

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

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting  
held April 17, 2007, in Downers Grove, Illinois

**Call to Order:** Jerry Yoksoulion called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Present:

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

Absent:	Westmont Park District	Ron Gunter
	Superintendent	Catherine Morava

Visitors:	Downers Grove	Marilyn Sanderson
	Downers Grove	Steve Sanderson
	Brookfield	Riccardo Ginex

Jerry Yoksoulion changed the order of the agenda to accommodate those Board members who may need to leave the SEASPAR Board meeting to attend another meeting.

**Open Forum and Correspondence:**

Susan Friend introduced, Riccardo Ginex, Brookfield Village Manager.

Susan Friend introduced Marilyn and Steve Sanderson, Downers Grove residents. Susan Friend thanked Marilyn and Steve Sanderson for being instrumental in developing the SEASPAR Johnny Rogers Benefit Concert on Saturday, March 24, at Downers Grove North High School. Susan Friend presented the Sandersons with a framed, autographed copy of the Johnny Rogers Concert poster as a token of appreciation from the SEASPAR Board, staff, and participants.

Susan Friend reported that the concert was a huge success and Johnny Rogers offered to come back and perform for SEASPAR again next year.

\*Joan Pieri entered the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Jerry Yoksoulion thanked the Sandersons for all of their hard work and enthusiasm in helping SEASPAR raise funds.

Ray Jasica inquired of the Sandersons their advice on programming that would not only benefit

their son, Elliot age 22, but other adult participants.

Marilyn Sanderson stated she would like to see a program similar to the one her son, Elliot, attends in Naperville provided by WDSRA which is held four hours daily from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The program provides socialization along with volunteering for service projects. There is no public transportation between the Downers Grove Township and Naperville Township, so Mrs. Sanderson needs to drive Elliot to and from the program. Parents may pick and choose the individual dates they wish their child to attend.

Steve Sanderson stated that parents want summer programs during the day for children over the age of 21.

Marilyn Sanderson suggested a drop-in type program similar to those provided in other areas held on Saturdays from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m.

Susan Friend commented that SEASPAR has wanted to provide such programming for those adults who are unemployed or underemployed and have a considerable amount of free time. Susan Friend reported that the Darien Park District has offered space when they obtain their new facility on Fairview and 75<sup>th</sup> Street.

Susan Friend reported that SEASPAR had been working with WDSRA and NEDSRA to provide a cooperative program for this age group. WDSRA was able to obtain financing to create a program for their participants.

**Unfinished Business:**

Susan Friend reported that she received a letter from Michael Garvey regarding a Resolution from the Village of Brookfield stating their interest in joining SEASPAR.

Rick Ginex reported that the residents of Brookfield have demonstrated they are very committed to joining SEASPAR. At a recent Village Board meeting, the vote was 6-0 to join SEASPAR. Money from the Village of Brookfield's general fund would be used to pay their share of the SEASPAR assessment.

Jo Ann Lodine moved to approve a resolution to accept the Village of Brookfield as a member of SEASPAR and to authorize the President and Secretary to sign agreements and other documents, and to take whatever actions are needed to admit the new member.

Jo Ann Lodine also moved that residents of the Village of Brookfield be granted resident status beginning with registration for the summer season. Dan Garvy seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: Westmont

Motion Carried Unanimously

The Board enthusiastically welcomed Rick Ginex to join the Board for the remainder of the current Board meeting.

**New Business:**

Susan Friend reviewed the FY2007-2008 SEASPAR Budget. Discussion ensued.

Ray Jasica moved to approve the proposed SEASPAR Budget for FY2007-2008 as presented. Stephanie Gurgone seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: Westmont

Motion Carried Unanimously

Susan Friend requested the member entities inform her of their Board's approval by the end of May.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

Mike Adams moved to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled March 20, 2007, Board Meeting; Minutes of the March 20, 2007, Executive Session; the Bank Reconciliation for March 2007; and Cash Disbursements for April 2007 in the amount of \$33,958.96 as presented. Steve Thomas seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: Westmont

Motion Carried Unanimously

**Recreation Reports:**

Matt Corso reported that, as noted in Cathy Morava's April Recreation Report, Culver's of Downers Grove is most generous to SEASPAR by providing free desserts and a 20% discount on all food purchased for SEASPAR programs. Matt Corso recommended showing appreciation by giving Culvers of Downers Grove our personal business whenever possible.

