

**SOUTH EAST ASSOCIATION FOR
SPECIAL PARKS AND RECREATION**
Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
held June 19, 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	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: None

Visitors: SEASPAR Recreation Specialist Kristina Neven

Open Forum and Correspondence:

Susan Friend introduced Kristina Neven, SEASPAR Recreation Specialist who is responsible for aquatics and children's weekly programs and special events.

Kristina Neven reported that 85 children are currently participating in SEASPAR swim programs. There are fourteen weekly programs and 11 special events for children ages 2 to 16. SEASPAR held its first Snooze Party of the new fiscal year on June 16 to 17, and plans to hold its next Snooze Party in Brookfield this fall.

Kristina Neven is promoting Adventure Overnight for the 11-16 year-olds to visit the KOA Kampgrounds in Lena and have an opportunity to visit with Joe Long.

Kristina Neven reported that there are 58 participants registered for 11 aquatic classes with 15 instructors teaching skills while having fun. SEASPAR has the use of Lisle Park District's Sea Lion Pool for no charge. Swim lessons are held at the Lodge on Mondays and Tuesdays, also at no charge. The Lodge provides a nice, central location. Plans have been made to document each child's progress and record their ability level based on the American Red Cross Standards.

Kristina Neven reported that SEASPAR is always looking to obtain more facilities; pools are exceptionally hard to get. Kristina is working with Western Springs Service Club.

Kristina Neven reported that five children from Brookfield have registered for summer programs and plans to visit schools in Brookfield this fall to promote SEASPAR programs in the classrooms.

Ray Jasica asked about Western Springs Service Club providing its pool for SEASPAR lessons.

Kristina Neven stated that arrangements could not be made to use the pool this summer.

Ray Jasica requested SEASPAR make the Western Springs Recreation Department aware that we were unable to use the Western Springs Pool.

Kristina Neven reported she is working with Ranger Jay Johnson to coordinate programs such as fishing, archery, and boating for our participants at Blackwell Forest Preserve.

Ray Jasica inquired about horseback riding benefits and asked what SEASPAR has for horseback riding.

Susan Friend reported that lessons are offered by SEASPAR through the Hansen Center for a maximum of three SEASPAR riders in their five-week program.

Matt Corso stated that some school groups have gone riding through SEASPAR's Leisure Education programs.

Jerry Yoksoulion thanked Kristina for a fine report.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Ray Jasica moved to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled May 15, 2007, Board Meeting; minutes of the Executive Session held May 15, 2007; the Bank Reconciliation for May 2007; and Cash Disbursements for the end of May 2007 in the amount of \$27,437.22; and Cash Disbursements for June in the amount \$28,596.84 as presented. Ron Lorenzo seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Recreation Reports:

Cathy Morava reported that summer programs began June 18. Registrations continue to come in every day from former participants and many new to SEASPAR. The first Friday Night Social Club of the summer finds the participants from several clubs going to JBSRA for a beach party.

Cathy Morava reported that 38 staff attended the member entity staff inclusion inservice and 22 staff attended the inservice for those hired by SEASPAR to assist at member entity programs.

Brian Houzenga has received 15 new requests since these inservices.

Cathy Morava reported that Tim Lenac, PDRMA Risk Management Consultant, will visit

SEASPAR camps on July 5.

Cathy Morava reported that participants of area workshops have the opportunity to swim at Sea Lion Park at the "Splash into Mondays" program this summer.

Matt Corso reported that the theme for day camp is Summer Blast Off 2007 which is highlighted by outer space and patriotic plans. In general, all day camp registration is higher than it was last year and SASSED registrations increased by 19.

Matt Corso reported Little Adventurers, an after-camp five-day per week camp for children ages three to six, has been planned for July 30 to August 10 from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the Western Springs Recreation Department and at the Woodridge Community Center. Adventurers Camp is planned for July 31 to August 16 for children ages seven to thirteen on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at the LaGrange Park Community Center from 8:30 until 11:30 a.m.

