

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

September 24, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

President Campagnolo 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: Nancy Campagnolo, Frank Noverini (7:03), Neil Christensen, Ray Jablonski

ABSENT: James Tikalsky

STAFF: Stephanie Gurgone; Executive Director, Chris Katsougris; Assistant Director, Robert Strickler, Superintendent of Parks, Della Deldin; Superintendent of Finance, Matt Henderson; Sportsplex General Manager

GUESTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND GUESTS

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

COMMUNICATIONS

President Campagnolo reported that she received a thank you from Matthew Corso, Assistant Superintendent at SEASPAR thanking the Board for honoring the athletes.

COMMITTEE TOPICS

A. Sportsplex

a. August Financials

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received a copy of the August financials from Superintendent Deldin and General Manager Henderson. She stated that compared to last year the repairs and maintenance are down significantly.

Commissioner Christensen stated that it appears that the Sportsplex is running approximately \$26,500 ahead from last year.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that the audit draft should be available by the end of the week and that it will be presented at the October Board Meeting.

Commissioner Christensen asked if the brownout damages with Commonwealth Edison or the party causing the accident are being pursued.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that it is extremely difficult to go after Commonwealth Edison. She stated that the District could file an insurance claim with PDRMA but it may not be worth the \$4,200 in expenses that were incurred. She further stated that the \$1,000 deductible would still apply and that it would go against the loss report.

b. Cash Flow

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received a budget cash flow for Sportsplex. She stated that money will not have to be transferred and that there is enough money in the reserves to cover the November 1st bond payment.

President Campagnolo stated that the first two years that she was on the Board that the money was so tight that there was a question if there was enough money for payroll.

c. 3rd Sheet of Ice Update

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she provided the Board with a couple of drawings for the proposed 3rd sheet of ice. She stated that she and General Manager Henderson are meeting with the architects and the engineers so they can get the final pricing. She further stated that the space will hold approximately 1,000 people and the bleachers will be accessible from both levels and will provide for handicapped seating. Executive Director Gurgone stated that there will be 4 new locker rooms as well as a coach's room and a referee room and that there will be storage space under the bleachers that can be used for much-needed storage in the facility. She also stated that there will be a mechanical room built on the exterior of the facility.

d. Fieldhouse Contracts

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board received the four fieldhouse contracts for the fall. She reported that the contracts are over \$10,000 for a one year contract and the rates vary based on the prime/non-prime hours. Executive Director Gurgone reported that most of the groups expressed an interest in 3 year contracts and that staff will approach them as soon as the 3rd sheet of ice is final and the DYC has chosen their hours.

The Board agreed to place these contracts on the consent agenda.

B. Parks and Recreation

a. Phase 2 Improvements for Community Center Update

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she has been working with Speer Financial and that she has a revised recommendation on the debt structure for the improvements. She stated that the details are being worked on and that they are still on track for the November 1st pricing and starting on half of the building December 1st.

b. Capital Project Update: Truck Purchase

Executive Director Gurgone reported that \$22,000 was put in the capital budget in this year's budget for the truck. She stated that the price including a plow is just under \$23,000. She further stated that this will give the District 4 trucks with plows. Executive Director Gurgone stated that if the District plows for District 61 the chances are likely that the District will plow Mark DeLay on a trial basis.

Commissioner Jablonski questioned if this included the bus barn.

Superintendent Strickler reported that the District would not be plowing the bus barn.

The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

C. Admin

a. Establish consent agenda for 10/8 meeting

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board agreed to place the Fieldhouse Contracts and the Truck purchase on the consent agenda.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that she and President Campagnolo discussed canceling the October Committee Meeting because there will not be final pricing until November 1st. She stated that a Special Committee Meeting could be scheduled prior to the November Board Meeting to discuss the final pricing.

Commissioner Christensen suggested scheduling a Committee Meeting at Sportsplex after the final plans for Sportsplex are received.

Commissioner Christensen asked about Tony Lopez requesting an office for DYC.

Executive Director Gurgone stated that it can be discussed at a future meeting if an official request is received from DYC.

Superintendent Strickler reported that there was vandalism last Friday to the tennis courts at Darien Community Park. He stated that the cost was approximately \$320 to cover materials and labor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Nancy Campagnolo, President
Darien Park District

Ray Jablonski, Secretary
Darien Park District