

**SOUTH EAST ASSOCIATION FOR
SPECIAL PARKS AND RECREATION**
Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
held April 20, 2010, in Downers Grove, Illinois

Call to Order: Dan Garvy called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present:	Village of Brookfield	Rick Ginex
	Clarendon Hills Park District	Kathy Forzley
	Darien Park District/Treasurer	Stephanie Gurgone
	Downers Grove Park District	Janet Barr
	Village of Indian Head Park	Joan Pieri
	Community Park District of LaGrange Park	Roy Cripe
	Village of Western Springs	Ray Jasica
	Westmont Park District	Ron Gunter
	Woodridge Park District	Mike Adams
	Lisle Park District	Dan Garvy
	*Director	Susan Friend
	*Superintendent	Catherine Morava
	*Superintendent	Matthew Corso
	*Coordinator	Lisa Rasin
	*SEASPAR Recording Secretary	Georgia Weber
Absent:	Park District of LaGrange	Dean Bissias
Visitor:	*Recreation Specialist	Greg Pavesich

Open Forum and Correspondence:

Cathy Morava introduced Greg Pavesich, Recreation Specialist. Cathy Morava reported that Greg Pavesich passed his CPRP examination last week and also completed his six month probationary period.

Greg Pavesich reported that he oversees programs involving Paralympics. On March 12, 2010, two Goalball Clinics and Train the Trainer sessions were hosted through the cooperative efforts of World Sports Chicago, the Chicago Park District, and SEASPAR. The morning session was held for 23 SASED students and the afternoon session held at the Park District of LaGrange was open to the public. John Pott, director of sports and competition from the United States Association of Blind athletes, led the training for nine area coaches, and five-time Paralympian, Jen Armbruster and three-time Paralympian Aysia Miller, both who won gold medalists in Beijing, lead the athletes in the clinic. Twelve athletes and ten coaches participated.

Greg Pavesich reported that because of the success of the clinic SEASPAR is able to run a goalball program and is planning summer and fall practice schedules.

Greg Pavesich reported that he will be attending the April 30, 2010, Developing Amazing Leaders Paralympic conference in Colorado Springs.

Greg Pavesich reported that in conjunction with World Sports Chicago, SASSED, and District 203, plans are in the works for a Chicagoland location for a National Juniors Goalball Tournament.

Greg Pavesich reported that contact has been made for a combined effort with Tri-County SRA to get a bocchia program running.

Greg Pavesich reported that SEASPAR has teamed up with the Center for Independence to offer a Paralympic sampler program during their summer camp. This program will provide eleven in-district children, at an early age, with exposure to SEASPAR and Paralympic sports.

Greg Pavesich reported that SEASPAR is providing monthly outings to nursing homes in Lisle, Indian Head Park, and LaGrange Park. SEASPAR is investigating providing such services to other similar facilities.

Greg Pavesich reported SEASPAR continues to provide services to the Downers Grove Prentiss Creek Resource Center and the Woodridge Community Resource Center and are excited to be providing programming through the summer.

Greg Pavesich reported plans are being made to provide a trip to Washington D.C. in September for individuals with physical and visual disabilities.

Ray Jasica inquired as to the number of SEASPAR participants with visual disabilities.

Susan Friend reported SEASPAR currently has eight visually impaired participants. It is the lowest incidence of handicapping conditions. Ongoing recruitment is needed for successful programming.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Rich Ginex moved to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled Board Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of March 16, 2010; Bank Reconciliation for March 2010; and Cash Disbursements for April 2010 in the amount of \$48,674.46, as presented. Joan Pieri seconded the motion.

Voting Aye: Brookfield, Indian Head Park, Clarendon Hills, Darien, Downers Grove, LaGrange Park, Western Springs, Westmont, Woodridge, Lisle

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: LaGrange

Motion Carried Unanimously

*Greg Pavesich exited the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Recreation Reports:

Catherine Morava reported that SEASPAR has received approximately 20 applications for the Recreation Specialist position.

Catherine Morava reported that participants are going to see a Chicago Slaughter game on April 24, 2010. Catherine Morava reported that social clubs and special event participants will be attending the annual Fun Fair provided by Benet Academy students. Participants will be attending the SRA Art Fair held at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum displaying art pieces designed by fellow participants.

Catherine Morava reported that summer brochures have been mailed and distributed to participants, local entities, and businesses.

Catherine Morava thanked Stephanie Gurgone for making the Darien Sportsplex available for ice skating lessons. SEASPAR may plan a fall ice skating program at the Sportsplex.

