

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

**June 14, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Jablonski 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:** Ray Jablonski, Frank Noverini, Rob Sarocco,  
James Tikalsky, Neil Christensen

**ABSENT:** None.

**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**

**A. Will Glass, Speer Financial**

Mr. Will Glass, Speer Financial presented the sale of General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2010A. He stated that a public sale was held and that three bids were received. Mr. Glass reported that Bernardi Securities, Inc., Chicago was the lowest bid at 3.8996%.

Mr. Glass stated that the bid is favorable and that Speer Financial recommends Bernardi Securities, Inc.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that Speer was pleasantly surprised with the rates and that it was a good sale. She reported that the District maintained an excellent bond rating.

Mr. Glass stated that the AA rating is not prevalent in all communities and that the District has a solid credit rating.

## **B. Staff Presentation**

Ms. Cindy Garcia provided a report on the upcoming Senior Trips. She announced that the all of the trip information could be found on the website and that she welcomes any comments or fresh ideas.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she received correspondence from a resident who joined the Fitness Center and how pleased they are with the staff and the facility.

President Jablonski reported that he received three emails. He stated that two of the emails were regarding employment and the other from a concerned citizen regarding the South Grove Field Development Plan. President Jablonski referred the employment inquiries to the website. He stated that he had not yet responded to the resident regarding South Grove.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

- A. President** –President Jablonski congratulated Commissioner Tikalsky for being named Lion of the Year.
- B. Vice President** –Commissioner Tikalsky thanked the Parks staff for preparing Community Park for the VFW celebration.
- C. Secretary** – None.
- D. Treasurer** –Commissioner Sarocco presented the Treasurer’s report ending May 31, 2010.

**Commissioner Tikalsky made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Christensen to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report ending May 31, 2010.**

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

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

**NAYS: None**

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

## **ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

No report.

## **COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board discussed the year-end financials and the upcoming budget year for the District and Sportsplex. She reported that the year ended with good results and the audit report would be presented in a few months at a regular board meeting.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board discussed the budget line item adjustment and reserves transfer which both reflect last fiscal year. She reported that the Board discussed the Parks Department mowing schedule and the amount of acreage that the District maintains along with the costs. She further reported that the Board discussed the cost of outsourcing mowing and determined that this was not feasible.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board discussed ball field usage at the District and discussed the costs associated with maintaining the ball fields and the hours that different groups are utilizing the fields. She reported that the Board discussed different options for the fields and programs in the future.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board discussed the District's capital asset replacement plan and future capital needs. She reported that the Board discussed the District's ADA Accessibility report and the upcoming park projects.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the website can be checked for updated meeting dates and times.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

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

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the June 28<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting is cancelled. She reported that the next regularly scheduled meeting is July 12<sup>th</sup> and the next Committee Meeting is scheduled for August and will be posted on the website.

Commissioner Christensen questioned if the District received the first installment of the tax dollars. Superintendent Deldin reported that yes, the District did receive the first installment.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that last year the District received 99.9% of the tax dollars and that she is hoping for the same result this year. She stated that it was too early to tell.

### **B. Assistant Director**

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the next Concert in the Park is scheduled for Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> featuring Darien's own Pontiac Drive. She reported that the concert begins at 7:00 p.m. at Darien Community Park and that attendees will be able to purchase ice cream at the Darien Historical Society's Ice Cream Social.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven is scheduled to perform beginning at 7:00 p.m. She reported that all the concerts are free.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the District has co-oped with the library to offer two Concerts in the Park for children. She reported that Dave Rudolf will perform on Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and Rick Kelley on Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. She stated that both concerts are free.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the First Step Preschool will hold an open house on Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

### **C. Superintendent of Finance**

Superintendent Deldin reported that Knutte & Associates will begin the audit process on June 28<sup>th</sup>. She reported that staff has forwarded many of the documents via email. She stated that this has eliminated a significant amount of paper.

### **D. Superintendent of Parks**

Superintendent Strickler reported that staff has been working with the City staff to fill the old location of skate park with dirt. He stated that grading the project is on hold due to the rain.

Superintendent Strickler reported that the Board received a report on the tree inventory for the Tree Memorial Program. He stated that since the program began, there have been 66 trees planted in various parks.

### **E. Sportsplex General Manager**

General Manager Henderson reported that the junior level club he was working with did not enter into a contract Sportsplex. He reported that their present facility negotiated with them to stay, but that they booked a showcase weekend at Sportsplex, a \$30,000 contract. He further reported that this is \$10,000 - \$15,000 additional revenue.

General Manager Henderson reported that Midwest Pond and Koi Society will be hosting the annual summer KOI show scheduled for Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. He reported that more information can be found by visiting [.mpks.org](http://mpks.org).

President Jablonski asked if General Manager Henderson was aware if the Blackhawks success was doing anything for youth hockey.

General Manager Henderson stated the success of the Blackhawks and the Olympics has boosted enrollment in youth hockey. He stated that the Little Hawks program was a success this year and that they are up \$60,000 over last year. General Manager Henderson also stated that the Skate School is up \$20,000 compared to last year.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT (for consent agenda)**

There was no one wishing to present public comment.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Commissioner Tikalsky moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sarocco to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: Warrants, May 10, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes,**

**Prevailing Wage Ordinance #2010-11-02, 2009-10 Line Item Adjustments, Reserves Transfer, Personnel Policy Updates, and PCI Compliance Policy.**

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

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

**NAYS: None**

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Bid acceptance for upstairs flooring at Darien Sportsplex**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received a summary of the costs for the upstairs flooring of Sportsplex. She reported that Becker Arena Services, Inc. is a past vendor at Sportsplex and the lowest bid for \$49,950.00.

General Manager Henderson reported that competitive bidding has helped the pricing. He stated that the original quote was \$8,000 - \$9,000 higher.

**Commissioner Tikalsky made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to accept the bid from Becker Arena Services, Inc. in the amount of \$49,950.00.**

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

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

**NAYS: None**

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

**B. Ordinance 2010-11-03: An Ordinance providing for the issuance of \$1,000,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2010A, of the Darien Park District, Dupage County, Illinois, and providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax for the payment of the principal and interest on said bonds.**

**Commissioner Tikalsky made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Sarocco to approve Ordinance 2010-11-03: An Ordinance providing for the issuance of \$1,000,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2010A, of the Darien Park District, Dupage County, Illinois, and providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax for the payment of the principal and interest on said bonds.**

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

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

**NAYS: None**

**President Jablonski declared the motion carried.**

**C. Public Comment on New Business Items (before vote)**

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

**ADJOURN**

**There being no further discussion, Commissioner Christensen 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 7:21 p.m.**

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Ray Jablonski, President  
Darien Park District

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Frank Noverini, Secretary  
Darien Park District