

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

**January 17, 2005**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Durkin called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. in Room 5 of the Marion Hills Community Center, 133 Plainfield Road, Darien, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Upon roll call the following Commissioners were present:

**PRESENT:** Jack Durkin, Shari Gillespie, Don McGreal, Richard Simester

**ABSENT:** Nancy Campagnolo

**OTHERS:** Warren Anderson, Sergeant at Arms

**Staff:** Roy Cripe, Executive Director; Chris Katsougris, Assistant Director; Seve Ghose; Sportsplex General Manager, Don Kreger; Attorney

**Guests:** Dawn Aulet, *The Doings*  
Jennie Korb, *Suburban Life*  
Frank Noverini, Darien  
Neil Christensen, Darien  
Dave Skala, Darien Police Department  
Bryon Vanna, City of Darien  
Gloria Anderson, Darien

**ACKNOWLEDGE GUESTS**

President Durkin welcomed the guests to the meeting and announced that a Youth Advisory Council comprised of Darien students was recently established to provide the Board with input and ideas. A photo was taken of the Council and each individual introduced.

President Durkin announced that Commissioner Shari Gillespie would serve as the liaison and that the Board looked forward to input and ideas from the Council.

Executive Director Cripe reported that a letter would be mailed out shortly designating the first meeting and the order of business.

Mr. Dave Dever, GetFast, Inc., stated that he was unclear with his request and pending situation. He stated that he addressed the Board in April at which time he had two good off site locations. Mr. Dever stated that he originally preferred to stay at Sportsplex but that he works daily to determine what is best for the business.

Commissioner McGreal stated that he assumed that Mr. Dever would be vacating the premises and asked what lead time was appropriate.

Attorney Kreger stated that GetFast, Inc. is a hold over tenant and that he thought it would be best to discuss later.

President Durkin stated that Mr. Dever should work with Executive Director Cripe before approaching the Board.

Mr. Dever stated that he did not feel that Executive Director Cripe moved the situation along and therefore the reason to bring it to the Board level. He stated that it is very clear that expansion cannot be achieved and that he would have clear direction within the next two weeks.

Mr. Dever stated that he wants to have a good relationship with the Darien Park District and that he did not want to create a bad situation. He stated that in any case, he would like to continue to work with the District even if he moves to another location.

Mr. Dever stated that he has had a good relationship with General Manager Ghose and that he had done everything to make it work. He stated that Executive Director Cripe joined the District without knowing the history. He further stated that he wants to run a business and maintain the relationships with the residents.

Commissioner McGreal stated that he appreciated Mr. Dever coming to the meeting.

President Durkin stated that it is unfortunate that the District cannot accommodate GetFast, Inc. but he would like the business to stay.

Mr. Dever stated that he would like to keep a relationship with the District to run programs at Sportsplex such as camps.

Mr. Bryon Vanna, Administrator, City of Darien, stated that he was present with Mr. Dave Skala, Deputy Chief, Darien Police Department. He reported that he has been in contact with the District staff and the need to move the Tornado Siren site to the best and most economical location. He stated that he was requesting that the Board drop resistance and approve the site.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Simester, duly seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, to approve the December 20, 2004 Regular Meeting Minutes, and the December 20, 2004 Closed Session Meeting Minutes.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Durkin, Gillespie, McGreal, Simester

NAYS: None

President Durkin declared the motion carried.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **APPROVE CLAIMS, ACCOUNTS AND WARRANTS**

