

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

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
held June 15, 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	Steve Thomas
	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
Visitors:	Coordinator	Anne Cosentino
	Recreation Specialist	Kim Huggins
	Field Work Student	Emily Toth

Open Forum and Correspondence:

Catherine Morava introduced Kim Huggins, Recreation Specialist. Catherine Morava reported that Kim Huggins began working for SEASPAR on June 7, 2010. Kim Huggins' responsibilities include organizing special events for teens and adults, coordinating the Friday night Social Clubs, and reserving facilities with park district and other outside agencies. Kim Huggins is a graduate of the University of Aurora and had worked at NSSRA for four years.

Anne Cosentino introduced Emily Toth, fieldwork student who is doing her junior level internship at SEASPAR. Anne Cosentino reported that Emily Toth will be working at SEASPAR 30 hours per week for 10 weeks.

Emily Toth reported that she is a life-long resident of Downers Grove who attended Downers Grove South High School. Emily Toth will be a junior this fall at Eastern Illinois University majoring in Therapeutic Recreation. Emily Toth looks forward to meeting and working with a lot of SEASPAR participants this summer and hopes to gain a better understanding of the SEASPAR population and the different ability levels served. Emily Toth has some experience

working with individuals with disabilities by her volunteer work with Special Olympics and the Special Olympics Friend for a Day Festival at EIU for two years. Emily Toth has also gone on an Alternative Spring Break trip this past March to help with the L'Arche House in Mobile, Alabama which is a community for individuals with disabilities. There, Emily Toth helped these individuals with daily activities along with socializing and playing games with them.

*Mike Adams entered the meeting at 3:31 p.m.

Emily Toth stated that she is looking forward to developing her experience and thinks that SEASPAR is a great place to do this.

Kim Huggins reported that she was the Senior Recreation Specialist at NSSRA for four years and is currently secretary at the Participant Services Division of ITRS. Kim Huggins has a Bachelor of Science degree with an emphasis in recreation. Kim Huggins has spent her entire life in Illinois with a short stay in Arizona.

Susan Friend reviewed newspaper coverage from the Believe and Achieve Banquet regarding Hallie Naberhaus being honored as the first Volunteer Hall of Fame inductee.

Susan Friend reviewed the second EAGLES Nest newsletter.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Mike Adams moved to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled Board Meeting May 18, 2010; Bank Reconciliation for May 2010; and Cash Disbursements for June 2010 in the amount of \$67,530.24 as presented. Ron Gunter seconded the motion.

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

Recreation Reports:

Catherine Morava reported one hundred and fifty people joined in the festivities at the SEASPAR Summer Kickoff on Sunday, June 13, 2010, at Ty Warner Park in Westmont. Participants, parents, staff, board members, and other friends of SEASPAR enjoyed Matt the Magician, music by DJ John Coyne, and entertainment from RA Entertainment. The food and refreshments were donated by Phillies Pizza, Scuddlebutts, Culver's, and Aldi.

Catherine Morava reported that Brian Houzenga has coordinated 62 inclusion requests so far this summer, with more coming in every day.

Catherine Morava invited the Board to come to visit a summer program or special event.

Catherine Morava reported that 15 new participants have registered for SEASPAR programs this

summer.

Matt Corso reported the first day of Bursting With Fun Day Camp 2010 is Tuesday, June 15, 2010. Bursting With Fun is held at the Darien Sportsplex through July 16, 2010.

Matt Corso reported that 17 SEASPAR Athletes competed at Special Olympics Summer Games in Normal, Illinois, on June 11 – 13, 2010.

Fund Development

Lisa Rasin reported that a fundraiser was held at Toscana's Grill on Main Street in Downers Grove on Tuesday, May 18, 2010. Lisa Rasin thanked the Board and staff members who attended the event.

Lisa Rasin reported that Guava Restaurant management has expressed an interest in doing another fundraiser for SEASPAR.

Lisa Rasin reported that the May 23, 2010, Walk And Roll-A-Thon raised more than \$6,000. There were no significant expenses; all refreshments and t-shirts were donated.

Lisa Rasin reminded the Board that the SEASPAR Summer Classic Golf Outing at the Woodridge Park District's Village Greens is held on Friday, July 23, 2010. Lisa Rasin stated the goal for the event is 100 golfers. Lisa Rasin requested the Board's assistance in seeking donations and golfers.

Director's Report:

Susan Friend reported that the Channel 7 interview scheduled with Greg Pavesich regarding the Goalball program has been rescheduled for the second week in August.

Susan Friend reported that SEASPAR is finalizing the paperwork necessary for IMRF membership.

Susan Friend reported that information regarding bids for a 2010 bus is not yet available.

Dan Garvy stated that it is not necessary for SEASPAR to seek approval to send out bids for a new vehicle as the purchase was approved through the approval current budget. The Board agreed.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

Dan Garvy declared the floor open for nominations of SEASPAR Board officers for FY2010-2011.

Ron Gunter moved to retain the current SEASPAR Board officers of Dan Garvy, President; Mike Adams, Vice President, and Joan Pieri, Secretary. Janet Barr seconded the motion.

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

Dan Garvy reappointed Stephanie Gurgone as treasurer and Susan Friend as Secretary Pro Tem.

Susan Friend reviewed Resolution 10-3 to Adopt an Hourly Standard for Units of Government Mandated into IMRF Participation. Discussion ensued.

Mike Adams moved to approve Resolution 10-3 to Adopt an Hourly Standard for Units of Government Mandated into IMRF Participation. Steve Thomas 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
None

Regarding Agenda item 9.C, Dan Garvy reported there was no need for a motion to request approval to release bids for a 2010 bus.

Member Entity Projects and Events

Nothing at the present time.

Ron Gunter reported that his board members and staff attended a luncheon at the EAGLES nest. Ron Gunter suggested all member entities have staff members visit EAGLES to get to know what SEASPAR does and that it is an extension of their own park district. Ron Gunter suggested SEASPAR invite the Rotary Club to the EAGLES Nest, or other philanthropic organizations, for a “first-hand feel” to see what a tremendous job SEASPAR does.

Ron Gunter stated that the SEASPAR staff did a tremendous job at the Summer Kickoff. Ron Gunter stated that he and his staff were impressed with the “unbelievable dedication of the SEASPAR staff.”

Ron Gunter invited the Board and staff to see the Fourth of July Fireworks display at Ty Warner Park on July 4, 2010.

Steve Thomas stated that his part-time staff attended a meeting with SEASPAR. His staff learned that SEASPAR is an extension of their staff. At this meeting, one of the Clarendon Hills staff reported he had once been a SEASPAR volunteer.

Susan Friend reported that such meetings are good to knit us back together and show that “we” are an extension of “you.”

Stephanie Gurgone suggested that perhaps there should be a special meeting once a year for member entities' new staff to meet SEASPAR staff.

Susan Friend suggested member entities put SEASPAR on their new staff orientation checklist.

Catherine Morava suggested member entity staff visit a SEASPAR program.

Adjournment:

Stephanie Gurgone moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled June 15, 2010, SEASPAR Board meeting at 4:11 p.m. Joan Pieri seconded the motion.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Pieri, Secretary
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Georgia Weber, Recording Secretary