

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

June 12, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Upon roll call the following Commissioners were present:

PRESENT: Nancy Campagnolo, Frank Noverini, Neil Christensen, Richard Simester

ABSENT: Shari Gillespie

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

Guests: Gloria Anderson, Darien

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COMMUNICATIONS

President Campagnolo reported that she received an email from Mr. Ron Brockerman, who was concerned about golfing in Birchwood Park. She reported that Mr. Brockerman thanked staff for how quickly the response was handled but that the golfer had been back. President Campagnolo stated that Mr. Brockerman did contact the police and that the golfer was told to leave.

President Campagnolo reported that she also received email from Mr. Brian Ormestan regarding the Men's Hockey League. She stated that she forward Mr. Ormestan's concerns to staff. President Campagnolo stated that staff resolved the situation and that Mr. Ormestan informed her that he would be happy to serve as an advocate for the Men's League.

OFFICER REPORTS

A. President – President Campagnolo stated that the residents should not believe everything that is printed in the newspaper. She stated that the Board has worked very hard to communicate to the residents and that the *Suburban Life* Newspaper has published articles containing inaccurate statements. President Campagnolo stated that the last time a reporter attended a Park District Meeting was February 13, 2006. She stated that the reporter is not doing his job and that she is puzzled how the reporter is receiving his information. President Campagnolo stated that the reporter does not come in to view the meetings on tape, get them from the minutes or by receiving information from the press packet nor does he ever contact the Executive Director.

President Campagnolo stated that in order to write an article that the reporter spoke with a resident and in fact the resident attends more meetings than the reporter. She stated that in order to be aware an individual can attend a meeting or watch it on television.

President Campagnolo stated that if there are any residents who are as troubled as she that a Letter to the Editor can be written. She stated that the correspondence should be 250 words or less and can either be emailed to hgamble@libertysuburban.com or faxed at (630)969-0228 or to speak to the Editor at (630)368-8914. President Campagnolo urged the residents who read the *Suburban Life* to hold them accountable for what they print.

B. Vice President – No report.

C. Secretary – No report.

D. Treasurer – Commissioner Christensen presented the Treasurer's report as of June 12, 2006.

Commissioner Simester moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month ending May 31, 2006.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Simester, Noverini, Christensen, Campagnolo

NAYS: None

President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE REPORT

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board discussed the year-end financials for Sportsplex. She reported that the year was significantly better than budgeted and that staff will provide a full year end report when the financials have been audited.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that Superintendent Henderson reported on new contracts for ice time at Sportsplex with Chicago Mission and Advanced Arenas. She reported that the Board agreed to place the items on the consent agenda.

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the tennis courts at Eisenhower Junior High and that until ownership and maintenance issues are resolved that the courts would remain closed. She stated that Superintendent Strickler provided a structural report on the upstairs floor at Meyers Barn and that he is currently in the process of receiving quotes for re-doing the floor.

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the prevailing wage ordinance and that the Board agreed to place it on the consent agenda. She stated that Assistant Director Katsougris reported on research that she did regarding implementing a No Smoking policy in the parks. She reported that Assistant Director Katsougris also recommended that the Board and staff revisit the idea when more park districts have implemented the policy and how to enforce it.

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the capital projects approval process for bond money expenditures. She reported that the Board agreed that all budgeted projects under \$15,000 would not be brought to the Board for reapproval. She further reported that the Board discussed the purchase of a new utility truck for the maintenance department and that the Board agreed to place both items on the consent agenda.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that Assistant Director Katsougris reported on SEASPAR's annual budget and that the Board agreed to place it on the consent agenda. She also reported that the complete minutes (once approved) are available on the District's website at www.darienparks.com.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Murphey stated that he did not have a report.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Executive Director

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she received notification that the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation awarded the District a grant of \$33,264 for energy efficient upgrades at Sportsplex. She reported that the District's portion of the expenditures is \$50,414.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that the grant would replace all of the lighting fixtures at Sportsplex and will reduce the energy costs. She stated that the savings will be approximately \$1,500 per month and the payback period for the expenditures 2.9 years. Executive Director Gurgone stated that staff is going to meet with the vendor to see how to split the project in order to reduce the impact of spending all of the money in one year.

B. Assistant Director

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Outdoor Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday, June 24th from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Darien Community Park. She reported that there are 27 registered sellers.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that Day Camp is underway and is offered everyday throughout the summer for ages 4- 12. She reported that there will be a free concert in the park on Friday, July 7th from 7-8:30 p.m

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that there is a Gardens Galore Trip scheduled for July 20th and that the registration deadline is July 3rd. She reported that anyone can obtain a picnic permit for rental of Darien Community Park, Meyers Wood and Smart Oaks.

Assistant Director Katsougris introduced Ms. Della Deldin, the new Superintendent of Finance.

C. Superintendent of Finance

Superintendent Deldin reported that the annual audit has been scheduled for August 14th and that the auditors will take approximately 5-6 days to complete.

D. Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Strickler reported that staff purchased the materials and has started construction on the new windows at Meyers Barn. He reported that staff has completed the retaining wall and sidewalk at Sportsplex and that the landscaping will begin by the end of the week.

Superintendent Strickler reported that he received several calls from residents regarding a yellow substance on the mulch at Holly Park. He reported that the park was closed for safety reasons and that staff researched the substance and that it is a slime mold and non harmful to animals and humans. Superintendent Strickler stated that staff is taking the proper steps to eliminate it by spraying it with a 50/50 bleach and that the park would be open within a day.

Commissioner Christensen questioned if the Skate Park drainage area was dry enough to begin work.

Superintendent Strickler reported that as soon as the area dried out that both contractors were available to begin the work.

