

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF DUPAGE
DARIEN PARK DISTRICT
COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE**

May 27, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

President Christensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Darien Park District Community Center, 7301 Fairview Avenue, Darien, Illinois.

ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Upon roll call the following Commissioners and staff were present:

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Stephanie Gurgone; Executive Director, Chris Katsougris; Assistant Director, Robert Strickler, Superintendent of Parks, Della Deldin; Superintendent of Finance, Matt Henderson; Sportsplex General Manager; Tim O'Brien; Fitness Center Supervisor (8:00 p.m.)

PUBLIC COMMENT AND GUESTS

President Christensen welcomed the guests to the meeting. There was no one wishing to present public comment.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Christensen reported that he received an email regarding the litter at Community Park. He stated that he forwarded the complaint to Superintendent Strickler.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that the resident was notified that she can contact Superintendent Strickler directly with any future complaints. She stated that staff picks up the litter but that people continue to not use the garbage cans.

COMMITTEE TOPICS

A. Operational Issues

1. Sportsplex

a. Sportsplex Year End 08-09 Financials

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the auditors will be coming in July. She stated that the Debt Service is shown as an expense on the financials presented, but it is not a true expense on the audit. It is shown so that the Board is aware of how much cash is being paid out for the year.

President Christensen asked for an update on the ice contracts.

General Manager Henderson reported that compared to last year the ice contracts are down. He reported that the months of the Hawks season were changed and that the month lost resulted in approximately \$75,000. He further reported that in addition, the Benet contract did not work out and anticipated money was also lost there as well.

President Christensen stated that of the \$426,000 that was loaned to Sportsplex for the debt payment, all but \$200,000 was paid back.

b. Sportsplex Budget 2009-10 Final

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received a copy of the final budget.

President Christensen questioned the maintenance salaries.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that the maintenance salaries also include general workers, which have been reduced. She further stated that the managers are filling some of these shifts.

c. Ice Contracts

General Manager Henderson reported that Lockport High School Hockey Club is interested in skating exclusively at Sportsplex. He further reported that Benet High School Hockey Club is also looking for ice. General Manager Henderson also reported that Montini may be merging with a couple of clubs and that he has not heard back from them regarding their final determination for ice next year.

d. Fieldhouse Contracts/Scheduling

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Fieldhouse contracts are at a standstill. She stated that the DYC soccer contract needs to be negotiated, but there are other groups interested in times. Executive Director Gurgone stated that the DYC affects the Fieldhouse because they are only interested in January – March.

Commissioner Jablonski and Commissioner Sarocco both reported that it seems the DYC Board is split whether they should hand over some of the programs to the Park District.

There was some discussion from the Board on what programs the Park District would like to take over.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that she would draft a letter and work with Commissioner Jablonski and Commissioner Sarocco to forward to the DYC giving them a

deadline in which they need to state their intentions regarding indoor soccer and the take over of DYC by the park district.

e. Pro Shop Lease

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she is waiting for a response from Attorney Murphey. She reported that Gunzo's is behind on their lease payments and that they are paying the wrong amount each month.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that Gunzo's contract is up at the end of July.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that she would keep the Board informed.

2. Parks & Recreation

a. Program Updates

(a) Chris – Programs

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that registration is slow but that 110 new registrations were received over the last several days. She stated that the camp numbers are down and the first camp for preschool will start on Monday. She further stated that the 4-6 year old camp may be canceled due to lack of enrollment.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff is doing everything we can to promote the programs.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that 15 passes were sold for the Clarendon Hills pool.

(b) Tim – Fitness Center

Fitness Center Supervisor O'Brien provided a brief report on the Fitness Center. He stated that the buy one get one free membership in January was a positive promotion to start the year.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that when the fitness center was built, 300 memberships was the projected number. She stated that our memberships are now just over 300. Due to the buy one get one free promotion, the revenue is smaller than anticipated, but it is an excellent start in less than one year.

Fitness Center Supervisor O'Brien reported that he will be advertising a special to non residents for the summer months to attract individuals from neighboring communities. He also reported that the response to the student special has been positive.

Fitness Center Supervisor O'Brien reported on the new signage around the Fitness Center as well as door hanger advertising that will be distributed to residents.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that daily passes have also been positive.

(c) Other Programs

None.

b. Capital Projects Update

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received a copy of the Capital Projects update. She stated that this just an update of what was spent and what was budgeted.

3. Admin

a. DPD Year End 08-09 Financials

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received an updated copy of the Year End 08-09 Financials.

b. DPD Budget 09-10 Final

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received an updated copy of the Budget 09-10 Final.

c. Bond Issues Update

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received an update regarding the bond issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Tikalsky moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sarocco that the meeting be adjourned. Upon voice vote the Motion was thereby carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Neil Christensen, President
Darien Park District

James Tikalsky, Secretary
Darien Park District