Matt Corso reported that the SEASPAR soccer team came in third at the Special Olympics Area Soccer Tournament on April 11, 2010. Athletes participated in the WDSRA Track and Field Meet on April 18 and brought home 45 medals including 13 gold medals. The WDSRA meet is a good warm up for SEASPAR athletes in preparation for Special Olympics Spring Games held on April 25, 2010.

Matt Corso reported that 13 SEASPAR gymnasts participated in the Special Olympics District Gymnastics Meet and four qualified for Summer Games in June.

Matt Coos reported that SEASPAR participant, David Svitak who is representing Team Illinois has begun the training clinic for National Games in Nebraska this summer.

Matt Corso thanked the Board and their staff for participating in the March 31, 2010, Max & Erma's fundraiser.

Fund Development

Lisa Rasin reported that the Country House in Clarendon Hills held a fundraiser March 24, 2010, and raised \$500 for SEASPAR. Country House management has indicated a desire to do more for SEASPAR.

Lisa Rasin reported that the Johnny Rogers Concert is on Wednesday, April 28, 2010. SEASPAR is anticipating a good turnout.

Lisa Rasin reported that Toscana's Restaurant in Downers Grove is planning to sponsor a Grand Opening fundraiser on May 18, 2010, to benefit SEASPAR.

Lisa Rasin reported that the annual Walk And Roll-A-Thon is held on Sunday, May 23, 2010. The Golf Outing at Village Greens is held on Friday, July 23, 2010.

Lisa Rasin reported that she has met with officials from Brookfield Zoo and they are discussing ideas for a fundraiser.

Lisa Rasin thanked the Board for selling tickets to the Johnny Rogers Concert.

Director's Report:

Susan Friend reported that the origin of the Subat Trust donation is still a mystery even after receiving correspondence from a Subat family member.

Susan Friend encouraged the Board to attend the May 13, 2010, Believe and Achieve Banquet.

Unfinished Business:

Susan Friend reviewed the FY2010-2011 SEASPAR Budget. Discussion ensued.

Stephanie Gurgone moved to approve the SEASPAR 2010-2011 Budget as presented. Mike Adams seconded the motion.

Voting Aye: Darien, Woodridge, Brookfield, Clarendon Hills, Downers Grove,
Indian Head Park, LaGrange Park, Western Springs, Westmont, Lisle
Voting Nay: None
Absent, Not Voting: LaGrange
Motion Carried Unanimously

New Business:

Susan Friend reviewed the investigation of the purchase of a new minivan. Discussion ensued. Mike Adams moved to approve the purchase of a minivan for SEASPAR. Kathy Forzley seconded the motion.

Voting Aye: Woodridge, Clarendon Hills, Brookfield, Darien, Downers Grove,
Indian Head Park, LaGrange Park, Western Springs, Westmont, Lisle
Voting Nay: None
Absent, Not Voting: LaGrange
Motion Carried Unanimously

Member Entity Projects and Events

Janet Barr reported that Downers Grove is planning the replacement of the Fischel Band Shell. The Downers Grove Park District will be renting a band shell for the summer concert season.

Dan Garvy complemented Susan Friend for receiving the EIU, College of Education and Professional Studies, Leadership and Service Award.

Susan Friend reported that Mike Rylko of the Buffalo Grove Park District received EIU's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Stephanie Gurgone moved to adjourn to Executive Session under Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act for the discussion of the employment, performance, and compensation of the Executive Director. Roy Cripe seconded the motion.

Voting Aye: Darien, LaGrange Park, Brookfield, Clarendon Hills, Downers Grove,
Indian Head Park, Western Springs, Westmont, Woodridge, Lisle
Voting Nay: None
Absent, Not Voting: LaGrange
Motion Carried Unanimously

*Susan Friend, Catherine Morava, Matt Corso, Lisa Rasin, and Georgia Weber exited the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

The regularly scheduled March 16, 2010, SEASPAR Board Meeting reconvened in public session at 4.29 p.m.

Adjournment:

Having no further business to discuss, Joan Pieri moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled April 20, 2010, SEASPAR Board meeting at 4:30 p.m. Janet Barr seconded the motion.

Voting Aye: Indian Head Park, Downers Grove, Brookfield, Clarendon Hills,
Darien, LaGrange Park, Western Springs, Westmont, Woodridge,
Lisle
Voting Nay: None
Absent, Not Voting: LaGrange
Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Pieri, Secretary
South East Association for
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Georgia Weber, Recording Secretary