E. Sportsplex General Manager

General Manager Henderson reported that the Chicago Hawks finished the spring season. He reported that during the months of June, July and August that the Hawks will be holding power skating clinics as well as 3 on 3 leagues for all of their members.

General Manager Henderson reported that the Sportsplex and Hawks will be hosting a free learn to play hockey clinic for residents. He stated that residents can register by contacting the Hawks directly or by calling the Sportsplex.

General Manager Henderson reported that the ice contracts for Hinsdale Central, Hinsdale South and Lyons Township have increased the amount of ice that was approved and that they would have to be reapproved. He reported that the playoffs are scheduled for next week.

General Manager Henderson reported that Mr. George Hayes, Ice Arena Manager and Mr. Brandon Humphreys, Director of Operations began working and that they are evaluating their departments and what changes can be made.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Hinsdale Central Contract**
- B. Hinsdale South Contract**
- C. Lyons Township Contract**

General Manager Henderson reported that he provided the Board with a break down of the old and new hours and fees. He reported that the teams are picking up one sheet of ice per week. He further reported that the hours can be adjusted in case they need them.

Commissioner Simester moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the ice contracts for Hinsdale Central, Hinsdale South and Lyons Township as presented.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Simester, Noverini, Christensen, Campagnolo

NAYS: None

President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Gloria Anderson, Darien questioned what the District's portion would be for the energy grant.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the grant is for \$33,264 and that the District's portion is \$50,414. She reported that the money will be used from capital projects for Sportsplex but that staff will evaluate if a portion can be done this year and next year. She stated that the foundation informed her that it may be possible to extend the grant to 2008-2009.

Ms. Anderson questioned if the mulch that has the mold is mulch from the City of Darien.

Superintendent Strickler reported that the mulch used is manufactured mulch carpet and that playgrounds do not use regular city mulch because it is not safety tested. He stated that the company has had similar problems but that mother nature is causing the mold.

Ms. Anderson stated that she was offended by President Campagnolo's comments regarding Lane Kelly, *Suburban Life* reporter and that she provided Mr. Kelly with information regarding the District. Ms. Anderson stated that she has never provided Mr. Kelly with any information other than that related to the Cass Cemetery. Ms. Anderson stated that she is personally offended that President Campagnolo referenced her in a public meeting and that she did not come to speak with her first.

President Campagnolo stated that she was going by what Mr. Kelly communicated to Executive Director Gurgone.

Ms. Anderson stated that any resident of Darien can tape the meeting and provide Mr. Kelly with a tape. She stated that she did not provide him a videotape.

President Campagnolo stated that Mr. Kelly openly admitted to Executive Director Gurgone and that Ms. Anderson should take it up with Mr. Kelly. She stated that she did not have issues with Ms. Anderson but with the *Suburban Life*. President Campagnolo stated that her biggest issue is that the *Suburban Life* takes things out of context and also because Mr. Kelly does not attend meetings.

Ms. Anderson stated that she attends meetings because she has questions and that her questions are beneficial to the public.

President Campagnolo commended Ms. Anderson for attending more District meetings than the *Suburban Life* reporters. She stated that she finds Lane's reporting style troubling and that Ms. Anderson comes to the meetings as a concerned resident and that she is to be commended. She further stated that Mr. Kelly was in attendance tonight but only for short moment and he did not pick up a press packet.

Ms. Anderson stated that she was not feeding Mr. Kelly information and that whatever he writes has nothing to do with her.

President Campagnolo noted that Mr. Kelly once again misstated facts.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Christensen moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Simester to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Warrants, April 24, 2006 Committee Meeting Minutes, May 8, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes, Prevailing Wage Ordinance #2005-07-02, Mission Tournament Contract, Advanced Arenas Tournament Contract, State Purchase of Utility Truck, Capital Projects Approval Process and the SEASPAR 2006-07 Budget.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Christensen, Simester, Noverini, Campagnolo

NAYS: None

President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution #2006-07-01: Appointment of IMRF Authorized Agent

Executive Director Gurgone stated that the resolution appoints Ms. Della Deldin to become the authorized agent.

B. Appraisal of 802 Plainfield

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff has been informally talking with the City regarding a joint maintenance facility. She stated that in order to do this that the District would sell 802 Plainfield. She further stated that a new appraisal is necessary. Executive Director Gurgone reported that the property is zoned R-2 and that it is noted as residential on the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Simester asked if there were any records regarding a donation.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that staff checked and that the District paid and that there was no language regarding reselling. She stated that she would contact the Attorney for review.

C. Public Comment

Ms. Anderson questioned who was doing the appraisal.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that Muriello Appraisers who were recommended from PHN Architects who also evaluated Marion Hills and Fairview. She stated they chose to use this firm because of the school experience.

Commissioner Simester stated that \$1,800 seemed high for a residential appraisal.

Attorney Murphey reported that it is a house in the R-2 area but it is a bit trickier because it is not a house but an institutional piece that carries a residential use.

President Campagnolo stated that with inflation the quote did not seem out of line.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the previous appraiser was out of business but that they did have a copy of the old appraisal.

Commissioner Christensen moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve Ordinance #2006-07-01 appointing Ms. Della Deldin, as the IMRF Authorized Agent.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Christensen, Noverini, Simester, Campagnolo

NAYS: None

President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.

Commissioner Simester moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Christensen to authorize the appraisal for 802 Plainfield Road as presented.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Simester, Christensen, Noverini, Campagnolo

NAYS: None

President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Simester 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 7:46 p.m.

Nancy Campagnolo, President
Darien Park District

Richard Simester, Secretary
Darien Park District