

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

**September 11, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Campagnolo, Bridget Brown, (SEASPAR Special Olympics Medalist), Lindsay Maddox (SEASPAR Special Olympics Medalist), and Jaclyn Swidergal (SEASPAR Special Olympics Medalist) called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City of Darien Council Chambers, 1702 Plainfield Road, Darien, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Upon roll call the following Commissioners were present:

**PRESENT:** Nancy Campagnolo, Frank Noverini, Neil Christensen,  
Richard Simester

**ABSENT:** Shari Gillespie

**Staff:** Stephanie Gurgone; Executive Director, Chris Katsougris; Assistant Director, Della Deldin; Superintendent of Finance, Matt Henderson; Sportsplex General Manager, Gina Madden; Attorney

**Guests:** Bridget Brown & Family  
Lindsay Maddox & Family  
Jaclyn Swidergal & Family  
Lane Kelley, The Doings

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**A. Recognition of SEASPAR Special Olympics Athletes**

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

President Campagnolo welcomed the guests to the meeting and recognized Bridget Brown, Lindsay Maddox and Jaclyn Swidergal, three exceptional athletes representing SEASPAR who competed in the State Level Special Olympics this summer. President Campagnolo presented each athlete with a special plaque from the Park District as well as a personalized Park District Sweatshirt. She congratulated the athletes and their families for their outstanding athletic achievement. All of the guests were invited to attend a reception honoring the athletes after the regular meeting.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **A. Active Seniors**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she received correspondence from the Active Seniors thanking the employees of the District for the help and kindness to the Active Senior group during the annual picnic.

### **B. Hinsdale South**

Executive Director Gurgone reported the Board received complimentary athletic passes from Hinsdale South.

### **C. Vuillaume Family**

Executive Director Gurgone that she received correspondence from the Vuillaume Family thanking the District for the permit fee waiver.

### **D. John Poteraske**

President Campagnolo reported that she received an email from Mr. John Poteraske asking for an update regarding the terms of the Commissioners. She stated that Mr. Poteraske was informed that the Board discussed the terms but that the terms would not be changed until 2009.

### **E. Downers Grove Sanitary District**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received an invitation to the Downers Grove Sanitary District Wastewater Treatment Center's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Open House on Saturday, October 7, 2006.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that Commissioner Gillespie called and apologized for her absence but that a family member was ill and in the hospital. She wished the Gillespie family well.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

- A. President** – President Campagnolo thanked District 86 for the complimentary passes. She wished the Chicago Hawks a successful season and stated that the Hawks represent 60-70% of the budgeted revenue for the building.
- B. Vice President** – No report.
- C. Secretary** – No report.
- D. Treasurer** – Commissioner Christensen presented the Treasurer's report ending August 31, 2006.

**Commissioner Christensen moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Simester to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month ending August 31, 2006.**

**Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:**

**AYES: Christensen, Simester, Noverini, Campagnolo**

**NAYS: None**  
**President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.**

### **COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE REPORT**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that President Campagnolo started the meeting by discussing the action taken at the Special Meeting prior to the Committee Meeting. She reported that the Board approved a quote from PHN Architects for preliminary plans to build a new recreation center at Westwood Park. Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board decided to evaluate the possibility after receiving reports back from the architects regarding Fairview Elementary and Marion Hills School. She reported that the Board also approved a quote for PHN to develop preliminary plans for relocating the fields from Westwood to Southgrove Park with an estimated delivery time for the reports approximately two to three months.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that the Board discussed the financials at Sportsplex, advertising at Sportsplex, and announced that a summer recap would be provided at the September 25<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting. She reported that the Sportsplex summer projects were discussed and that the October 23<sup>rd</sup> Committee Meeting would be held at Sportsplex.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that Superintendent Strickler announced that work would be beginning soon at Lindenwood Park and anticipated completed and dedication of the new playground scheduled for mid-October and when a date is scheduled the information would be posted on the website and on the cable channel.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that Superintendent Strickler stated that he is working on the remaining capital projects including some small asphalt work and the aeration at South Grove pond. She reported that the District's new registration software was discussed and that online registration would be in place by the winter.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board discussed the new Board Member Policy Manual and agreed to place the item on the agenda under "New Business" since two of the Board members were absent at the Committee Meeting. She reported that there were no new items for the consent agenda.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Madden stated that she did not have a report.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### **A. Executive Director/SEASPAR**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff met with PHN Architects and discussed the development of South Grove Park and the building of a recreation center. She reported that she attended the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at SEASPAR.

## **B. Assistant Director**

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that several fall classes started but that registration continues. She reported that the next trip is scheduled for Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> to Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City and the cost for residents is \$26 and \$29 for non-residents. Assistant Director Katsougris also reported that a trip to Fair Oaks Farm in Fair Oaks, Indiana is scheduled for Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> and the cost is \$40 for residents and \$43 for non-residents. She stated that the deadline for registration is September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that a relaxing day cruise is planned for Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. She stated that the \$60 fee for residents and the \$63 fee for non-residents includes lunch at Popeye's Restaurant.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported there are still openings available for preschool and that there are currently 142 children enrolled. She reported that the preschoolers participated in a Hop-a-thon to benefit Muscular Dystrophy and raised \$5396 ranking third out of all the preschools that participated.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Outdoor Flea Market is scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Darien Community Park. She reported that there are currently 34 sellers registered. She also reported that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hoe-Down is scheduled for Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Darien Community Park. She stated that a petting zoo, hayrides, pony rides, games, crafts, food and fun will be featured as well as the Kohn McCormick Interactive Children's Literacy Museum-on-Wheels.

