

**SOUTH EAST ASSOCIATION FOR
SPECIAL PARKS AND RECREATION**
Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
held May 17, 2011, 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	Stephanie Gurgone
	Downers Grove Park District	Mark Roman
	Community Park District of LaGrange Park	Roy Cripe
	Village of Western Springs	Tracy Alden
	Westmont Park District	Ron Gunter
	Woodridge Park District	Mike Adams
	Lisle Park District	Dan Garvy
	Director	Susan Friend
	Superintendent	Catherine A. Morava
	Superintendent	Matt Corso
	Coordinator	Lisa Rasin
	SEASPAR Recording Secretary	Georgia Weber
Absent:	Park District of LaGrange	Dean Bissias
	Village of Indian Head Park	Joan Pieri
Visitors:	None	

Public Comment and Correspondence:

Introductions were made to welcome Mark Roman, new representative from the Downers Grove Park District.

Susan Friend stated these things were in the Board pass-around folder: a Daily Herald article regarding Michael Drabik of Woodridge pictured as the torch bearer, and correspondence from Indiana University regarding Matt Corso's completing their two-year Executive Development Program. Matt Corso has been invited to be on the Executive Development Program Board at Indiana University.

Susan Friend reviewed a note of appreciation for a great night from Carmen Woodring, parent of a participant who attended the Believe and Achieve Banquet.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Roy Cripe moved to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled Board Meeting and Executive Session of April 19, 2011; Bank Reconciliation for April 2011; and Cash Disbursements for May 2011 in the amount of \$57,788.80 as presented. Steve Thomas seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: Indian Head Park, LaGrange

Motion Carried Unanimously

Recreation Reports:

Catherine Morava reported that fifteen participants and three staff had a great time at the Wisconsin Dells from May 13 through 15, 2011. Another group of participants enjoyed the NSSRA Spring Formal on Friday, May 13, 2011, at the Takiff Center in Glencoe.

Catherine Morava reported that Leisure Education Classes with schools are winding down.

Catherine Morava reported that nine participants with visual impairments will attend the tandem bike and cycling ride sponsored by the Chicago Area Tandem Society on May 21, 2011.

Catherine Morava invited the Board, their staff, and families to the SEASPAR Summer Kick-Off Party held at Ty Warner Park in Westmont on June 12, 2011. Lunch will include hot dogs and bratwursts cooked on the grill.

Catherine Morava reported that the first draft of the fall 2011 brochure is going to Caryn Andrews for her preparation on May 18, 2011.

Catherine Morava reported that SEASPAR has received 264 summer registrations to date. An attempt is being made to obtain more tickets for those on the waiting list to attend a White Sox game.

Matt Corso reported that he will bring the Earth Flag that was presented to the EAGLES by SCARCE on April 25, 2011, to the June Board meeting.

Matt Corso reported that registration for day camp is similar to that of last summer.

Matt Corso reported that SEASPAR has two new camps planned. One camp is a cooperative with NEDSRA for participants with physical disabilities. The camp will be held at SEASPAR. The other camp is one day per week at Giant Steps. This camp is for participants with autism.

Matt Corso reported that he has received 29 applications for the Specialist Position. It is anticipated the new staff member will begin the second week of June 2011.

Matt Corso reported that 45 Believe & Achieve evaluations were received. All rated the evening of 4.0 or higher from a possible 5.0, with an overall rating of 4.8. Matt Corso offered the Board the use of the video made for the banquet.

Susan Friend reported that she will bring the Believe & Achieve video to her meetings with member entities.

Dan Garvey complimented the staff, part-time staff, and volunteers for their daily relationships with the participants and their families.

Fund Development:

Lisa Rasin thanked the Board members for their participation in the raffle at the Believe & Achieve Banquet.

Lisa Rasin reported that SEASPAR will receive a \$5,000 grant from the DuPage Community Foundation for the EAGLES II site.

Lisa Rasin reported that she has applied to Gorden Flesch for a \$5,000 grant.

Lisa Rasin reported that the annual Walk And Roll-A-Thon takes place at Ebersold Park in Downers Grove on Sunday, May 22, 2011.

Lisa Rasin reported that the Summer Golf Classic is on Friday, July 22, 2011. Lisa Rasin requested the Board assist with locating foursomes for the event.

Roy Cripe stated that SEASPAR did a nice job at the Hurricane Gumbo event.

Lisa Rasin reported that Hurricane Gumbo will be at the Grove Fest in June 2011.

Mike Adams suggested the member entities advertise the SEASPAR golf outing in their summer brochures next year.

Lisa Rasin reported that she continues to attend monthly meetings for not-for-profits at the Downers Grove Chamber of Commerce..

Director's Report:

Susan Friend distributed copies of the Actors Guild playbill for their May 11, 2011, performance of Peter Pan and the May 14, 2011, music recital program to the board members.

Susan Friend thanked Mike Adams for making arrangements for the dinner at the Legislative Conference. Susan Friend reported that they had a good trip to Springfield, in particular, meeting with Senator Landek from the Cook County/Brookfield area.

Susan Friend reminded the Board that the annual SEASPAR elections are held at the June 21, 2011, Board meeting.

Susan Friend reviewed the procedures for preparing for a Long Range Plan. Discussion ensued.

The Board reviewed SEASPAR's current geographic borders and the previously established growth boundaries. After discussion, it was determined that the growth boundaries are still valid and should remain the same.

Susan Friend reviewed protocol for considering new members that was used prior to Brookfield joining the association. Susan Friend will formalize the protocol and considerations for the Board's formal review in June.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Member Entity Projects and Events:

Nothing was presented.

Adjournment:

Rick Ginex moved to adjourn at 4:35 p.m. Ron Gunter seconded the motion.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan B. Friend, Secretary Pro Tem
South East Association for Special Parks
And Recreation

Georgia Weber, Recording Secretary