

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

June 8, 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, James Tikalsky,
Rob Sarocco

ABSENT: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENT & GUESTS

President Christensen welcomed the guests to the meeting.

A. Lions Club Representative

Mr. Dan Kaminsky presented the Darien Park District with a Certificate of Appreciation. Mr. Kaminsky thanked the District for the use of the facility during their holiday events and for the assistance from Assistant Director Katsougris and her staff.

President Christensen stated that the District looks forward to working with the Lion's Club in the years to come.

B. Seaspar

Mr. Matt Corso and Ms. Lauren Christensen expressed their appreciation to the Darien Park District for allowing Seaspar the use of Sportsplex. Mr. Corso stated that because of the generosity of the District the Eagles Program is one of the best programs ever developed and is a model for other park districts to follow. He stated that Executive Director Gurgone and General Manager Henderson have opened their arms and that the program has grown quicker than was envisioned.

Ms. Christensen provided a brief overview of the program. She stated that the program offers 18-35 year old adults two, three or five day programs targeting on making healthy choices and lifestyles, fitness and community integration. Ms. Christensen thanked the District for the use of the space and hoped that with the new space at Sportsplex that they can accommodate up to 15 participant every day.

Ms. Christensen introduced three families who actively participate in the Eagles Program. All three families introduced themselves and commented on how pleased they were with the Eagles Program and how it has been a new lease on life for their children.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that she hoped that other Districts open up space in their facilities to provide this wonderful program. She stated that the Eagles program is a win/win for both Darien and Seaspar.

Ms. Susan Friend, Executive Director; Seaspar thanked the District for the Eagles Program. She highlighted all of the new and existing programs at Seaspar. Ms. Friend stated that Darien's contribution is 10.2% of the total contributions from all agencies and that currently Darien's residents are utilizing 10.4% of Seaspar's program hours.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

OFFICER REPORTS

- A. **President** – No report.
- B. **Vice President** –No report.
- C. **Secretary** – No report.
- D. **Treasurer** –Commissioner Jablonski presented the Treasurer's report ending May 31, 2009.

Commissioner Tikalsky made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report ending May 31, 2009.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Tikalsky, Noverini, Jablonski, Sarocco, Christensen

NAYS: None

President Christensen declared the motion carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No Report.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE

Executive Director Gurgone reported that at the Committee Meeting the Board discussed year-end financials and the upcoming budget year for the Park District. She reported that staff is

working to meet revenue numbers for the coming year and that they are reducing any possible expenditures.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that General Manager Henderson discussed the upcoming hockey season and current contracts being negotiated for the ice. She reported that the Board discussed scheduling for the fieldhouse and upcoming rates. She further reported that the Board discussed the current pro shop lease that ends in July.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that Assistant Director Katsougris provided an update on the summer programs and enrollment and discussed how the District is promoting the current programs to alert patrons of all the options available for all age groups.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that Fitness Center Manager Tim O'Brien provided a recap of the first nine months of the new Fitness Center and reported that enrollment is going well and that patrons are happy with the facility. She reported that Mr. O'Brien reported on the summer specials that are currently in place.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that current plans for capital projects were discussed and that staff provided a recap of the funds that were spent last year. She reported that the Board discussed outstanding bond issues and gave a recap of the Park District's debt structure. She further reported that the next Committee Meeting is scheduled for August.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Executive Director/SEASPAR

Executive Director Gurgone reported that there would not be a Committee Meeting on June 22nd and that the next Committee Meeting will be held in August.

B. Assistant Director

Executive Director Gurgone provided the report during Assistant Director Katsougris' absence. She reported on the following:

Concert in the Park

*Mr. Myers scheduled for Wednesday, June 10th at 7:00 p.m. At the Darien Community Park featuring the sounds of calypso, the rhythm of reggae and Jimmy Buffet style Caribbean rock music.

*British Export scheduled for Wednesday, June 24th at 7:00 p.m.

*7th Heaven scheduled for Wednesday, July 8th at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, April 11th at 9:00 a.m.

*All concerts are free.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Outdoor Flea Market will be held on Saturday, June 27th from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. At Darien Community Park. She reported that Saturday,

July 18th Movie in the Park feature presentation will be “Journey to the Center of the Earth” in 3D beginning at 8:30 p.m. with concessions available.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that this year the District has co-oped with the library to offer two Concerts in the Park geared towards children. She reported that Jim Gill will be performing on Wednesday, July 15th beginning at 7:00 p.m. and the second concert featuring Macaroni Soup on Wednesday, August 5th.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Horseshoe Casino trip is scheduled for Thursday, June 25th and is \$28 for residents and \$33 for non-residents and includes a buffet lunch. She reported that the paddle wheel cruise to the Rock River in Oregon will be on Thursday, July 9th and the cost is \$64 for residents and \$69 for non-residents.

C. Superintendent of Finance

Superintendent Deldin reported that staff is working towards installing a new online registration program and that it should be available in late June to register for the Fall Brochure.

D. Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Strickler reported that Commissioner Tikalsky asked for the cost to have the flags illuminated at the DCP memorial. He reported that staff will take a look at the capital projects list to see if this project can be completed.

E. Sportsplex General Manager

General Manager Henderson reported that the fire alarm sounded on Friday. He reported that at that time, the fire department determined the building was unsafe and they called the Hazmat team. General Manager Henderson reported that there was not an ammonia leak, but a salt water leak from the ice plant. He stated that the facility was up and running by Saturday morning and that he is working with PDRMA regarding a claim.

General Manager Henderson thanked the staff at Sportsplex. He stated that they did an excellent job keeping the situation under control.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that because of this incident that staff is exploring the evacuation process.

General Manager Henderson reported that the new Seaspar space is progressing and that Seaspar should be in by August 1st.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for consent agenda)

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Jablonski moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sarocco to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: Warrants, May 11, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes, Prevailing Wage Ordinance and the 2008-09 Line Item Adjustments.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Jablonski, Sarocco, Tikalsky, Noverini, Christensen

NAYS: None

President Christensen declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Tikalsky 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 7:40 p.m.

Neil Christensen, President
Darien Park District

James Tikalsky, Secretary
Darien Park District