

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

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
held May 15, 2007, in Downers Grove, Illinois

Call to Order: Jerry Yoksoulian called the meeting to order at 5:30 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	Jerry Yoksoulian
Village of 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
Westmont Park District	Chad Dyson
Village of Western Springs	Ray Jasica
Woodridge Park District	Mike Adams
Director	Susan Friend
Superintendent	Catherine Morava
Assistant Superintendent	Matt Corso
SEASPAR Recording Secretary	Georgia Weber

Absent: None

Visitors: None

Open Forum and Correspondence:

Susan Friend shared information from Ted Flickinger from IAPD regarding SEASPAR membership.

Susan Friend shared information regarding a reception held for retiring Ray Wielgos, LaGrange Park Commissioner.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Stephanie Gurgone moved to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled April 17, 2007, Board Meeting; the Bank Reconciliation for April 2007; and Cash Disbursements for May 2007 in the amount of \$39,156.53 as presented. Mike Adams seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Recreation Reports:

Cathy Morava reported that SEASPAR is having a reception at the Village of Brookfield on June 2 from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. to welcome the residents and answer any questions they may have.

Cathy Morava reported that the Monday night *Kitchen Creations* class held at Lincoln Center prepared their favorite dishes for more than 20 guests of families and friends. The inviting of family and friends has become a tradition for the final meeting of their program session.

Cathy Morava reported that the Actors Guild performed at the Darien Sportsplex and presented *Fabulous Fairly Tale News* written and directed by part-time staff Christine Rehak-Grohne. Both Kitchen Creations and Actors Guild are not offered in the summer as participants enjoy the outdoors during the warm weather months but will return in the fall lineup.

Cathy Morava reported that the fall program brochure is progressing nicely. There are a number of new programs offered and additional facilities available. A unique opportunity is available through The Theatre of Western Springs by an individual who offered to sponsor and underwrite the event planned for fall. The class will be led by a former SEASPAR part-time staff, Tricia Boren.

Cathy Morava reported that the Woodridge Rotary Club will donate \$600 for the Splash Bash held at the Woodridge Park District Cypress Cove on Sunday, July 22.

Cathy Morava reported that a favorite teen and adult event, the Spring Formal, took place on Friday, May 11, and the next special event is the Chicago Rush game on Saturday, May 19.

Matt Corso reported that he was attending the Downers Grove Village Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 15, to receive an award on behalf of SEASPAR's staff for their dedication to the *Afterschool Adventures* program for the children who go to the Autumn Grove Resource Center. Cheryl Westbrook, Jen Colangelo, Kristina Neven, and Matt Corso will be recognized along with others involved with the Resource Center including Downers Grove police officers and student volunteers who help the children with their homework.

Matt Corso reported that the May 10 SEASPAR Sports Banquet was a great success with 154 guests attending. Senator Kirk Dillard drove in from Springfield that evening to attend the banquet and be the guest speaker. The annual raffles netted \$1,200. The highlight of the evening was when Anna Cavallo of Downers Grove was named the 2007 Athlete of the Year.

Matt Corso reported that SEASPAR will be hosting in-services to prepare the staff and volunteers for the busy summer program season. Training will start with the day camp site directors being sent to the ITRS Day Camp Workshop on Wednesday, May 30, in Niles. On June 7, all part-time staff and volunteers will attend the seasonal orientation held in LaGrange to prepare for SEASPAR's traditional programs. Day camp staff will attend a two-day orientation on June 18 and 19 at El Sierra School in Downers Grove to prepare for day camp. CPR/First Aid/AED training will be offered to summer staff on Thursday, June 14.

Matt Corso reported that the SEASPAR Athletic Booster Club netted \$1,200 from the May 2 and May 9 Bronswood Greenhouse plant sales.

Matt Corso reported that the Park District of LaGrange is hosting the Bocchia Nationals on August 24-26, 2007.

Director's Report:

Susan Friend thanked Jerry Yoksoulian for attending the SEASPAR Sports Banquet on May 10. It was a fine evening. It was good to have Jerry Yoksoulian and Senator Kirk Dillard attend.

Susan Friend reported that the annual Walk And Roll-A-Thon is held at Ebersold Park on Sunday, May 20. In case of inclement weather, the Walk goes on at the Darien Sportsplex.

Susan Friend reported that SEASPAR staff toured the Brookfield facility. Registrations are currently being received from Brookfield residents.

Susan Friend reported that three staff attended the PDRMA HELP workshop. Carol Kocek, Ann Franczyk, and Cathy Morava reported that it was a most informative program. Susan Friend stated that she is pleased that staff are taking advantage of these training opportunities.

Susan Friend requested a list of possible donors from each member entity.

Susan Friend reported that SEASPAR is expecting to be granted the No Cost IAPD membership.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Susan Friend reviewed information regarding the Ordinance Authorizing the Sale by Public Auction of Property to authorize the sale the 1997 Conversion Van with 86,676 miles on it. Discussion ensued.

Ray Jasica moved to approve the Ordinance Authorizing the Sale by Public Auction of Property as presented. Mike Adams seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Mike Adams moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. under Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act for the Discussion of Personnel. Ron Lorenzo seconded the motion.

Adjournment:

Having no further business to discuss, Jo Ann Lodine moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled

May 15, 2007, SEASPAR Board meeting at 6:24 p.m. Ron Lorenzo seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting:

Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

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

Georgia Weber, Recording Secretary