

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

October 14, 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: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS & GUESTS

a. SEASPAR Annual Report, Matt Corso

Mr. Matt Corso, Executive Director, SEASPAR presented the annual report. He reported that in 2023 there were 564 participants, 566 programs and 125,802 service hours which is a jump from the previous year.

Mr. Corso reported on the EAGLES program and thanked the Darien Park District for supporting the program and that SEASPAR would not be where it is today without the support. He stated that there are presently 65 Darien residents who participate and overall 90 participants in the program.

b. DPD Annual Report, Matt Henderson

Director Matt Henderson reported on the May 1, 2023-April 30, 2024 DPD Annual Report. He reported that there was a 7% increase in program participants compared to the previous fiscal year.

Director Henderson provided a detailed overview on the increases for the summer and winter programs, the fitness center, birthday parties, preschool, special events, and Sportsplex.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to report.

OFFICER REPORTS

a. President –President Ray Jablonski reported that the next Community Action Committee meeting is scheduled for November 2nd at 10:00 a.m. at the Prairie Public Library.

b. Treasurer – Commissioner Cathy Marchese presented the Treasurer’s report ending September 30, 2024.

Commissioner Noverini made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Jablonski to approve the Treasurer’s report ending September 30, 2024.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Noverini, Jablonski, Marchese

NAYS: None

Commissioner Luanne Spiros left the room.

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 meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. She reported that the December meeting will be rescheduled.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the DCP OSLAD grant documentation was submitted and that staff is awaiting the reimbursement information for Garden View. She reported that the auditors were in the office and that the draft should be available soon.

Executive Director Gurgone provided a summary of the City of Darien’s 2024 Events and park district staff recommendations. She reported that staff recommendations would be for the Park District to run community concerts in 2025 and 2026 at DCP until the construction at Westwood Park is completed.

President Jablonski reported that that he heard some conversation potentially moving Darienfest to Clarendon Hills Road and 75th Street.

b. Finance Report

Executive Director Gurgone reported that \$2,898,947.34 in property tax revenues through September was received which is 85% of the total anticipated property tax expected from the county.

c. Sportsplex General Manager

General Manager Jordan Rossi reported that the Lions Club will be back for the annual Halloween Party at Sportsplex from 6-8 p.m.

d. Director of Parks & Facilities

Director Matt Henderson reported that Gardenview is close to completion with a hang up from Commonwealth Edison but hoping to open by Halloween.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR CONSENT AGENDA)

There was no one wishing to present public comment

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Marchese moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Spiros to approve the September 9, 2024, and the Warrants.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:

AYES: Marchese, Spiros, Noverini, Jablonski

NAYS: None

President Jablonski declared the motion carried.

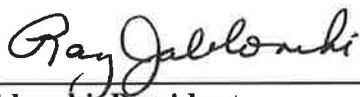
NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report.

ADJOURN

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

Upon roll call vote the Motion was thereby carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.



Ray Jablonski, President
Darien Park District



Frank Noverini, Secretary
Darien Park District