

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

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting  
held June 16, 2009, in Downers Grove, Illinois

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

**Roll Call:**

Present:

Clarendon Hills Park District	Steve Thomas
Darien Park District/Treasurer	Stephanie Gurgone
Downers Grove Park District	Janet Barr
*Village of Indian Head Park	Joan Pieri
*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 A. Morava
*Superintendent	Matthew Corso
Coordinator	Lisa Rasin
SEASPAR Recording Secretary	Georgia Weber

Absent:	Village of Brookfield	Rick Ginex
	Park District of LaGrange	Dean Bissias
	Community Park District of LaGrange Park	Roy Cripe

Visitors:	*Charter One Bank	Glenn Mazade
	*Charter One Bank	Sean Durkin

**Open Forum and Correspondence:**

Dan Garvy congratulated Susan Friend, on behalf of all of the Board, for her 30 years of service to SEASPAR. Dan Garvy stated that Susan is greatly respected and is an inspiration to those in the field of Special Recreation.

\*Joan Pieri entered the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Susan Friend thanked the Board for their kind words.

Susan Friend introduced Sean Durkin and Glenn Mazade from Charter One Bank. Charter One has been providing SEASPAR with great CD rates for more than a year and has become a friend of SEASPAR in many ways. Sean Durkin made volunteering opportunities available to his coworkers and staff at the Swim Meet and Bowling Tournament. As a result of its outstanding support of SEASPAR, Susan Friend presented an IPRA/IAPD Community Service Award to Sean Durkin and Glenn Mazade.

Sean Durkin thanked SEASPAR for the award. Sean Durkin stated that he does not consider the bank an institution but a partner and a friend. Sean Durkin is a resident of Downers Grove and is a member of the Downers Grove Village Council. Glenn Mazade also has ties to the area and played on a Westmont basketball league with Ron Gunter and Steve Thomas.

Glenn Mazade stated that the plaque will have a place of honor at the Charter One Bank at 71

South Wacker Drive in Chicago.

Dan Garvy reviewed correspondence from Mike Adams thanking SEASPAR for participating in the Woodridge Memorial Day Parade.

Dan Garvy reviewed correspondence from the Downers Grove Park District regarding the FY2010-2011 SEASPAR Budget.

\*Matt Corso entered the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Discussion ensued. The Board offered to assist the Downers Grove Park District in any way to help make clear/clarify the FY2009-2010 Budget.

The Board discussed that some items in the budget have been planned for up to five years through the Long Range Plan and that other aspects had been discussed for two to three years.

Janet Barr reported that the Downers Grove Park District has a fund balance of 20% vs. SEASPAR's 30%.

Dan Garvy offered to meet with representatives of the Downers Grove Park District to further discuss SEASPAR's budget and financial position.

\*Sean Durkin & Glenn Mazade exited the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Susan Friend reported that copies of the ITRS Interactive CD are available. Susan Friend played excerpts of the CD featuring Stephanie Gurgone, and Molly and Alyce Sosnowski of Lisle.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

Mike Adams moved to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled May 19, 2009, Board Meeting and Cash Disbursements for June in the amount \$49,451.10 as presented. Joan Pieri seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: Brookfield, LaGrange, LaGrange Park

Motion Carried Unanimously

**Recreation Reports:**

Cathy Morava reported that Jim Huetson, Eastern Illinois University fieldwork student, will attend a Board meeting in the near future.

Cathy Morava thanked Ron Gunter, Chad Dyson, and the Westmont Park District crew for all of their assistance at the June 6, 2009, SEASPAR Summer Kickoff Party. A good time was had by all and everyone was happy with the events. Cathy Morava thanked Lisa Rasin for obtaining food donations and Culver's treats.

Cathy Morava reported that Leisure Education evaluations are being returned and are very positive. Brian Houzenga is very busy with 66 summer inclusion placements. The summer swim programs at Sea Lion Pool in Lisle, Maple Hill Pool in Downers Grove, and the Lodge in

Oak Brook are going very well.

Cathy Morava reported that Brian Houzenga did a great job at inclusion orientations in Clarendon Hills, Westmont, and Woodridge.

Matt Corso reported that one of two day camp orientations took place on June 16, 2009. Bursting With Fun Camp begins June 17, 2009, and Kids Camp and Teen and Adult Camp begin June 22, 2009. Another day camp update will be provided at the July 21, 2009, Board meeting.

Matt Corso reported that 22 SEASPAR athletes attended the Special Olympics State Summer Games in Bloomington-Normal June 12 through 14, 2009. The athletes were very successful and brought back a lot of medals.

### **Fund Development**

Lisa Rasin reminded the Board of the July 10, 2009, SEASPAR Summer Golf Classic held at the Woodridge Park District's Village Greens Golf Course.

Lisa Rasin reported that a new Latin restaurant, Guava, in Westmont is planning a fundraiser for Wednesday, July 22, 2009, from 5:00 until 9:00 p.m. Details will be sent to all member entities and be on the SEASPAR website.

Lisa Rasin reported that the June 4, 2009, Ladies Night in Downtown Downers Grove netted SEASPAR \$500 from participating local retailers. After the summer fundraisers, corporate sponsorships and donations will be pursued.

### **Director's Report:**

Susan Friend also thanked Ron Gunter and their staff for their assistance with the June 6, 2009, SEASPAR Summer Kickoff.

Susan Friend reported that staff training is taking place throughout the month of June.

Susan Friend reported that summer registrations are lighter than projected but they are still coming in.

Mike Adams suggested SEASPAR provide an orientation to new Board members.

Stephanie Gurgone reported that they had some SEASPAR EAGLES and their parents as guests at their recent Darien Park District Board Meeting.

Matt Corso reported that SEASPAR expects to receive a \$1,000 donation from the Darien Lions Club whose members were in attendance at the Darien Park District Board Meeting.

Steve Thomas reported that he received his annual telephone call from the Clarendon Hills Lions Club regarding their annual donation to SEASPAR.

Susan Friend reported that she planned to attend the June 18, 2009, Downers Grove Park District Board meeting. Susan Friend reported that Downers Grove residents, David Svitak, SEASPAR Athlete of the Year, and Nat Hunt, Eagle Scout, were being recognized by the Downers Grove Park District at the meeting.

Susan Friend reported that SEASPAR recently received a phone call and email from Riverside regarding joining SEASPAR.

Stephanie Gurgone reported that Laura Christensen provided a very nice PowerPoint presentation about the EAGLES and recommended that it be shown at a Chamber of Commerce meeting in the future.

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Dan Garvy declared the floor open for nominations of SEASPAR Board officers for FY2009-2010.

Ray Jasica placed in nomination the name of Dan Garvy for the office of SEASPAR President, Mike Adams for the office of Vice President, and Joan Pieri for the office of Secretary. Stephanie Gurgone moved the nominations closed. Ray Jasica seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: Brookfield, LaGrange, LaGrange Park

None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Dan Garvy reappointed Stephanie Gurgone as SEASPAR Treasurer and Susan Friend as Secretary Pro Tempore.

\*Ray Jasica exited the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

Mike Adams moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled June 16, 2009, SEASPAR Board meeting at 4:42 p.m. Joan Pieri seconded the motion.

Voting Aye: Woodridge, Indian Head Park, Clarendon Hills, Darien, Downers Grove,  
Westmont, Lisle

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: Brookfield, LaGrange, LaGrange Park, Western Springs

Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

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Joan Pieri, Secretary

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Special Parks And Recreation

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Georgia Weber, Recording Secretary