

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

May 11, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

President 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, Ray Jablonski, James Tikalsky, Frank Noverini

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

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received a copy of a letter from a Yoga Class participant. She further reported that the Board also received a copy of a letter from a parent from the Eagles program thanking the Board and staff for the program and the use of the facility. Executive Director Gurgone also reported that the Board received a copy of a letter from a bridge card player who is a non resident.

President Christensen reported that he received correspondence from a resident regarding the ball fields and usage during inclement weather. He reported that he forwarded the information to staff.

Superintendent Strickler reported that residents can call the sports information hotline for rain updates. He stated that if there are short rains that ball fields may be playable. Superintendent Strickler stated that the fields are closed after heavy rainfall because the fields are too wet.

INSTALL NEW COMMISSIONER

President Christensen congratulated Mr. Rob Sarocco who was elected as Board Commissioner on April 7th. Attorney Judith Kolman swore in Mr. Sarocco.

Mr. Rob Sarocco introduced himself and stated that he has been a resident of Darien for 10 years. He stated that he has years of involvement in the DYC serving as President for three years and that he loves the City of Darien. Commissioner Sarocco stated that he is happy to serve on the Board.

OFFICER REPORTS

A. President - President Christensen reported that he attended a DIPI meeting. He stated that he was pleased with our staff and the great job that staff has done in sharing resources and impressed on what has been accomplished.

B. Vice President- None

C. Secretary - None

D. Treasurer - **Commissioner Tikalsky made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month ending April 30 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

None.

A. Executive Director/SEASPAR

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she did not receive an update from T Mobile. She stated that T Mobile controls the flag, so we cannot take it down even though it is currently not being lit at night. She also stated that she is awaiting an answer as to why they installed a 75 foot pole.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the District will be having an ADA Accessibility Audit done to look at all of the District's facilities, parks, policies and procedures to ensure that they are in compliance.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the next Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, May 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the Darien Community Center. She reported that there will not be a Committee Meeting in June.

President Christensen asked that staff update the Board on the bond issues at the meeting.

B. Assistant Director

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the volunteer recognition will be done in July instead of in June so that SEASPAR representatives can attend the June meeting. She further reported that full-day day camps are being offered for 4-6 year olds, 6-8 year olds and 9-12 year olds. Assistant Director Katsougris reported that there is also a full-day Sports camp for 7-12 year olds the week of June 8th.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the summer brochure can be downloaded from the website.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that anyone interested in a unique alternative for a child's birthday party can contact Katie at extension 107. She reported that the next Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday, June 27th at Darien Community Park.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Summer 2009 Music, Movies and More Series will kick off with Mr. Meyers on June 10th beginning at 7:00 p.m. She reported that on Wednesday, June 24th British Export will be performing at 7:00 p.m.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that there are still openings for the Devil in the White City trip on Tuesday, June 9th featuring stops at the Osaka Japanese Garden the University of Chicago campus and a buffet lunch at the Union League Club. She reported that the cost is \$70 for residents and \$75 for nonresidents.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that Thursday, June 25th is a trip to the Horseshoe Casino. She reported that the fee is \$28 for residents and \$33 for non-residents and includes a buffet lunch. She further reported that the deadline to register is June 4th.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that Thursday, July 9th is a trip to the Rock River in Oregon, IL featuring a 2-hour paddle-wheel cruise, lunch and a guided tour of the John Deere Historic site in Grand Detour, IL. She reported that the cost is \$64 for residents and \$69 for non-residents and that the deadline to register is June 25th.

C. Superintendent of Finance

Superintendent Deldin provided her report and announced that the 2008-2009 financial audit will begin on July 20th and will be done by Knutte & Associates.

D. Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Strickler reported that staff is trying to mow all of the parks at least once a week until summer staff starts working. He reported that weed control will also be applied to all the parks and that it is a three day process. He further reported that weed control cannot be done if the ground is soft because heavy equipment is used and will damage the grass.

F. Sportsplex General Manager

General Manager Henderson reported that the Sportsplex schedule for June-August will be 5:30 a.m. - Midnight- Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. - Midnight on Saturday and closed on Sunday. He reported that some of the programs were moved from Sunday to Saturday and that the schedule modifications will help cut costs at Sportsplex. General Manager Henderson reported that the change in the schedule will not affect the walkers but that the public skate will be eliminated on Sunday.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for consent agenda)

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Sarocco made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Tikalsky to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: Warrants, April 13, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes, Establish Meeting dates, times, locations for 2009-10 fiscal year and the SEASPAR budget

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

NAYS: None

President Christensen declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Tikalsky made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to nominate Neil Christensen as President of the Darien Park District Board of Commissioners.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

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

NAYS: None

President Christensen declared the motion carried.

Commissioner Christensen made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Tikalsky to nominate Frank Noverini as Vice President of the Darien Park District Board of Commissioners.

**Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:
AYES: Christensen, Tikalsky, Noverini, Jablonski, Sarocco.
NAYS: None
President Christensen declared the motion carried.**

Commissioner Christensen made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to nominate James Tikalsky as Secretary of the Darien Park District Board of Commissioners.

**Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:
AYES: Christensen, Noverini, Tikalsky, Jablonski, Sarocco
NAYS: None
President Christensen declared the motion carried.**

Commissioner Christensen made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to nominate Ray Jablonski as Treasurer of the Darien Park District Board of Commissioners.

**Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:
AYES: Christensen, Noverini, Tikalsky, Jablonski, Sarocco.
NAYS: None
President Christensen declared the motion carried.**

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Tikalsky made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Jablonski that the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll call vote the Motion was thereby carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

**Neil Christensen, President
Darien Park District**

**James Tikalsky, Secretary
Darien Park District**