

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

March 8, 2010

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 (7:10 p.m.), 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

President Christensen thanked the Darien Police Department for bringing the Kramer Family investigation to such a rapid conclusion. He paused for a brief moment of silence.

PUBLIC COMMENT & GUESTS

A. Public Hearing for 2010-11 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance

Commissioner Jablonski made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Sarocco to open the Public Hearing for 2010-11 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Jablonski, Sarocco, Christensen

NAYS: None

President Christensen declared the motion carried.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the budget was discussed in more detail at the District's February 22nd Committee Meeting and was placed on display on Friday, March 5th. She reported that the notice of public hearing was given in the February 26th Suburban Life Newspaper.

Executive Director Gurgone provided the financial highlights. She reported that the District is anticipating receiving \$2,574,374 in tax dollars for the next fiscal year which is a 3% increase from 2009-10. She further reported that the District is budgeting a 2% decrease in revenues in the operating funds and an approximate 2% decrease in expenditures. She stated that the main operating accounts show a balanced budget for 2010-11.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the District is anticipating spending \$326,073 for capital projects in 2010-11 which includes a \$150,000 on the installment contract for the purchase of Fairview School. She further reported that the Sportsplex budget shows an anticipated net income after debt of \$13,647 which includes debt payments of \$959,551 and capital projects of \$39,890.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Sportsplex budget has revenues and expenses about 2% higher than last year and that the documents are on display at the Community Center and will be on the April 12th Board Meeting agenda.

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

At 7:04 p.m. Commissioner Sarocco made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Jablonski to close the Public Hearing for 2010-11 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Sarocco, Jablonski, Christensen

NAYS: None

President Christensen declared the motion carried.

B. Mary Sullivan, Cass #63 Foundation Permit Request

President Christensen announced that the Board discussed the Cass #63 Foundation Permit Request at the February 22, 2010 Committee Meeting. He reported that this would be discussed under New Business, and that New Business had been move up on this agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Parks & Facilities Policy Update

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received a copy of the District's revised Parks and Facilities Policy. She stated that item 1 currently states that there will be "no hard alcohol allowed in parks and facilities at any time." Executive Director Gurgone stated that based on discussions regarding the Cass #63 Foundation permit, that the proposal is to change this to "unless by special permission of the Board."

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she has discussed everything with the homeowners association of the homes nearby and that they do not have any issues with the permit. She stated that they did request that they did not want to see parking on the street where there are "no parking" signs.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the new proposed fee of \$140 would be required along with a \$500 security deposit.

Commissioner Jablonski made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Sarocco to approve revised page 57 from section 781 of the Darien Park District's Parks and Facilities Policy as presented.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Jablonski, Sarocco, Christensen

NAYS: None

President Christensen declared the motion carried.

B. Cass #63 Foundation Permit for use of Smart Oaks Park

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the proposed changes to the District's Parks and Facilities Policy would allow the Cass #63 Foundation permit to allow hard alcohol at their event and that any future events that the Board determines are appropriate.

Commissioner Jablonski made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Sarocco to approve the Cass #63 Foundation Permit for use of Smart Oaks Park as presented.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Jablonski, Sarocco, Christensen

NAYS: None

President Christensen declared the motion carried.

Executive Director Gurgone announced that she would forward the permit to the Cass #63 Foundation in writing.

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

There was no one wishing to present public comment.

COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Sarocco stated that he received inquiries regarding summer employment.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that anyone can apply to the District for summer work by completing an application, which is available on www.darienparks.com.

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 February 28, 2010.

Commissioner Sarocco made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Christensen to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report ending February 28, 2010.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Sarocco, Jablonski, Noverini, Christensen

NAYS: None

President Christensen declared the motion carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

Executive Director Gurgone reported that at the Committee Meeting the Board discussed the Cass #63 Foundation's park permit request in detail and agreed to place it on the Regular Meeting agenda. She reported that the Board discussed Sportsplex issues, including current financials, a contract for arcade games and the 2010-11 budget.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board discussed rental rates for Parks and rooms at the Community Center and Sportsplex and that they agreed to keep the rates consistent for the next year. She reported that the Board also discussed the rate for Darien Fest 2010 and keeping the fee the same at \$6,000 for this year.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board discussed the Darien Historical Society's request to have their ice cream social during one of the Park District's concerts in the park and that the Board agreed that this was a good idea for the community.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board discussed the District's proposed 2010-11 budget and the possibility of reimbursement between resident and non resident rate for season passes at the Westmont Skate Park. She reported that the Board agreed pending approval of the budget.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff provided an update on the District's current outstanding bonds and future bond plans and that the Budget Ordinance would be placed on display prior to the Board Meeting for public inspection.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Executive Director/SEASPAR

Executive Director Gurgone reported that there will be a public hearing sign posted in front of Sportsplex within the next few weeks for a possible cell phone tower. She reported that the tentative date for the public hearing is April 7th.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 12th at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

B. Assistant Director

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 3rd at 9:00 a.m. and will take place at Darien Community, Lindenwood, South Grove, Smart Oaks and Westwood Parks. She announced that participants should bring a bag or basket and that the event will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Breakfast with the Bunny is scheduled for Saturday, April 3rd at Community Center and that the deadline to register is Monday, March 29th. She reported that the summer brochure will be mailed to residents on April 2nd and that that resident registration begins on April 14th. She further reported that picnic permits for residents will be issued on April 1st and April 15th for non residents.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Preschool will be conducting an Open House on Wednesday, March 17th from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. She reported that there are only six openings left for Monday/Wednesday/Friday 4 year old mornings.

C. Superintendent of Finance

Superintendent Deldin provided the Board with the Finance report. There were no questions from the Board.

D. Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Strickler provided the Board with the Parks report.

President Christensen asked if there was a lot of damage to the parks after all the snow.

Superintendent Strickler stated that the most damage was at Community Park but nothing that cannot be fixed.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the skate park equipment will be removed next week.

E. Sportsplex General Manager

General Manager Henderson reported on the learn to play hockey programs offered at Sportsplex. He reported that classes are offered on Tuesdays and Sundays for 6 weeks and that registration fees range from \$95 to \$130 for residents and \$105 to \$145 for non-residents depending on the level.

General Manager Henderson reported on the learn to skate figure programs offered at Sportsplex. He reported that the classes are offered Thursdays and Saturdays for 8 weeks and that registration fees range from \$45 to \$105 for residents and \$50 to \$115 for non-residents depending on the level.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for consent agenda)

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Sarocco moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Jablonski to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: Warrants, February 8, 2010 Meeting Minutes, Rental Rates for Parks, DPDCC, Sportsplex Chalet Room, J&R Amusement Contract and Darien Fest Rate for 2010.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Sarocco, Jablonski, Noverini, Christensen

NAYS: None

President Christensen declared the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

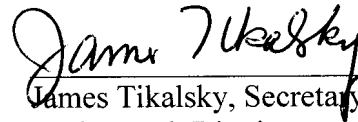
None.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Noverini 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 7:19 p.m.



Neil Christensen, President
Darien Park District



James Tikalsky, Secretary
Darien Park District