

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

February 21, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

President Durkin called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 were present:

PRESENT: Jack Durkin, Shari Gillespie, Don McGreal, Nancy Campagnolo, Richard Simester

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Warren Anderson, Sergeant at Arms

Staff: Roy Cripe, Executive Director; Stephanie Gurgone; Superintendent of Finance, Bob Strickler; Superintendent of Parks, Seve Ghose; Sportsplex General Manager, Don Kreger; Attorney

Guests: Dawn Aulet, *The Doings*
Jennifer Duda, *The Doings*
Gloria Anderson, Darien
Don Damon, Darien
Stan Niemic, Darien
Steve Kowtnia, Darien
John Poteraske, Darien
Kurt Mach, Darien
Neil Christensen, Darien
Mike Gaspari, Darien
Dave Dever, Darien
Sharon Poteraske, Darien
James Tikalsky, Darien
Debbie Heniff, Darien

ACKNOWLEDGE GUESTS

President Durkin welcomed the guests to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner McGreal moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Simester to approve the January 17, 2005 Regular Meeting Minutes, and the January 17, 2005 Closed Session Meeting Minutes.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Durkin, Gillespie, McGreal, Campagnolo, Simester

NAYS: None

President Durkin declared the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

APPROVE CLAIMS, ACCOUNTS AND WARRANTS

Commissioner McGreal moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Simester that the following Warrants be approved: Corporate Fund Warrant FY # 2004-2005-10 in the amount of \$12,581.20; Recreation Fund Warrant FY # 2004-2005-10 in the amount of \$23,868.79; SEASPAR Fund Warrant FY # 2004-2005-10 in the amount of \$500.50; Sportsplex Reimbursement Fund Warrant FY # 2004-2005-10 in the amount of \$5,853.05; Sportsplex Operating Fund Warrant FY #2004-2005-10 in the amount of \$101,867.83; Imprest Fund Warrant FY #2004-2005-10 in the amount of \$45.00; and the Recreation Refund Fund Warrant FY # 2004-2005-10 in the amount of \$2,035.20

Commissioner Gillespie questioned a petty cash reimbursement check to a Sportsplex employee. Director Cripe replied that Sportsplex is establishing accounts with more vendors so that reimbursement to employees is not needed. Commissioner Gillespie asked that the number of shopping trips by staff be held to a minimum.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Durkin, Gillespie, McGreal, Campagnolo, Simester

NAYS: None

President Durkin declared the motion carried.

OFFICER REPORTS

- A. **President** – None.
- B. **Vice President** – None.
- C. **Secretary** –None.
- D. **Treasurer** –Commissioner McGreal moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Gillespie to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report for the month ending January 31, 2005.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:
AYES: Durkin, Gillespie, Campagnolo, McGreal, Simester
NAYS: None
President Durkin declared the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Buildings and Grounds

None.

B. Finance

None.

C. Land Acquisition

None.

D. Police & Personnel

None.

E. Recreation

Commissioner Gillespie reported that the Student Advisory Council met and had a great brainstorming session. She mentioned some of the ideas such as the Battle of the Bands.

F. Sportsplex

None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Kreger reported that the Coca Cola contract would be discussed under New Business.

Commissioner Campagnolo questioned Attorney Kreger's situation regarding a Prospect Heights issue that was reported in the Daily Herald Newspaper.

Attorney Kreger reported that he has never been charged of anything in his 40 years of practice. Attorney Kreger stated that whatever was heard or stated was an absolute lie. He explained his personal friendship with the individual alleging that he borrowed money. Attorney Kreger said that the person has never been a client and that he could not and would not act as legal counsel to that person. He said he had nothing to do with the referenced negotiations with the City of Prospect Heights.

Commissioner Campagnolo stated that she was concerned after reading it in the newspaper and that she needed to hear confirmation. She thanked Attorney Kreger for the explanation.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Executive Director

Executive Director Cripe introduced his written report and said he would answer any questions. There were none.

B. Assistant Director

Executive Director Cripe reported that Assistant Director Katsougris was not in attendance but that he would answer any questions.

President Durkin requested to see a copy of the newsletter and brochure prior to printing. He congratulated Assistant Director Katsougris and staff on the Daddy/Daughter Date Night.

C. Superintendent of Finance

Superintendent Gurgone reported that staff is working on the budget. She recommended a Special Board Meeting to discuss the budget prior to the March Board Meeting.

Superintendent Gurgone reported that the Audit RFP was mailed to five firms including the current company and that the proposals are due on Monday, March 7th. She stated that she would like the Board to make a recommendation at the March Board Meeting.

D. Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Strickler reported that he has researched numerous documents found in the South Grove development file and would be looking for direction from the Board pertaining to moving forward with the project.

President Durkin questioned if Superintendent Strickler looked at the minutes from the past and the projected cost of development.

Superintendent Strickler stated that he researched the files. He explained that the Park District could possibly consider submitting a grant request to the State of Illinois Department of Natural Resources for a development grant.

Executive Director Cripe stated that this would be discussed again at future meetings and that they were not looking for immediate Board direction. He stated that Superintendent Strickler has reviewed a large file of good information.

President Durkin stated that staff should move forward and provide the Board with costs on paper.

Commissioner Gillespie stated that she would like to see South Grove developed.

E. Sportsplex General Manager

General Manager Ghose reported on the Summer Day Camp for ages 12-14 from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Monday – Friday from June – August. He provided the Board with a sample breakdown in the attachments.

General Manager Ghose reported that he would introduce the Field and Ice Rental Policy under New Business.

