

**SOUTH EAST ASSOCIATION FOR
SPECIAL PARKS AND RECREATION**
Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
held July 21, 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
Park District of LaGrange	Dean Bissias
*Village of Indian Head Park	Joan Pieri
Village of Western Springs	Ray Jasica
Westmont Park District	Chad Dyson
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
Community Park District of LaGrange Park Roy Cripe

Visitors: *Coordinator Brian Houzenga
*Senior Recreation Specialist Lisa White
*Field Work Student Jim Huetson
*Lisle Participant/Eagle Scout Mark Buglio
*Lisle Resident Beverly Buglio
*Downers Grove Participant/Eagle Scout Nat Hunt
*Downers Grove Resident Jo Hunt
*Downers Grove Resident Norman Hunt

Open Forum and Correspondence:

Brian Houzenga introduced Jim Huetson, Fieldwork Student and Lombard resident from Eastern Illinois University, who is studying Recreation Administration. Jim Huetson is supervising swim lessons, Saturday Teen Excursion, and Social Club.

Jim Huetson reported that he is enjoying this great opportunity at SEAPAR.

Susan Friend introduced Lisa White, Senior Recreation Specialist.

Lisa White reported that SEASPAR is holding its three traditional summer camps, a cooperative summer program with SASSED, a series of afterschool programs with SASSED, three minicamps, and a Self Advocacy Academy. The Self Advocacy Academy is the newest option offered this summer. Kids Camp and Teen and Adult Camp are held at Belle Aire School in Downers Grove. Downers Grove School District 58 is very accommodating every summer and provides SEASPAR with a great facility to host its camps. Kids Camp has 19 children ranging from age 5

to 12. They swim four days per week at Sea Lion Pool in Lisle and go on one field trip each week. Teen and Adult Camp is for ages 13 to 22, is five weeks long, meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. This year's 14 campers help plan their own activities, spend more time in the community on field trips, and work on transitioning into adulthood. These campers swim every Friday at Sea Lion Pool in Lisle.

Lisa White reported that Bursting With Fun Camp is a cooperative with LADSE for children ages six to thirteen. They finish their summer school at 11:30 a.m. in Burr Ridge and continue the day with SEASPAR at the Darien Sportsplex. This is the first year SEASPAR coordinated the dates of camp to coincide with LADSE which starts a week earlier than SEASPAR's day camps. The 12 campers had three field trips and camp ended July 15, 2009, as did summer school.

Lisa White reported that the SEASPAR/SASED Afterschool Program provided nine afterschool opportunities that averaged nine participants per program. Five of the activities are in-house and four are field trips out in the community. The annual Summer Celebration was a big hit again this year when more than 400 people attended a day of festivities at Castaldo Park in Woodridge. The children enjoyed a moon walk, obstacle course, clown, animals, games, a magician, the Bert Cattoni Band, and the annual traditional lunch. Susan Friend and Anne Cosentino were the master chefs at the hot dog grill.

Lisa White reported that SEASPAR is providing three minicamps each for three weeks. Parents have the opportunity to register for one, two, or all three weeks. Little Adventure Camp is held at the Western Springs Recreation Center for ages three to six and averages nine children per week. Adventure Camp East is held at the Darien Sportsplex for ages seven to thirteen and averages thirteen children per week. Adventure Camp West is held at Meadows Center in Lisle for this same age group and averages five children per week. The campers enjoy traditional camp activities including swimming at either Cypress Cove Aquatic Water Park in Woodridge or Clarendon Hills Lions Park Pool.

Lisa White reported that the Self Advocacy Academy is offered for two weeks in August at the Park District of LaGrange Recreation Center. The program is for young adults ages 16 to 24. Each day a different topic is covered about their self advocacy and includes guest speakers. There are 11 participants registered and the 17 EAGLES participants will also attend.

Lisa White reported that SEASPAR accepted 352 total registrations for all summer camp programs combined. Camp is truly the biggest, most expensive, but most exciting program SEASPAR offers and we are proud to offer it to our residents.

Susan Friend reported that the money saved by not offering door-to-door transportation helped pay for the three new summer minicamps.

*Lisa White, Jim Huetson, and Brian Houzenga exited the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Dan Garvy reviewed a Downers Grove Reporter article about Janet Barr, Downers Grove Park District representative to the SEASPAR Board.

