

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

November 10, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

President Christensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at 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, Nancy Campagnolo, 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

Guests: Don Jiskra, Darien
Al Kohout, Westmont
Katie Stuckey, Staff

PUBLIC COMMENT & GUESTS

President Christensen welcomed the guests to the meeting.

Mr. Don Jiskra stated that he was proud of what the District has accomplished in the last few years. He introduced Mr. Al Kohout, Owner – Sounds Memories, Westmont. Mr. Jiskra stated that he and Mr. Kohout work with the City of Berwyn recognizing outstanding 8th graders.

Mr. Jiskra explained the program and stated that there is overwhelming enthusiasm and that he would like the Board to consider a similar program in Darien.

President Christensen thanked Mr. Jiskra and stated that this would be beyond the scope of the Park District and that it appears to be a city wide venture. He invited Mr. Jiskra to attend the next DIPI meeting.

A. Katie Stuckey, Program Specialist, on New Park District programs for Winter 2009

Ms. Katie Stuckey, Program Specialist for the Darien Park District, explained some of the new programs being offered at the Community Center. She announced that the Community Center will offer theme based activities and provide birthday party packages.

Ms. Stuckey reported that she is also the supervisor of babysitting and that babysitting is available to members attending a class or using the fitness center.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the new programs will be offered in the winter brochure which will be mailed to residents on Friday, November 28th.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Christensen reported that he received correspondence from a resident regarding the fitness center and that he forwarded it to the Executive Director.

OFFICER REPORTS

A. President – President Christensen stated that he was frustrated with the community's knowledge regarding the Sportsplex and taxes. He stated that the Sportsplex is not supported by tax dollars and that hopefully someday it will become a financial asset.

B. Vice President – No report.

C. Secretary – No report.

D. Treasurer – Commissioner Jablonski provided the Treasurer's report for the month ending October 31, 2008.

Commissioner Tikalsky made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month ending October 31, 2008.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Tikalsky, Noverini, Campagnolo, Jablonski, Christensen

NAYS: None

President Christensen declared the motion carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Executive Director/SEASPAR

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Public Hearing sign was posted at 75th & Fairview and that the T-Mobile Cell Tower disguised as a flag pole will be on the Planning & Zoning Commission agenda on Wednesday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m.

B. Assistant Director

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that packets for the April Consolidation Election are available in the administrative office at 7301 Fairview Avenue for the April 7, 2009 election. She further reported that the new winter brochure will be mailed to residents on Friday, November 28th and registration for residents will begin on December 10th.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported the Needy Family Drive toy collection begins the week of November 24th and delivery to take place on Saturday, December 20th. She reported that the assembly of the food baskets and the distribution will take place at the Community Center.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the next day trip is schedule for December 2nd to the Museum of Science and Industry for the holiday festival of lights followed by lunch at the Walnut room at Macy's. She reported that the fee is \$78 for residents and \$83 for non-residents.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that another day trip is scheduled for December 11th to Potawatomi Casino which includes a buffet lunch followed by a tour of the Milwaukee Holiday Lights Festival and the fee is \$45 for residents and \$48 for non-residents.

C. Superintendent of Finance

Superintendent Deldin provided her report and stated that she would answer any questions.

D. Superintendent of Parks

President Christensen asked if Superintendent Strickler has spoken to the Save the Barn Committee regarding space.

Superintendent Strickler reported that the barn is full and that the Committee has been contacted. He stated that they are working on the exterior lights.

D. Sportsplex General Manager

General Manager Henderson reported that the Hawks Hockey Club hosted its 1st annual hockey tournament at Sportsplex and that it was a success with 30 teams participating from all over the Midwest.

General Manager Henderson reported that the Sportsplex was a host site for the Nike Bauer Invite and International hockey tournament for teams at the AAA level October 31-November 2nd. He stated that he is working on completing a three year contract through 2011.

General Manager Henderson stated that the Lions Club hosted their annual Halloween party and that parking was a bit of an issue with the tournament. He reported that he is meeting with the Lions next week to discuss the event and discuss next year.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the high school gym classes are returning for ice skating during class. General Manager Henderson stated that there will be 3 or 4 classes and that each class will be there for 3 weeks to skate. He reported that he has received positive comments regarding the third sheet of ice.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR CONSENT AGENDA)

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Tikalsky moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Jablonski to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

Warrants, October 13, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes, IAPD Resolution to designate representative, Seaspur Tax Levy, DPD Tax Levy: Truth in Taxation Resolution. Public Hearing will be held at the December 8, 200 meeting, and the Resolution supporting the efforts of the Darien Initiative for Intergovernmental coordination (DIPI).

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

**AYES: Tikalsky, Jablonski, Campagnolo, Noverini, Christensen
NAYES: None**

President Christensen declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Jablonski moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Tikalsky 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