

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

April 8, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Upon roll call the following Commissioners were present:

PRESENT: Ray Jablonski, Luanne Spiros, Frank Noverini, Cathy Marchese

ABSENT: Sylvia McIvor

Staff: Stephanie Gurgone; Executive Director, Matt Henderson: Director of Parks and Facilities, Jordan Rossi; Sportsplex General Manager, Gina Madden; Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS

a. Public Hearing for Amended 2023-24 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance

Commissioner Noverini made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros to open the Public Hearing for the Amended 2023-24 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Noverini, Spiros, Marchese, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

Executive Stephanie Gurgone reported that this is the amended budget and will follow the same process as the original budget.

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

b. Public Hearing for 2024-25 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance

Commissioner Spiros made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to open the Public Hearing for the 2024-25 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Spiros, Noverini, Marchese, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the District is anticipating receiving a 5% increase in operating funds from the current year. She reported that the District is anticipating spending \$1.5M on capital projects next year which includes the 802/Garden View Project and Driftwood Park as well as smaller projects at the Community Center.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Sportsplex budget has revenue and expenses slightly higher and that the 2023-24 budget and includes all building expenses out of facility revenues including payments on all the outstanding debt.

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

Commissioner Spiros made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to close the Public Hearing for the Amended 2023-24 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance and the 2024-25 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Spiros, Marchese, Noverini, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

COMMUNICATONS

There were no communications to report.

OFFICER REPORTS

- a. **President** –President Ray Jablonski had no report.
- b. **Treasurer** – Commissioner Cathy Marchese presented the Treasurer’s report ending March 31, 2024.

Commissioner Noverini made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros to approve the Treasurer’s report ending March 31, 2024.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Noverini, Spiros, Marchese, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

c. Commissioner Reports

There were no Commissioner reports.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Gina Madden had no report.

STAFF REPORTS

a. Executive Director/SEASPAR

Executive Director Stephanie Gurgone reported that the next regular Board Meeting will be held on Monday, May 6th. but it may be rescheduled due to Commissioner absences. She reported that staff will present the tree inventory results in June.

Commissioner Cathy Marchese reported that the Mayor was very impressed with the recent brochure.

i. 2024 Sustainability Report Update

Executive Director Gurgone reported on the updates to the Sustainability Report. She noted that there will be a line item on the budget and going forward. She reported on the tree inventory and reduced salt use.

Commissioner Luanne Spiros stated that this was great work and important for residents.

b. Finance Report

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the financials will soon be available through April and staff is working with the accounting firm and in a good position to get the audit completed.

c. Sportsplex General Manager

General Manager Jordan Rossi stated that he would answer any questions regarding his report.

d. Director of Parks & Facilities

Director Matt Henderson reported that the overnight temperatures are holding up the court project at Community Park. He reported that the Driftwood Park project was delayed due to the rain and that he would provide updates as they become available. He further reported that Gardenview Park/802 construction meeting is scheduled for mid-April and that he would provide updates as they become available.

Director Henderson reported that he would answer any questions regarding the Recreation Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR CONSENT AGENDA)

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve Ordinance 2023-24-06: Amended Budget & Appropriations Ordinance, Ordinance 2024-05-01: Annual Budget & Appropriations Ordinance, March 11, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes, March 11, 2024 Committee Meeting Minutes, and Warrants.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Marchese, Noverini, Spiros, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:31 p.m. Commissioner Spiros moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to adjourn into Closed Session for:

- a. Closed session for the purposes of discussion of the employment, performance, and compensation of specific employees pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 1**
- b. Closed session for the discussion of salary schedules for one or more classes of employees pursuant to 5 ILCS 120 2 (c) 2**
- c. Closed session for the purposes of review of closed session minutes pursuant to ILCS 120/2 (c) 21**

President Jablonski reported that any action in closed session will be reflected in the minutes.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Marchese, Noverini, Spiros, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

At 7:49 p.m. Commissioner Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to reconvene the Regular Meeting.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Marchese, Noverini, Spiros, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to give the Executive Director the discretion to approve staffing changes and compensation as recommended.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Noverini, Marchese, Spiros, Jablonski

NAYS: None
President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Marchese to approve the February 12, 2024, Closed Session Meeting Minutes.


Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:
AYES: Noverini, Marchese, Spiros, Jablonski
NAYS: None
President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

President Jablonski stated that there are no closed session minutes to be released.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Noverini moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros that the meeting be adjourned.

Upon roll call vote the Motion was thereby carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Ray Jablonski, President
Darien Park District



Frank Noverini, Secretary
Darien Park District