## **C. Superintendent of Finance**

Superintendent Deldin reported that the Banking RFP was mailed to various banks and proposals due September 15<sup>th</sup>. She reported that a selection on a new bank would be made and approved at the October Board meeting.

Superintendent Deldin reported that the audit was completed the week of August 14<sup>th</sup> and that a representative from Knutte & Associates will be presenting at a future October meeting.

Commissioner Simester inquired if the bookkeeping position responsibilities could be split up.

Superintendent Deldin reported that she was hoping to split up the responsibilities and not rehire.

Commissioner Christensen questioned the costs involved for switching banks.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff is working to keep them to a limit.

Commissioner Simester stated that he needed more time to review the board member policy manual.

## **D. Superintendent of Parks**

Superintendent Strickler reported that there was vandalism to the Skate Park over Labor Day and that the park is closed because it is unsafe. He stated that he contacted True Ride to reorder the damaged piece of equipment and for a total cost for repairs.

Superintendent Strickler reported that the Lindenwood Park work has started and that staff removed all of the playground equipment. He reported that the construction also started.

Superintendent Strickler reported that there was some damage to Community Park after Darien Fest and that staff will be making repairs to the ruts as soon as the weather permits.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that staff will keep track of the time and repairs.

Commissioner Simester suggested not allowing parking in the park next year.

Superintendent Strickler reported that he is attending a meeting with the VFW on September 21<sup>st</sup> regarding the landscaping improvements around the memorial at Darien Community Park.

President Campagnolo stated that she did not want the work to conflict with the ceremony on November 11th and suggested that staff work with them to complete the job prior to the ceremony.

Superintendent Strickler stated that he would discuss the timing issues with the group and that he will make sure it is done before November 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **E. Sportsplex General Manager**

General Manager Henderson reported that the Chicago Hawks Hockey Club began tryouts and that the final player count is approximately 300. He stated that 300 is a good number for the first year with approximately 20 teams.

General Manager Henderson reported that the Little Hawks have 135 registered and that he has received positive feedback. He stated that he anticipates 200+ for the summer session.

General Manager Henderson reported that the Adult Hockey League currently has 15 teams registered. He stated that this could be due to the new arena opening and better time availability elsewhere. He further stated that he did not foresee it as a problem long term.

General Manager Henderson reported that a representative from Cimco Refrigeration came in to address an issue regarding the ice plant. He stated that although the issue was minor that the representative from Cimco indicated that the plant is in need of some major repairs in the future. He further stated that the plant has been neglected for 10 years and if things are not corrected there will be some major problems. General Manager Henderson stated that he would begin a capital asset repair/replacement plan for the building before budget season.

President Campagnolo stated that she was glad to see a capital asset replacement plan for Sportsplex.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Commissioner Christensen moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:**

**Warrants, August 14, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes, August 28, 2006 Committee Meeting Minutes and the August 28, 2006 Special Meeting Minutes.**

**Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:**

**AYES: Christensen, Noverini, Simester, Campagnolo**

**NAYS: None**

**President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Board Member Policy Manual**

Commissioner Simester stated that he would like more time to review the policy manual. He stated that he was comparing the old manual with the new manual.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that the old manual was the staff policy manual.

Commissioner Simester stated that he would like more discussion at the next Committee Meeting.

President Campagnolo encouraged the Board to provide any concerns to Executive Director Gurgone prior to the meeting.

The Board agreed to table the Board Member Policy Manual for further discussion.

### **B. Wetland Delineation**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that after meeting with PHN regarding Westwood that it seems that there are some issues with wetland boundaries. She stated that over time stormwater detention can turn into wetlands and that wetland areas can also grow and shrink. Executive Director Gurgone stated that in order to develop accurate site plans that the wetland boundaries need to be determined. She stated that PHN provided staff with a name of a company that is familiar with wetland delineation and that the quote for Southgrove and Westwood would be \$11,000.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received a copy of the updated Capital Projects List showing anticipated savings of \$12,936 with the updated Lindenwood figures.

Commissioner Christensen questioned if the company will provide a survey with a footprint.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the footprint would be provided.

Commissioner Simester stated that the figure seemed inflated.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that there are not a lot of groups familiar with wetland delineation and that they were recommended from PHN.

President Campagnolo stated that this is a highly specialized field and that it needs to be done in order to move forward.

**C. Public Comment (before vote)**

None.

**Commissioner Christensen moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the expenditure of \$11,000 for wetland delineation at Southgrove Park and Westwood Park.**

**Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:**

**AYES: Christensen, Noverini, Simester, Campagnolo**

**NAYS: None**

**President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.**

**CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURN**

**There being no further discussion, Commissioner Simester 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 7:42 p.m.**

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Nancy Campagnolo, President  
Darien Park District

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Richard Simester, Secretary  
Darien Park District