Commissioner McGreal moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Simester that the following Warrants be approved: Corporate Fund Warrant FY # 2004-2005-09 in the amount of \$13,539.51; Recreation Fund Warrant FY # 2004-2005-09 in the amount of \$33,375.39; Liability Insurance Fund Warrant FY # 2004-2005-09 in the amount of \$7,281.22; Capital Projects Fund Warrant FY #2004-2005-09 in the amount of \$27,500.63; Bond and Interest Fund Warrant FY # 2004-2005-09 in the amount of \$9,825.00; Sportsplex Reimbursement Fund Warrant FY # 2004-2005-09 in the amount of \$18,317.99; Sportsplex Operating Fund Warrant FY #2004-2005-09 in the amount of \$78,356.59; Imprest Fund Warrant FY #2004-2005-09 in the amount of \$427.50; and the Recreation Refund Fund Warrant FY # 2004-2005-09 in the amount of \$982.00.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Durkin, Gillespie, McGreal, Simester

NAYS: None

President Durkin declared the motion carried.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

- A. **President** – None.
- B. **Vice President** – None.
- C. **Secretary** –None.
- D. **Treasurer** –Commissioner McGreal moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Gillespie to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report for the month ending December 31, 2004.

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

**AYES: Durkin, Gillespie, Campagnolo, McGreal, Simester**

**NAYS: None**

**President Durkin declared the motion carried.**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Buildings and Grounds**

None.

**B. Finance**

None.

**C. Land Acquisition**

None.

**D. Police & Personnel**

None.

**E. Recreation**

None.

**F. Sportsplex**

Commissioner Simester reported that the Sportsplex Committee had its first meeting.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

None.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

**A. Executive Director**

Executive Director Cripe reported that he received the draft contract from Coca Cola and that staff and the Attorney would be reviewing it for discussion at the next meeting.

Executive Director Cripe reported that PDRMA has new changes in the coverage and administration.

Executive Director Cripe reported that January 28<sup>th</sup> is the state conference. He stated that Eileen Lyons would be there and that anyone interested in attending should contact him. Commissioner Gillespie stated that she would attend for lunch.

Executive Director Cripe reported that he would like to discuss the Master Plan Update under new business.

**B. Assistant Director**

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Daddy-Daughter Date Night was on Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at Ashton Place and the deadline for registration Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Indoor Garage Sale is Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Marion Hills. She stated that booth space was still available.

**C. Superintendent of Finance**

Superintendent Gurgone was not present at the meeting. Assistant Director Katsougris stated that she would answer any questions from Superintendent Gurgone's report.

**D. Superintendent of Parks**

Superintendent Strickler was not present at the meeting. Executive Director Cripe stated that he would answer any questions from Superintendent Strickler's report.

**E. Sportsplex General Manager**

General Manager Ghose reported that two major indoor soccer league teams have folded this season and that the Storm is not attracting too many spectators to their home games. He reported that he would be meeting with the Storm to discuss summer camps.

General Manager Ghose reported that he met with Nextel regarding a tower on Sportsplex property. He stated that they were offering \$900 per month.

Commissioner Gillespie stated that this was discussed in the past and that the residents were not in favor of the tower.

The Board directed the Executive Director to contact Nextel informing them that the Sportsplex property was not a workable site.

General Manager Ghose reported that he received correspondence from a resident regarding an incident that took place on December 19<sup>th</sup>. The resident commended the staff and the assistance that was provided to her husband.

General Manager Ghose reported that the on-line registration has accepted 235 registrants through the website since last October. He thanked Tina for her hard work and encouraged residents to take advantage of the service.

General Manager Ghose reported that the Board received an updated list of the summer programs.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. Discuss and Approve Tornado Siren location at Meyer Woods Park**

Executive Director Cripe provided an illustration of the proposed location as well as other potential locations for the tower to the Board. Executive Director Cripe reported that he contacted each Commissioner for their preference regarding the location.

Commissioner McGreal stated that he was neutral and that he was not totally opposed to the City location.

President Durkin stated that he would prefer seeing the tower above the shelter in the middle next to the sidewalk in the middle of the park.

Executive Director Cripe reported that the tower near the shelter had not been addressed to the residents.

Deputy Chief Skala, Darien Police Department, stated that the shelter area is very open and close to some residents. He stated that ComEd would have to trench the area and affecting the roadways. He further stated that the original proposal can be serviced without any problems and the tower would blend in with the trees.

