

**SOUTH EAST ASSOCIATION FOR
SPECIAL PARKS AND RECREATION**

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
held April 21, 2009, in Downers Grove, Illinois

Call to Order: Dan Garvy called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present:	Village of Brookfield	Rick Ginex
	Clarendon Hills Park District	Steve Thomas
	Darien Park District/Treasurer	Stephanie Gurgone
	Downers Grove Park District	Jerry Yoksoulian
	*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
	*Assistant Superintendent	Matthew Corso
	*Coordinator	Lisa Rasin
	*SEASPAR Recording Secretary	Georgia Weber
Absent:	Park District of LaGrange Superintendent	Dean Bissias Catherine A. Morava
Visitors:	None	

Open Forum and Correspondence:

Susan Friend reported that Jerry Yoksoulian began his service on the SEASPAR Board in April of 1997. Among his many achievements including serving as the President of the SEASPAR Board, Jerry Yoksoulian provided his stalwart support for the possibility of building the SEASPAR offices at the Downers Grove Recreation Center which has since benefitted countless people daily. Susan Friend thanked Jerry Yoksoulian for his attendance at programs, meetings, and for standing up and being counted.

*Joan Pieri entered the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

Susan Friend thanked Jerry Yoksoulian for being a most ardent attendee at events and always plugging SEASPAR. Jerry Yoksoulian is a man of principals and commitment. On behalf of the Board and staff, Susan Friend presented Jerry Yoksoulian with a token of appreciation.

Jerry Yoksoulian stated that he had a most enjoyable tour with SEASPAR and enjoyed working with all the members of the Board and the SEASPAR staff and thanked them all and wished SEASPAR good luck.

Dan Garvy stated that board members from the general population deserve a higher respect for serving on the Board and volunteering their time and service since they are not park district employees.

Susan Friend reviewed newspaper coverage of the SEASPAR Slammers High School Basketball Team, correspondence from World Sport Chicago regarding a donation of sports wheelchairs, newspaper coverage promoting the Buddy and Beyond Concert, and a newspaper article regarding Ron Gunter being named the Westmont Citizen of the Year.

The Board congratulated Ron Gunter on this well-deserved recognition.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Joan Pieri moved to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled March 17, 2009, Board Meeting, minutes of the March 17, 2009, Executive Session, and Cash Disbursements for April in the amount \$58,766.41 as presented. Jerry Yoksoulian 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

Recreation Reports:

Matt Corso reported that the summer brochure has been mailed, and deliveries are being made. Matt Corso requested the Board members inform him if their entity was in need of additional brochures.

Matt Corso reported that the winter/spring season was coming to a finish and staff are preparing for summer. Track and field, and bocce tournaments are planned in April and early May. Matt Corso reported that the 29th SEASPAR/Kiwanis Team Bowling Tournament took place on April 18 at Willowbrook Bowl. There were so many bowlers registered, that the bowling took place in two shifts.

Matt Corso invited and encouraged the Board members to attend the May 14, 2009, Sports Banquet at Cornerstone Banquets. Matt Corso requested the Board members call SEASPAR to let staff know they would attend.

Matt Corso reported that Thumbuddy Special has been donating to SEASPAR for more than nine years and this year donated \$5,000 for Day Camp scholarships with any excess money to be used for scholarships for general programs. Matt Corso will attend their bowling fundraiser in Chicago to accept their check.

Matt Corso reported that Anne Cosentino returns to SEASPAR the week of April 27, 2009, from her twelve-week maternity leave. SEASPAR is excited to have her back.

Ray Jasica inquired where the donated wheelchairs would be used.

Matt Corso reported that the wheelchairs will be used during sports and SEASPAR has a long-term goal of an adapted sports program. Matt Corso reported that SEASPAR may be providing a "sled hockey" at the Darien Sportsplex.

Stephanie Gurgone reported that Darien has available space at the Sportsplex which will be

renovated for SEASPAR EAGLES use and for exclusive use by SEASPAR.

