for 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received a summary of the ice and field house contracts. She reported that all of the ice contracts except for two are 3 year contracts. She further reported that General Manager Henderson is finalizing contracts with all of the groups for final approval in May.

b. Remaining Fieldhouse contracts for 2008-09

General Manager Henderson reported that the DYC, Eclipse, LaCrosse America, Lake Shore Lacrosse and the Men's League will be in the Fieldhouse.

Commissioner Christensen asked if LaCrosse America was satisfied with the time they received.

General Manager Henderson stated that LaCrosse took what was given to them and that they were able to move things around to work with the one field.

c. Sportsplex March 08 Financials

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received the March financials with a summary. She reported that Capital Projects funds are being used to pay for the locker rooms on the ice side. She further reported that the first board ad was sold and that the board is up.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that construction has started at Sportsplex. General Manager Henderson provided photos to the Board.

d. Gunzo's Contract

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff has attempted to meet with Gunzo's regarding their pro shop lease. She reported that Gunzo's has been

forwarded the rates and that staff hopes to meet with them in the next week or two. She stated that the contract is not up until July.

e. Refunding Sportsplex 1996 debt/Parking Lot work

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received a summary and that the scenario has changed on how to do refinancing. She reported that the new scenario refinances the debt certificates and increases the amount of the issue by \$350,000. She further reported that this will give the District the lower interest rates and extend the payments by one year and will net the District \$342,000 upon issuance to complete the parking lot.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the City bids should be back in early May and the information ready for approval at the May Board meeting. She reported that the parking lot estimate is approximately \$315,000.

Superintendent Strickler stated that the parking lot will be incorporated into the asphalt replacement plan in the future.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the City roads are done in mid June until the end of July and that the District will work with City to complete the parking lot.

Commissioner Christensen stated that the parking lot work is sorely needed.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that Speer Financial is preparing the paperwork for sale on the day of the May Board meeting.

2. Parks & Recreation

a. Darien Fest Rate/Permit

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Chamber submitted a permit request for Darien Fest. She reported that the fee for at least the last four years has been \$5,000.

Commissioner Christensen stated that the Chamber uses Darien Fest as a fundraiser and that park gets destroyed.

Commissioner Tikalsky stated that the District should get a percentage of the profit and that he thought that \$5,000 was too low.

Superintendent Strickler stated that the park takes a lot of abuse and that most of the people attending Darienfest are not residents.

Commissioner Jablonski suggested at some point raising the fee.

Commissioner Tikalsky suggested the Chamber putting up a bond for the damage to the park.

President Campagnolo stated that in the past trash has been an issue.

Superintendent Strickler reported that last year the garbage was not cleared away during the fest, but at the end of Darienfest it is cleared up.

Commissioner Christensen suggested raising the fee to \$6,000 and informing the Chamber the fee has not been raised in at least 4 years, and that the increase is justified due to increased costs to maintain the park (supplies, fuel, etc).

The Board agreed to raise the fee to \$6,000 and reevaluate after this year.

3. Admin

a. Establish meeting dates & times for 2008-09

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received the meeting schedule and that the Committee Meetings will continue to be every other month.

President Campagnolo suggested having the Committee Meetings quarterly and schedule additional special meetings if needed.

The Board agreed to keep the meetings to every other month, and cancel meetings if necessary.

b. Prevailing Wage Ordinance

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Prevailing Wage Ordinance is the annual ordinance which is an annual required ordinance. She reported that the ordinance will not be on the consent agenda until June 9th.

c. Budget Line Item adjustment

Executive Director Gurgone reported that this is necessary for the auditors.

d. Seaspar Budget

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Seaspar Board approved the budget and that every member entity must also do the same. She reported that at year end the Seaspar budget has grown in the last couple of years.

e. DIPI Update

Executive Director Gurgone reported that President Campagnolo and Commissioner Christensen attended the last meeting.

Commissioner Christensen reported that the group is to share resources and buying power.

f. Establish consent agenda for 5/12 meeting

Executive Director Gurgone reported that everything on the agenda will be on the consent agenda except for the Sportsplex March Financials and the DIPI update.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Tikalsky moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini that the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll call vote the Motion was thereby carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Nancy Campagnolo, President
Darien Park District

Ray Jablonski, Secretary
Darien Park District