

**SOUTH EAST ASSOCIATION FOR
SPECIAL PARKS AND RECREATION**
Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
held July 17, 2007, in Downers Grove, Illinois

Call to Order: Jerry Yoksoulian called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present:	Clarendon Hills Park District	Steve Thomas
	Downers Grove Park District	Jerry Yoksoulian
	Park District of LaGrange	Jo Ann Lodine
	Community Park District of LaGrange Park	Ron Lorenzo
	*Lisle Park District	Dan Garvy
	Westmont Park District	Ron Gunter
	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:	Village of Brookfield	Rick Ginex
	Darien Park District/Treasurer	Stephanie Gurgone
	Village of Indian Head Park	Joan Pieri
Visitors:	SEASPAR Senior Recreation Specialist	Lisa White

Open Forum and Correspondence:

Susan Friend informed the Board that Day Camp Newsletters were written by day camp staff.

Susan Friend introduced Lisa White, SEASPAR Senior Recreation Specialist who is responsible for coordinating SEASPAR's day camp programs.

Lisa White reported that the day camp program has grown to include four five-week day camps and three mini-camps. Three camps were held at El Sierra School in Downers Grove. Kids Camp is for children ages five to twelve and is five weeks long. Seventeen children enjoyed Kids Camp and swam four times per week at Hobson Pool in Woodridge and took field trips on Mondays. Teen and Adult Camp was also headquartered at El Sierra School for five weeks. The camp meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. There were 15 campers this summer and they helped plan their own activities. With the new state law, students now stay in school until the age of 22 which may cause an increase in participation.

*Dan Garvy entered the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

Lisa White reported that Bursting With Fun Camp is run in conjunction with the LADSE summer school program. The participants are bussed to the Kids Camp site at 11:30 a.m. There were sixteen participants this summer which is seven more than last summer.

Lisa White reported that the five-week summer program run in conjunction with SASSED provided

recreation for ninety-four students who swam four times each week at Lisle's Sea Lion Aquatic Park. This is nineteen more students than registered last summer. This group also went on many field trips. The big Summer Celebration at McCollum Park will be held July 19. The Woodridge Park District will supply hay rides and a hotdog lunch will be served.

Lisa White reported that SEASPAR provided three mini-camps this summer. One mini-camp was held the summer of 2006 and it was such a success that it was expanded this summer to include both a camp for three to six-year-olds at the Western Springs Recreation Department and at the Woodridge Park District. Fourteen campers enjoyed Little Adventurers East for three weeks. The fourteen campers at Little Adventurers East went swimming at Clarendon Hills Park District's Lions Park Pool and went on three field trips. The nine campers at Little Adventurers West camp went swimming at Woodridge Park District's Cypress Cove Family Aquatic Center and also went on three field trips during their three weeks of camp. Nine children enjoyed the inaugural season of Adventurers Camp held at the LaGrange Park Community Center and also swam at the Clarendon Hills Park District's Lions Park Pool. This group of campers met for three weeks on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday and went on one field trip.

Lisa White reported that a total of 192 children enjoyed SEASPAR's summer camps which is 46 more than last summer. SEASPAR is planning an Adventurers Camp to be held at a site in DuPage County next summer and also planning a Teen and Adult Camp in Cook County. Lisa White noted that fewer and fewer campers are using the door-to-door transportation option. It is hoped that providing transportation to and from camp may be phased out and the only transportation needed would be for field trips and swimming. Many parents request extending the length of day camps. Day Camp is SEASPAR's biggest, most valuable, and most expensive program.

Lisa White reported that SEASPAR once again had a wonderful group of day camp site directors and counselors. A great number of these staff have been coming back to SEASPAR Day Camp for many years.

Matt Corso reported that many more challenging campers are registering which causes a greater need for a larger number of counselors.

Susan Friend reported that SEASPAR is actively pursuing locations for day camps to be held in the Cook County area.

Cathy Morava reported that SEASPAR is able to hire many counselors at the conclusion of camp to help with SEASPAR's inclusion needs.

