

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

**July 13, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Christensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Darien City Hall, 1702 Plainfield Road, Darien, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Upon roll call the following Commissioners were present:

**PRESENT:** Neil Christensen, Frank Noverini, Ray Jablonski, Rob Sarocco

**ABSENT:** James Tikalsky

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT & GUESTS**

President Christensen welcomed the guests to the meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

- A. President** – President Christensen thanked Assistant Director Katsougris and her staff for their hard work on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. He also thanked the staff for the great job organizing the Concerts & Movie in the Park.
- B. Vice President** –No report.
- C. Secretary** – No report.
- D. Treasurer** –Commissioner Jablonski presented the Treasurer’s report ending June 30, 2009.

**Commissioner Noverini made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Sarocco to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report ending June 30, 2009.**

**Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:**

**AYES: Noverini, Sarocco, Jablonski, Christensen**

**NAYS: None**

**President Christensen declared the motion carried.**

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

No Report.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### **A. Executive Director/SEASPAR**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the additional two 50' flag poles were delivered and that they should be installed soon at Westwood Park.

President Christensen stated that the Eagles space at Sportsplex is coming along nicely.

#### **B. Assistant Director**

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Volunteer recognition will take place at the end of the meeting with a cake and punch reception to follow.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported on the following special events in the park:

- Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. – Indian Prairie Library Children's concert in the park featuring Jim Gill.
- Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 p.m. – Movie in the Park featuring "Journey to the Center of the Earth" in 3D. Cartoons start at 8:30 p.m. with the movie starting at 9:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. – Concert in the Park featuring Formerly Doxi at Darien Community Park.
- Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. – Concert in the Park featuring The Sensations.
- Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. – Indian Prairie Library Children's concert in the park featuring Macaroni Soup.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that there are still openings for the Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> Spirit of Chicago boat cruise featuring a cabaret show and lunch. She reported that the cost is \$60 for residents and \$65 for non-residents.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Light in the Piazza at the Lincolnshire trip is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> which includes lunch. She reported that the cost is \$75 for residents and \$80 for non residents.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the fall brochure should be mailed out to residents on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**C. Superintendent of Finance**

Superintendent Deldin reported that the annual audit will begin on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. She reported that the WebTrak system was installed and that residents will be able to register online this fall.

**D. Superintendent of Parks**

Superintendent Strickler reported that the maintenance yard was secured with a fence. He reported that a plaque and lights were installed at Meyers Barn .

Superintendent Strickler reported that the severe storm on June 19<sup>th</sup> kept staff busy cleaning debris. He reported that one tree was lost at South Grove Park. He further reported that staff is cleaning two times per week with garbage overhaul at all of the parks. He stated that this includes cleaning the dugouts on the baseballs fields as well as emptying the garbage.

Superintendent Strickler reported that residents are prohibited from building fires on Park District property.

**E. Sportsplex General Manager**

General Manager Henderson provided his reported and stated that he would answer any questions.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (for consent agenda)**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Jablonski to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: Warrants, May 27, 2009 Committee Meeting Minutes, June 8, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes, and the Reserves Resolution #2009-10-01.**

**Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:**

**AYES: Noverini, Jablonski, Sarocco, Christensen**

**NAYS: None**

**President Christensen declared the motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Sportsplex Ice Usage Contracts**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the two ice usage contracts are for Lincolnway Central with an annual contract of \$10,000 and Lockport with an annual contract of \$34,000.

**B. Public Comment (for new business)**

There was no one wishing to present public comment.

**Commissioner Sarocco moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Jablonski to approve the Sportsplex Ice Usage Contracts as presented.**

**Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:**

**AYES: Sarocco, Jablonski, Noverini, Christensen**

**NAYS: None**

**President Christensen declared the motion carried.**

**ANNUAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION**

Executive Director Gurgone welcomed the guests to the meeting and thanked the group for volunteering their time. She recognized the following groups:

Cub Scout Pack 48 responsible for cleaning wetlands at Westwood Park.

Brownie Troup 724 responsible for cleaning the wetlands at Westwood Park.

Girl Scout Troup 1391 responsible for picking up trash at Darien Community Park.

Executive Director Gurgone also recognized many individuals who assisted in the Darien Park District's Special Events and also a special recognition to Mike Gaspari who volunteers his time to broadcast the meetings.

Executive Director Gurgone announced that a cake and punch reception would follow. She stated that anyone interested in volunteering can visit the website or complete the volunteer form in the brochure.

President Christensen stated that there are 19 parks in Darien with five full time employees maintaining the parks. He stated that the Board and staff appreciate all the helping hands and thanked all the volunteers for their efforts.

**ADJOURN**

**There being no further discussion, Commissioner Jablonski moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sarocco that the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll call vote the Motion was thereby carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**

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Neil Christensen, President  
Darien Park District

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James Tikalsky, Secretary  
Darien Park District