Commissioner Gillespie questioned the size of the LED monitors from ZOOM MEDIA. General Manager Ghose reported that ZOOM MEDIA was providing the smallest LED monitor.

President Durkin questioned if the District was tied down to having the monitors. He suggested General Manager Ghose contact the company and ask to set one up to see if the size is not too big and if it will work out.

Commissioner Campagnolo asked for a status of the Huskies and a list of hours.

General Manager Ghose reported that the Huskies received approximately 12 additional hours per week and that he was waiting to hear back from them.

Commissioner Campagnolo stated that she was concerned with the additional 12 hours when the Huskies will not commit to any more than a one year contract. She stated that she did not want to pull the ice from another club or organization.

General Manager Ghose reported that there is a caveat on the 12 hours and that none of the groups would be affected. He reported that the Huskies were informed that the District is looking at two or three clubs for a three year contract.

Commissioner Campagnolo asked if there was any discussion with Team Illinois.

General Manager Ghose stated that he would contact Team Illinois.

Commissioner Campagnolo asked if the Huskies have an extension on the contract.

Executive Director Cripe reported that they were expecting an answer from the Huskies by the end of February.

Commissioner Campagnolo asked what the commitment was for next year.

Executive Director Cripe reported that the District will look to contract with other clubs if the Huskies do not respond by the end of the month.

Attorney Kreger stated that he would prepare the necessary documents giving them proper notice if they do not respond.

Commissioner Campagnolo stated that she would like to see discussion options with other teams.

General Manager Ghose reported that Lacrosse America will sign a 3 year contract.

Commissioner Campagnolo stated the Field House revenue numbers did not look good and the numbers are very disappointing. She stated that General Manager Ghose has to get a handle on the numbers.

Executive Director Cripe reported that General Manager Ghose will deliver an updated status report on the Get Fast & Huskies contracts at a Special Board Meeting held on February 28, 2005.

Superintendent Campagnolo asked about the cleanliness at Sportsplex.

General Manager Ghose reported that he spoke to the cleaning service on what is not getting done. He stated that things have improved and that money was deducted off last month's payment. He further reported that the contract is up in April.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discuss and Approve Repayment of Sportsplex Loan Balance

Superintendent Gurgone recommended transferring the balance of the money back to the Corporate Fund.

Commissioner McGreal moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Simester to transfer the remaining \$162,152.50 back to the Park District.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Durkin, Gillespie, McGreal, Campagnolo, Simester

NAYS: None

President Durkin declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss and Approve Sportsplex Field and Ice Rental Policy

General Manager Ghose reported that the Board received the first draft of the Field and Ice Rental Policy which would apply to the summer camps and the summer rentals and

can apply to the others as well. He recommended review of the draft for approval at the March Board Meeting.

Commissioner McGreal stated that there was a big problem last year when the times were booked without any deposit.

B. Discuss and Approve Coca-Cola Vending Contract

Executive Director Cripe reported that the Coca-Cola contract is more detailed than the contracts used in the past. He reported that Attorney Kreger and PDRMA helped draft the paragraphs about insurance indemnification and the no-compete language.

Commissioner Campagnolo asked if Coca-Cola would be changing out the equipment.

Executive Director Cripe reported that the contract requires “new” or “like new” equipment. He stated that the contract calls for 13 machines at Sportsplex versus having 20 in the past.

General Manager Ghose reported that the existing machines were all in good shape and that they received a new machine last month.

Executive Director Cripe stated that the contract is a good price and that all the major bottling companies competed for the contract.

Commissioner McGreal moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Gillespie to approve A RESOLUTION APROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH COCA-COLA ENTERPRISES, INC.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Durkin, Gillespie, McGreal, Campagnolo, Simester

NAYS: None.

President Durkin declared the motion carried.

C. Discuss and Approve 3-year Get Fast Lease Agreement

Executive Director Cripe reported that the Board received a copy of the Agreement and the Resolution.

Mr. Dave Dever, Get Fast, Inc reported that he is seeking new legal counsel to review the lease. He reported that he secured space across the street and has partnered with Occusport and has figured out a way to continuing doing business but not at the expense of the customer.

Commissioner Campagnolo stated that she did not want to see the hallways being used.

Mr. Dever stated that he was hoping to open by the second week in May.

Commissioner Campagnolo stated that she did not want to see athletes sprawled out on the floor and that Mr. Dever would have to abide by the contract.

Commissioner Simester moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Gillespie to approve a RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH GET FAST, INC.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Durkin, Gillespie, McGreal, Campagnolo, Simester

NAYS: None.

President Durkin declared the motion carried.

D. Establish Special Meeting Date to Discuss 1st Draft Budget and Appropriation

Superintendent Gurgone reported that she would contact the Board to determine the meeting date.

E. Discuss and Approve Tax Abatement

Superintendent Gurgone reported that the Board received a copy of the ordinance for Abating a Debt Service Tax Levy for the Sportsplex Bond.

Commissioner McGreal moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Durkin to approve ORDINANCE NO. 2004-05-13, AN ORDINANCE abating the *ad valorem* tax previously levied for the year 2004 to pay debt service on the 8,955,000 General Obligation Alternate Bonds (Darien Sportsplex Enterprise Revenues), Series 2003C, of Darien Park District, DuPage County, Illinois.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Durkin, Gillespie, McGreal, Gillespie, Simester

NAYS: None.

President Durkin declared the motion carried.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Director Cripe reported that it was not necessary to adjourn to Executive Session.

ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

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

President Durkin adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Jack Durkin, President
Darien Park District

Richard Simester, Secretary
Darien Park District