President Durkin stated that the tower did not blend and although it will cost more money to trench, the area near the shelter is preferred. He stated that he would like to see it out of site.

Executive Director Cripe reported that Commissioner Campagnolo was not present but that she agreed with Commissioner McGreal to have it off the road.

Deputy Chief Skala reported that noise is not a big issue but unsightliness is a problem with the residents.

**Commissioner McGreal moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Gillespie to locate the Tornado Siren at Meyer Woods Park.**

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

**AYES: Durkin, Gillespie, McGreal**

**NAYS: None**

**Commissioner Simester abstained.**

**President Durkin declared the motion carried.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Discuss and Approve Resolution Creating a Student Advisory Council**

**Commissioner Durkin moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Simester to adopt RESOLUTION #04-05-05, A RESOLUTION OF THE DARIEN PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ESTABLISHING A DULY AUTHORIZED STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

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

**AYES: Durkin, Gillespie, McGreal, Simester**

**NAYS: None**

**President Durkin declared the motion carried.**

### **B. Discuss Long Range Plan Objectives**

Executive Director Cripe reported that the Board met with staff on October 4, 2004 and reviewed the proposed Master Plan and approved the proposed revision to the plan. He stated that the plan made several different recommendations and that there was good discussion by the Board. Executive Director Cripe stated that approval of the Master Plan would be helpful in kicking off the budget and that he would like to see it move along and the Board come to a consensus on the remarks.

Commissioner Gillespie stated that she was concerned that Sportsplex is not included in the Master Plan.

Executive Director Cripe also stated that the Board should be thinking about the use of the sale of the 7201 Cass Avenue property. He suggested possible property partnership buying, park improvement projects, keeping the money as a reserve fund for emergency use, etc.

Commissioner Simester stated that there are 50 capital projects listed that needed to be updated in order to proceed.

Executive Director Cripe reported that the money is connected to the Master Plan and that he would work on advising the Board on how things can be financed.

President Durkin suggested that Executive Director Cripe provide proposals on funding projects.

Executive Director Cripe stated that he would prepare the itemized list of Capital projects.

Commissioner McGreal stated that he was concerned because there were no contingency emergency funds.

**C. Reimburse Inter-fund Loan from Corporate Fund**

Executive Director Cripe reported that staff's recommendation is to transfer \$300,000 back to the corporate fund now and the balance next month.

**Commissioner McGreal moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Durkin that the Darien Sportsplex repay the Darien Park District for the part of loan amount \$300,000.**

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

**AYES: Durkin, Gillespie, McGreal, Simester**

**NAYS: McGreal**

**President Durkin declared the motion carried.**

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**At 6:58 p.m. Commissioner Simester moved, duly seconded by Commissioner McGreal to adjourn to Executive Session at under the following:**

- A. 5 ILCS, Par. 120/2(c)(1): For the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.**
- B. 5 ILCS, Par. 120/2(c)(6): For the purpose of discussing the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.**
- C. 5 ILCS, Par. 120/2(c)(11): For the purpose of litigation, when the public body finds that an action affecting or on behalf of the particular public body is probable or imminent.**

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

**AYES: Durkin, Gillespie, McGreal, Simester**

**NAYS: None**

**President Durkin declared the motion carried.**

The regular meeting reconvened from Executive Session at 7:59 p.m.

**Commissioner McGreal moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Durkin authorizing the Attorney to send a notice to GetFast, Inc. under the forcible statute giving them 30 days to leave through February 16, 2005.**

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

**AYES: Durkin, Gillespie, McGreal, Simester**

**NAYS: None**

**President Durkin declared the motion carried.**

**ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING**

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

President Durkin adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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Jack Durkin, President  
Darien Park District

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Richard Simester, Secretary  
Darien Park District