Matt Corso reported that SEASPAR Recreation Specialist, Dayell Muchowicz, planned an all-social club evening combined with a special event that was called "Magic Matt and More." Students from Benet Academy's Outreach Program planned and provided games and assistance throughout the program. Many staff responded to SEASPAR that this was a great program and commended the actions of and plans made by the Benet Academy students. It was noted that some of the older adults who usually prefer to sit and watch were very actively involved, thanks to these enthusiastic students.

Matt Corso reported that SEASPAR is holding their 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Kiwanis Club-sponsored Team Bowling Tournament at Willowbrook Bowl on Saturday, April 21. Matt Corso invited the Board to stop in and visit this entertaining event.

Matt Corso reported that SEASPAR staff have recently met with LADSE staff regarding service

providers. Matt Corso spoke to the staff regarding resources. The LADSE staff are very familiar with SEASPAR and many of its staff through Leisure Education classes within the schools and the summer programs provided by SEASPAR. This was a very good networking experience. There is similar familiarity and cooperation with SASSED staff.

Matt Corso reported that a number of staff members recently have either made a presentation about SEASPAR or manned a booth at Districts 58 and 99 in Downers Grove or Community Support Services in LaGrange.

Matt Corso reported that this is a very busy time for SEASPAR athletes who are involved in sports. Six artistic gymnasts and two rhythmic gymnasts recently qualified for State Summer Games by winning gold medals. SEASPAR has twenty-one track and field athletes competing at the largest Special Olympics Area 2 event on April 22 held at North Central College in Naperville from 10:30 a.m. until approximately 3:30 p.m.

Matt Corso invited the Board to view the newest addition to the SEASPAR fleet: the Green Iguana at the conclusion of the meeting.

Matt Corso invited the Board to attend the May 10 SEASPAR Sports Banquet at Millennium Banquets in Darien. Senator Kirk Dillard is the guest speaker.

Ray Jasica commended SEASPAR staff for their efforts in reaching out which makes for good public relations.

Susan Friend reported that, in spite of the time involved, the current meetings have been very invigorating. These meetings provide a good arena to ask and answer questions. It is an integral part of the Long Range Plan.

Matt Corso reported that Cathy Morava and Dayell Muchowicz will be addressing the Woodridge Rotary Club.

Susan Friend reported that she will be a guest on Mike Kara Presents on-line radio show later this month.

Matt Corso reported that he would be speaking at a meeting of District 99 in Downers Grove on April 19.

**Director's Report:**

Susan Friend reported that she has not received a response from Dr. Flickinger regarding IAPD membership.

Susan Friend requested a list from each member entity of their Top Ten Donors for SEASPAR to request donations. The lists are due at the May 15 Board meeting.

Susan Friend reported that PDRMA is developing Participant Care Guidelines for participant services beyond ADA requirements. SEASPAR and other SRAs go beyond the scope of ADA

requirements.

Susan Friend reported that PDRMA is planning a workshop for all of its members this fall.

Susan Friend requested the names and addresses of all new commissioners from all member entities.

Susan Friend reported that Rick Tarulis responded with recommendations on the Joint Agreement revision. Rich Tarulis stated that there were no significant issues, mostly clarification and organizing. Rick Tarulis agreed with the merging of the Joint Agreement and A Resolution Prescribing Rules for the Conduct of the Business of the South East Association for Special Parks And Recreation.

Susan Friend shared information regarding the notification from the State of Illinois that SEASPAR has complied with all the necessary paperwork and the SEASPAR office project is officially done.

Jerry Yoksoulian canceled the April 17, 2007 Executive session. The Board will adjourn to Executive Session in May to discuss director evaluations.

**Adjournment:**

Jo Ann Lodine moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled April 17, 2007, SEASPAR Board meeting at 6:24 p.m. Ron Lorenzo seconded the motion.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Joan Pieri, Secretary  
South East Association for  
Special Parks And Recreation

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Georgia Weber, Recording Secretary