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

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
held January 16, 2007, in Downers Grove, Illinois

Call to Order: Jerry Yoksoulion called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present:

Clarendon Hills Park District	Steve Thomas
Darien Park District/Treasurer	Stephanie Gurgone
Downers Grove Park District	Jerry Yoksoulion
Park District of LaGrange	JoAnn Lodine
Community Park District of LaGrange Park	Ron Lorenzo
Lisle Park District	Dan Garvy
Western Springs	Ray Jasica
*Westmont Park District	Ron Gunter
Woodridge Park District	Mike Adams
Director	Susan Friend
Superintendent	Catherine Morava
Assistant Superintendent	Matt Corso
SEASPAR Recording Secretary	Georgia Weber

Absent: Indian Head Park Joan Pieri

Visitors: None

Open Forum and Correspondence:

Jerry Yoksoulion declared Jo Ann Lodine Secretary Pro Tem in the absence of Joan Pieri.

Susan Friend circulated a copy of the letter she wrote to Ted Flickinger regarding the Board's opinion of SEASPAR's membership in IAPD.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Dan Garvy moved to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled December 19, 2006, Board Meeting; the Bank Reconciliation for December 2006; and Cash Disbursements for January 2007 in the amount of \$35,475.54 as presented. Ron Lorenzo seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: Indian Head Park

Motion Carried Unanimously

Recreation Reports:

Cathy Morava reported that winter/spring program registrations continue to come in daily. A new special event of a night at Pheasant Run Theater to see "Musical of Musicals" on January 31, 2007, has been added to the winter/spring schedule. The tickets were donated by the Pheasant Run Resort and is a fundraiser for the Lombard Kiwanis Club. Cathy Morava reported that a Clay Creations is a

new program offered this season at The Clay Studio in Downers Grove due to a very positive response to a special event held there last season.

Cathy Morava reported that the piano students of Leona Jones-Gervase and Laura Hendron put on a recital at Lincoln Center in Downers Grove on January 14, 2007. Ten SEASPAR pianists entertained their families, friends, and SEASPAR staff. Laura Hendron is also providing guitar lessons to SEASPAR participants in the winter/spring session.

Cathy Morava thanked Ron Gunter for making the Westmont Park District Fitness Club available for SEASPAR vocational workshop participants to have a new exercise program on Thursdays this season.

Cathy Morava reported that SEASPAR staff are holding a summer planning workshop on January 23, 2007, to prepare for the summer program brochure which goes into production in February.

Cathy Morava requested Board members call Georgia Weber with any changes, additions, or corrections for the updated Board and staff list which was included in the January Board packet.

Matt Corso reported that this is a light program time for SEASPAR staff.

Matt Corso reported that photos of SEASPAR Board members are needed for the website that is in progress and requested the Board remain for a few moments after the current meeting.

Matt Corso reported that SEASPAR is to be the recipient of a fundraiser held at the Tivoli Theater in Downers Grove on February 10 and 11, 2007, and requested member entities help promote the event with flyers provided by SEASPAR.

Matt Corso reported a spring fundraiser takes place on February 14, 2007, at Fuddruckers in Downers Grove. Coupons were included in the January Board packet.

Jerry Yoksoulian inquired about the SEASPAR participant who is going to 2007 Special Olympics World Games.

Matt Corso reported that Michelle Sullivan of Downers Grove, a swim team member, will attend 2007 Special Olympics World Games in China this October. Special Olympics will coach SEASPAR on how to help Michelle train for the competition. Michelle's parents are responsible to take her to the departure point at Illinois State University in Bloomington. SEASPAR's responsibilities are to train her and encourage her.

Matt Corso reported that three SEASPAR athletes entered in snow shoeing competition were selected through a lottery to attend Special Olympics Winter Games in Galena on February 6-8, 2007, due to cancellation of Special Olympics District Games because of lack of snow.

Director's Report:

Susan Friend requested the Board members distribute flyers to their preschool programs to help promote the February 10-11 Tivoli Theater fundraiser in Downers Grove.

Susan Friend reported that a long range plan goal regarding the upgrade of the SEASPAR computer system now has a contract that has been sent for legal review. The website kickoff meeting is planned to take place in a week and a half from today with the initial payment in the January cash disbursements.

Susan Friend reported that there was some concern regarding the SASSED contract for the summer of 2007. SASSED had proposed a substantial decrease in reimbursement to SEASPAR but after meeting with representatives, it appears the reimbursement should be close to what was previously received.

Susan Friend reported that a meeting was held with SEASPAR Board members and the Brookfield Village Manager on January 12, 2007.

Susan Friend reported that the SEASPAR Aktion Club presented a large donation of more than \$700 and more than 20 pounds of aluminum pop top can tabs to the Ronald McDonald House, near Children's Memorial Hospital on January 8, 2007.

Mike Adams inquired if there had been a response from IAPD regarding the Board recommending SEASPAR not join IAPD as an individual entity since SEASPAR should be considered an extension of the members who already pay for membership in IAPD.

Stephanie Gurgone suggested each individual park district/recreation department send a letter to IAPD if there is no response to Susan Friend's letter.

Unfinished Business:

Susan Friend reviewed SEASPAR's guidelines for member entity use of levy funds for special recreation. Jay Jasica and Ron Lorenzo confirmed they are guidelines, not requirements. Discussion ensued.

Susan Friend will clarify guidelines and assure an understanding of them for member entities with questions. The topic was tabled to allow time for discussion with member entities that have questions or concerns with the guidelines.

Ray Jasica stated that SEASPAR has made recommendations. If there is blatant misuse, a letter should be sent.

New Business:

Susan Friend recommended growth and expansion criteria be created at a workshop.

Ray Jasica recommended a date be set to redo SEASPAR's Joint Agreement to make them current. Discussion ensued. Susan Friend will work on the Joint Agreement and provide a draft.

Mike Adams reported that Representatives Meyer and Bellock, and Senator Dillard will be attending the Friday, January 26, 2007, luncheon at the IPRA Conference. They will be seated with representative from Woodridge, Lisle, Downers Grove, SEASPAR, Naperville, and Hinsdale.

*Ron Gunter exited the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Adjournment:

Ron Lorenzo moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled January 16, 2007, SEASPAR Board meeting at 6:27 p.m. JoAnn Lodine seconded the motion.

Voting Aye: LaGrange Park, LaGrange, Clarendon Hills, Darien, Lisle, Western Springs,
Woodridge, Downers Grove

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: Indian Head Park, Westmont

Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Lodine, Secretary Pro Tem
South East Association for
Special Parks And Recreation

Georgia Weber, Recording Secretary