Jerry Yoksoulian thanked Lisa for a fine report.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Mike Adams moved to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled June 19, 2007, Board Meeting; minutes of the Executive Session held June 19, 2007; the Bank Reconciliation for June 2007; and Cash Disbursements for July in the amount \$73,525.48 as presented. Ron Lorenzo seconded the motion.

Voting Aye: Woodridge, LaGrange Park, Clarendon Hills, LaGrange, Lisle, Westmont,

Woodridge, Downers Grove

Voting Nay: None
Absent, Not Voting: Brookfield, Darien, Indian Head Park
Motion Carried Unanimously

Recreation Reports:

Cathy Morava reported that the fall SEASPAR program brochure was back from the printer and being delivered. The summer season is still in full swing and continues to be very busy. A new program, Baggio, is held at the Downers Grove Rec Center and invited the Board to visit the program after the Board Meeting.

Cathy Morava reported that Picnic in the Park is held at McCollum Park on Thursdays. The group enjoys a typical picnic and plays games. Baseball Tour takes teens and adults to area baseball games for a rousing evening of fun. There are indoor summer programs as well such as arts and crafts and the ever-popular cool movies on Wednesday evenings. Children enjoy MultiSports and School House Games along with the always filled swimming programs. Children especially enjoy Rainbow Dog Therapy and Super Saturday. Lisle's Snow Valley nursing home is are taking advantage of SEASPAR outings thanks to their supportive new administrator.

Cathy Morava reported that a breakdown of summer inclusion activities was included in the Board packet. Brian Houzenga will attend the August Board meeting to expound on this year's inclusion highlights.

Cathy Morava offered Board members the opportunity to purchase tickets to attend the August 25 performance of Cirque Shanghai at \$7.50 each.

Jerry Yoksoulian thanked Cathy Morava for her Recreation Report.

Matt Corso complimented Lisa White on her find Day Camp Report.

Matt Corso reported that SEASPAR hosted the ITRS Softball Tournament on July 8 at Woodridge Park District's Arbor Hill Park. The tournament went very well. SEASPAR's Sluggers Blue Team took first place. The NEISO Softball Tournament is held in Deerfield July 22.

Director's Report:

Susan Friend reported that when the SEASPAR Sluggers White team took first place in the ITRS Softball Tournament, it was their first win of the season.

Susan Friend reviewed information routed to the Board members regarding the 1,000ths Serena's Song rider; RTA transportation group information, and information on low income/disabilities services.

Susan Friend reported that she has been on the RTA Board meeting with other SRA Directors from ITRS since September 2006.

Susan Friend congratulated Matt Corso for his work on the SEASPAR website: www.seaspar.org .

Susan Friend thanked the Board for their assistance and participation at the SEASPAR Holy Cow Summer Golf Classic on Friday, July 13.

Susan Friend reported that the computer system installation is taking place at SEASPAR the week of July 23. The installation should cost \$3,000 less than originally estimated due to the purchase of a different rack and Carol Kocek locating lower priced software.

Susan Friend congratulated Lisle Park District for Lisle being listed in the top twenty villages listed in Money Magazine. Congratulations, also, to Woodridge listed as number 61.

Susan Friend reviewed SEASPAR's residence policy. Discussion ensued.

Unfinished Business:

Susan Friend distributed copies of the update of the SEASPAR Joint Agreement. Discussion ensued.

Ron Gunter moved to approve the revised SEASPAR Joint Agreement as presented and authorize the President and Secretary to affix signatures to the Resolution of SEASPAR Board of Directors to Approve the Revised Joint Agreement. Steve Thomas seconded the motion.

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

*Mike Adams exited the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

New Business:

Susan Friend reviewed specifications for a new 2008 minibus. Discussion ensued.

Dan Garvy moved to approve the specifications for a new 2008 minibus as presented and to send them to vendors for bids. Steve Thomas seconded the motion.

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

Adjournment:

Dan Garvy moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled July 17, 2007, SEASPAR Board meeting at 6:44 p.m. Ron Lorenzo seconded the motion.

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

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Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: Brookfield, Darien, Indian Head Park, Woodridge

Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

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

Georgia Weber, Recording Secretary