

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

August 28, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

President Campagnolo called the meeting to order at 5:30 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: Nancy Campagnolo, Frank Noverini, Neil Christensen

ABSENT: Shari Gillespie, Dick Simester

STAFF: Stephanie Gurgone, Executive Director; Chris Katsougris, Assistant Director; Robert Strickler, Superintendent of Parks; Della Deldin, Superintendent of Finance; John Murphey, Attorney

GUESTS: Jennifer Duda, Suburban Life

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Award of Playground Installation Bid for Lindenwood Park

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received a summary of the bids for the playground installation. She stated that the bids were higher than anticipated but that Superintendent Strickler cut where necessary in order to save. Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff will be removing the existing playground saving the District \$11,442 but incurring an expense of \$1,000 for a dumpster. She further reported that the new playground site will have concrete curbing instead of timbers around the playground and will help standardize the look of all of the parks and will be less maintenance for staff, a curved area surrounding the equipment instead of the current rectangle, a shelter for shade and ADA accessibility. Executive

Director Gurgone stated that the only options that could be removed were the installation of the shelter for \$5,161 and the landscaping retaining wall for \$6,436. She stated that staff recommended to not remove either of these options as it will be difficult for staff to install the shelter because of the heavy steel and that the landscaping retaining wall will make a big difference to the look of the park

Executive Director Gurgone stated that \$23,398 will be over budget and that the money will come from savings already incurred on the capital projects list including of \$7,000 from backstops, \$5,000 from the vehicle and \$7,500 from the water fountain at DCP which will be put on hold as well as some additional savings on upcoming projects.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff was recommending awarding the bid to Green Up Landscaping in the amount of \$53,280. She stated that the entire park will be face lifted.

Superintendent Strickler reported that the amount did not include the landscaping and that he had not yet received the quote.

Commissioner Christensen stated that the park has been neglected for a number of years. He questioned the status of the bridge at the park.

Superintendent Strickler reported that the bridge is a project to be done down the road and with Dupage County.

Commissioner Christensen moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to award the bid to Green Up Landscaping at a total cost of \$53,280.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Christensen, Noverini, Campagnolo

NAYS: None

President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.

B. Approval of PHN Architect Quotes

1. Recreation Center

2. Southgrove Park

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received quotes for the preparation of the Architectural Program, Estimate of Probable Construction Costs, and the Preliminary Schematic Design Site and Floor plan for a new Recreation Center for \$7,500 at Westwood Park, preparation of the Exterior Building Design Elevations and Perspective Sketches for a new Recreation Center for \$2,500 at Westwood Park, and preparation of the Architectural Program, Estimate of Probable Construction Costs, and the Preliminary Schematic Design Site and Floor Plan for South Grove Park for \$5,000 to replace the fields that would be lost at Westwood Park.

President Campagnolo reported that there would be discussion of a quote from PHN Architects regarding preliminary plans to build a new recreation center at Westwood Park. She stated that the Board decided to evaluate the possibility after receiving reports back from the architects regarding

Fairview Elementary and Marion Hills School. She further stated that the reports explained that to remodel and update Marion Hills that it would cost the District approximately \$4.6 million not including making any changes to the building to fit the current or future recreation center needs.

President Campagnolo stated that to remodel and update Fairview would cost the District approximately \$1.3 million not including making any changes to the building to fit the current or future recreation center needs and does not include the purchase price of the building.

President Campagnolo stated that due to the large dollar amounts for repairs to the two buildings, the staff is recommending that the Board explore the option of building a new recreation center at Westwood Park. She stated that because building on the site will eliminate the fields that staff is also recommending the approval of a quote to develop Southgrove Park to replace the fields.

President Campagnolo stated that staff has done some preliminary research on other recent recreation centers built in the price range and that this is a feasible option for the District to explore and also allow the District to work on the financial timetable. She further stated that the Darien Park District is continuing to evaluate all options for a recreation center and that the Board wants to ensure that all the residents receive the best facility that the District can afford and that the residents will be updated on the progress.

C. Public Comment (before vote)

None.

Commissioner Christensen moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the PHN Architect quote as presented.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Christensen, Noverini, Campagnolo

NAYS: None

President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:42 p.m. Commissioner Christensen moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to adjourn into Executive Session under 2(c)2 Discussion of salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Christensen, Noverini, Campagnolo

NAYS: None

President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.

At 7:00 p.m. the meeting reconvened.

ACTION ON 2(c) 2 (if warranted)

Possible modification of prior wage authorization (March 29, 2004).

Commissioner Campagnolo moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the new Employee Classification Plan as presented superseding all prior Board authorizations.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Campagnolo, Noverini, Christensen

NAYS: None

President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Nancy Campagnolo, President
Darien Park District

Richard Simester, Secretary
Darien Park District