Matt Corso reported that construction of the new EAGLES space is underway.

Dan Garvy thanked the Darien Park District for making this space available to the EAGLES.

Stephanie Gurgone stated that the Sportsplex staff love having the EAGLES at their facility; Laura Christensen, EAGLES coordinator, and the EAGLES bring sunshine to the building. The Darien Park District is happy to have space for the EAGLES to use and Darien has a supportive Board.

Matt Corso reported that the EAGLES staff can focus on the program because of this new space, develop a good curriculum, and perhaps have piano lessons at the Sportsplex.

Susan Friend reported that the family of one of the EAGLES donated a piano for the program space at the Sportsplex.

Matt Corso reported that the EAGLES are planning a new grand opening.

Susan Friend reported that SEASPAR received the second \$100,000 check from the Ruth Sonoff Trust.

Fund Development

Lisa Rasin reported that 530 tickets had been sold to the Buddy and Beyond Concert to be held April 29, 2009, at the Tivoli Theatre in Downers Grove. Lisa Rasin thanked the Board for their efforts in selling tickets.

Lisa Rasin distributed information regarding the May 17, 2009, Walk And Roll-A-Thon and the July 10, 2009, SEASPAR Golf Classic.

Director's Report:

Susan Friend provided 2009 Summer SEASPAR brochures for the member entities.

Susan Friend reported that MetLife has planned a parent workshop at SEASPAR on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., and childcare will be provided.

Susan Friend invited the Board to the SEASPAR Summer Kick-Off Party at Ty Warner Park in Westmont on Saturday, June 6, 2009.

Susan Friend distributed jackets from PDRMA to the Board members.

Susan Friend reported that SEASPAR and the New Fourth of July Committee will sponsor Serena's Song at the Lisle Eyes to the Skies Festival for five launches from July 2 through 4, 2009.

Susan Friend requested the names of new entity board members for her to contact and provide packets of information regarding SEASPAR.

Susan Friend reported that SEASPAR received a call from the Special Education coordinator for Riverside's elementary school district inquiring about how to obtain special recreation services for her students.

Susan Friend reported that SEASPAR's levy request and budget approval by member entity board was inadvertently removed during the Joint Agreement revisions. The Board will discuss it at an upcoming meeting and recommend appropriate action.

Unfinished Business:

Dan Garvy reported that he and the Accessibility Audit Task Force met with Mark Trieglaff to discuss their proposals for the member entities' accessibility audits. Discussion ensued.

Susan Friend reported that no action need be taken as a whole regarding the Accessibility Audit vendor. SEASPAR is the agent for the audit for each member and will arrange for individual agreements to be prepared for each entity. Each entity was provided with audit costs for all potential phases of the project. Some entities are ready to move forward, while others wished to further review the information. It was noted that each member could use the vendor of its choice.

Susan Friend reviewed the FY2009-2010 SEASPAR Budget. Discussion ensued.

Stephanie Gurgone moved to approve the FY2009-2010 SEASPAR Budget as presented. Roy Cripe seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: LaGrange

Motion Carried Unanimously

New Business:

Susan Friend reviewed information regarding SEASPAR joining IMRF. Discussion ensued.

Jerry Yoksoulian moved to adjourn to Executive Session under Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act for the Discussion of Compensation of Specific Employees and Section 2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act for Discussion of salary schedules for one or more classes of employees at 4:25 p.m. Ron Gunter seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: LaGrange

Motion Carried Unanimously

*Matthew Corso, Lisa Rasin, and Georgia Weber exited the meeting at 3:49 p.m.

The regularly scheduled April 21, 2009, SEASPAR Board Meeting reconvened in public session at 5.46 p.m.

Final Adjournment:

Having no further business to discuss, Jerry Yoksoulia moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled April 21, 2009, SEASPAR Board meeting at 5.46 p.m. Ray Jasica seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: LaGrange

Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Pieri, Secretary
South East Association for
Special Parks And Recreation

Georgia Weber, Recording Secretary