Susan Friend introduced Nat Hunt of Downers Grove and Mark Buglio of Lisle, two SEASPAR

participants who recently received the status of Eagle Scout. Nat Hunt has been a SEAPAR participant since 1987 and a Boy Scout since 1993 when the troop was formed. Recently Nat Hunt attended a Downers Grove Park District Board of Commissioners Meeting. Mark Buglio will soon attend a Lisle Park District Board Meeting.

Mark Buglio explained his project of planning and planting at Puffer School in Downers Grove. With the assistance of an Eagle Scout coach and mentor, financial donations were sought and donations of flowers were obtained from "The Growing Place." Shrubs and flowers were purchased. Mark Buglio and helpers removed plants and bushes and the Village of Downers Grove delivered free wood chips. The project began February 2008 and completed by August 2008.

*Matt Corso entered the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Nat Hunt explained that his project was to create 10 wooden planter boxes for the Fairview Baptist Home in Downers Grove. Nat Hunt reported that he got the idea from the planter boxes at his grandmother's house. It took approximately a year to locate wood, much of it donated by Home Depot; plan and build the boxes; and obtain soil from "The Growing Place."

*Nat Hunt, Jo Hunt, Norman Hunt, Beverly Buglio, and Mark Buglio exited the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Janet Barr requested the regularly scheduled June 21, 2009, Board meeting minutes be amended to show Steve Thomas representing the Clarendon Hills Park District and Chad Dyson representing the Westmont Park District.

Dean Bissias moved to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled June 21, 2009, SEASPAR Board Meeting be approved as amended, and approve the Cash Disbursements for July in the amount \$70,769.02 as presented. Joan Pieri seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: Brookfield, LaGrange Park

Motion Carried Unanimously

Recreation Reports:

Cathy Morava reported that the fall SEASPAR brochure has been delivered.

Cathy Morava reported that SEASPAR will be providing piano lessons at both SEASPAR and the Darien Sportsplex in September.

Cathy Morava reported that more than 60 students from the Woodridge Resource Center attended the new SEASPAR program this summer.

Cathy Morava reported that Brian Houzenga implemented an Extended School Year program in Clarendon Hills this summer. More than 28 of the participating students are currently residing in Clarendon Hills.

Matt Corso reported that the 21 athletes who attended the Illinois Special Olympics Summer Games on June 12 through 14, 2009, brought home sixteen gold, fourteen silver, and six bronze medals, plus three fourth-place and one fifth-place ribbon. A total of 40 awards were earned in the sports of aquatics, bocce, artistic gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics, and track and field. Eight coaches assisted the athletes.

Ray Jasica inquired about the possibility of piano lessons in the eastern entities.

Cathy Morava reported that SEASPAR is seeking another piano instructor.

Susan Friend reported that Brookfield may have a piano and SEASPAR has a portable keyboard that could be used for additional lessons.

Fund Development

Lisa Rasin thanked the board members for attending and supporting the July 10, 2009, SEASPAR Summer Golf Classic which brought in \$8,000.

Lisa Rasin invited the Board to attend the July 22, 2009, Guava Restaurant Grand Opening in Westmont.

Lisa Rasin reported that Baskin Robbins in Westmont is holding a 31-Cent Scoop Day for SEASPAR on July 29, 2009.

Lisa Rasin reported that SEASPAR is selling tickets to August 8, 2009, DuPage Dragons game. SEASPAR receives proceeds from the ticket sales.

Director's Report:

Susan Friend requested population information updates from member entities.

Susan Friend reported that Riverside parents are interested in SEASPAR services.

Susan Friend reported that the auditors are coming to SEASPAR around August 20, 2009.

Susan Friend reported that the August SEASPAR Board meeting would not be held unless business warranted a meeting.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

Member Entity Projects and Events

Janet Barr reported that the Downers Grove Park District is considering a Tree House similar to the one in Barrington be built in Lyman Woods. The Downers Grove Park District is meeting with a consultant in September.

Adjournment:

Stephanie Gurgone moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled July 21, 2009, SEASPAR Board meeting at 4:31 p.m. Joan Pieri seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: Brookfield, LaGrange Park

Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Pieri, Secretary

South East Association for
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Georgia Weber, Recording Secretary