Matt Corso reported that SEASPAR is hosting the ITRS White Softball Tournament at Orchard Hill Park in Woodridge on Sunday, July 8, 2007. Matt invited the Board members to come and watch or to volunteer to help with the event.

Matt Corso reported that twenty-four participants and nine coaches attended Special Olympics Summer Games at Illinois State University on June 15 through 17. The athletes brought home sixty-two awards: sixteen gold medals, fourteen silver medals, sixteen bronze medals, eleven fourth place ribbons, two fifth place ribbons, and three sixth place ribbons.

Director's Report:

Susan Friend reported that the 2007 Walk And Roll-A-Thon has collected more than \$14,200.

Susan Friend reported that SEASPAR has been selected to receive donations in memoriam of Elliot Sanderson's grandmother. Last fall, SEASPAR received donations in memory of Elliot's grandfather.

Susan Friend congratulated Woodridge Park District for being selected by the DuPage Community Foundation for the Kellogg Foundation Recreation Access Grant for the redevelopment of their park at 75th and Woodridge Drive which will become universally accessible.

Susan Friend thanked Jerry Yoksoulian, Ron Lorenzo, Steve Thomas, and Rick Ginex for attending the Brookfield Open House on June 2, 2007.

Susan Friend reported that she attended the Brookfield Village Board Meeting on June 11 to officially welcome the Village and provide additional information to Trustees.

Susan Friend congratulated Lisle Park District on its 40th Anniversary. SEASPAR staff had an information booth at the anniversary on June 2.

*Joan Pieri entered the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Susan Friend reported that SEASPAR staff conducted a joint emergency training with the

Woodridge Park District at Cypress Cover Water Park staff on Sunday, June 10, 2007.

Mike Adams reported that there would be an additional, more intensive training event on June 24 with PDRMA, Police, Fire, etc. personnel.

Susan Friend reviewed the SEASPAR Board meeting business schedule for FY2007-2008.

Unfinished Business:

Susan Friend reviewed the recommended changes to the Joint Agreement. Discussion ensued.

If approved by the SEASPAR Board, the ratification process is as follows: the Agreement goes to the member entities for approval. The SEASPAR Board sends a resolution to each member Board, along with the Agreement, requesting their consideration and approval. Each Member would be asked to authorize their SEASPAR Board representative to sign the Resolution after the approval of the Member Board.

New Business:

Jerry Yoksoulian declared the floor open for nominations of SEASPAR Board officers for FY2007-2008.

Ron Gunter placed in nomination the name of Jerry Yoksoulian for office of SEASPAR President. Ron Gunter moved that the nominations for SEASPAR President be closed. Ray Jasica seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Ron Gunter placed in nomination the name of Ron Lorenzo for office of SEASPAR Vice President. Ron Gunter moved that the nominations for SEASPAR Vice-President be closed. Ray Jasica seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Ron Gunter placed in nomination the name of Joan Pieri for the office of SEASPAR Secretary. Ron Gunter moved that the nominations for SEASPAR Secretary be closed. Ray Jasica seconded the motion.

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

Downers Grove
Voting Nay: None
Absent, Not Voting: None
Motion Carried Unanimously

Ron Gunter moved to elect the nominees as presented and a unanimous ballot be cast. Ray Jasica seconded the motion.

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

Jerry Yoksoulian reappointed Stephanie Gurgone as SEASPAR Treasurer.

Stephanie Gurgone accepted reappointment of the position as SEASPAR Treasurer.

Ron Gunter moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:21 p.m. under Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act for the Discussion of Personnel. Mike Adams seconded the motion.

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

*Ray Jasica exited the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Adjournment:

Having no further business to discuss, Ron Lorenzo moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled June 19, 2007, SEASPAR Board meeting at 7:35 p.m. Ron Gunter seconded the motion.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Pieri, Secretary
South East Association for
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Georgia Weber, Recording Secretary