

**SOUTH EAST ASSOCIATION FOR
SPECIAL PARKS AND RECREATION**
Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
held July 15, 2008, in Downers Grove, Illinois

Call to Order: Dan Garvy called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present:

Clarendon Hills Park District	Steve Thomas
Village of Indian Head Park	Joan Pieri
Park District of LaGrange	Dean Bissias
Community Park District of LaGrange Park	Roy Cripe
Westmont Park District	Ron Gunter
Village of Western Springs	Ray Jasica
Woodridge Park District	Mike Adams
Downers Grove Park District	Jerry Yoksoulian
Lisle Park District	Dan Garvy
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
Visitors:	*SEASPAR Aktion Club	Molly Sosnowski
	Summer Intern	Nicole Jones

Open Forum and Correspondence:

Susan Friend introduced Molly Sosnowski, SEASPAR Aktion Club President. Molly Sosnowski has been a SEASPAR participant since she was twelve years old. She bowls, is on sport teams, plays golf, and participates in many other activities. Molly Sosnowski is representing Aktion Club, which is affiliated with Kiwanis Club. She previously was the Aktion Club Treasurer.

Molly Sosnowski reported that she is the new president of the Aktion Club and has been a member for three years. Aktion Club has held two dances and raised \$1,500 through their fundraising efforts.

Molly Sosnowski reported that the SEASPAR Aktion Club participated in the 2008 speech, scrap book, and poster competition. SEASPAR Aktion Club members came in first in the poster and speech competitions in 2007 and their scrap book came in second place. In 2008, they received first and second place in speech, and second in poster competitions.

Molly Sosnowski reported that the Aktion Club is attending their third group outing to see the Kane County Cougars.

Susan Friend reported that the Aktion Club has held dances to raise money; held a food drive and collected more than 80 bags of food each time; collected items for Support Our Troops, Illinois; and collected infant supply needs for First Things First.

Molly Sosnowski reported that the Aktion Club is coming up with new ideas including sending supplies to people in Iraq like CDs to help entertain the troops.

Susan Friend reported that the SEASPAR Aktion Club has about 20 active members with an average attendance of 14 at each meeting.

Dan Garvy recognized Jerry Yoksoulion as outgoing President of the SEASPAR Board. Jerry Yoksoulion has been a SEASPAR Board member for 11 years (since 1997). It was noted that Jerry Yoksoulion stands up for his beliefs and takes an active role at SEASPAR.

Dan Garvy presented Jerry Yoksoulion with a token of appreciation from SEASPAR.

Susan Friend distributed news articles regarding Serena's Song. Susan Friend reported that after 14 years, Robert Pindar, former SEASPAR Director, went up in Serena's Song.

Susan Friend reviewed correspondence from IMRF regarding SEASPAR's eligibility for participation in their retirement fund.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Roy Cripe moved to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled June 17, 2008, Board Meeting; minutes of the Executive Session held June 17, 2008, the Bank Reconciliation for June 2008; and Cash Disbursements for June 2008 in the amount of \$ **63,962.00** as presented. Joan Pieri seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: Brookfield, Darien

Motion Carried Unanimously

Mike Adams moved to amend the minutes of the SEASPAR June 17, 2008, Board meeting to state that the payment of bills was in the amount of **\$41,458.60** (May 21 to May 31, 2008: **\$27,722.30** and June 1, 2008 to June 17, 2008: **\$13,846.30**). Steve Thomas seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: Brookfield, Darien

Motion Carried Unanimously

Recreation Reports:

Cathy Morava reported that the fall brochure has been mailed and delivered. Cathy Morava requested any input from the Board members.

Cathy Morava reported that the Riverboat Cruise for 30 participants and staff has been rescheduled to August 9 due to the high water level of the Fox River. Cathy Morava reported that 12 participants are traveling to Iowa to visit the historic Amana Colonies July 19 to 20.

Cathy Morava reported that swim classes are held at Lisle Park District's Sea Lion Aquatic Park and the Lodge in Oak Brook. Registration for swim programs is at an all-time high of 58. The staff at these facilities are great with our participants.

Cathy Morava reported that SEASPAR's Super Saturday is in its second year and is offered at the Park District of LaGrange for participants ages six to sixteen. Super Saturday staff provide a variety of developmentally appropriate activities designed to help children learn and grow socially, physically, an intellectually. The program also provides theme parties and field trips.

Cathy Morava reported that Brian Houzenga, Inclusion Coordinator, is receiving inclusion requests almost on a daily basis. Brian Houzenga and his assistant, Cheryl Westbrook are doing an outstanding job managing and coordinating the individuals spending time with participants at our member park districts and villages.

Cathy Morava distributed posters for the August 10 SEASPAR Splash Bash to be held at Cypress Cove Family Aquatic Park in Woodridge. Cathy Morava requested the member entities promote the event.

Matt Corso reported that SEASPAR's mini day camps begin at the conclusion of the five-week SEASPAR Summer Day Camp program. Four separate mini camps are offered at two different locations. Each camp is offered for a total of three weeks and parents have the option to their child to any or all of the weeks.

Matt Corso thanked the Woodridge Park District for providing SEASPAR with the use of Orchard Hills Park in order to host one of three 2008 ITRS Softball Tournaments July 13, 2008. All coaches and athletes agreed that the field and dugouts were awesome. Approximately 180 athletes, 45 coaches, 15 volunteers, and many family members and friends attended the event.

Matt Corso reported that 25 SEASPAR athletes attended Special Olympics State Summer Games in Bloomington-Normal on June 13-15, 2008. Twenty-five athletes and eight coaches represented the SEASPAR delegation. The athletes won 63 awards in aquatics, bocce, artistic gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics, and track and field. They brought home 19 gold medals, 18 silver medals, 10 bronze medals, 10 fourth place ribbons, 3 fifth place ribbons, 2 sixth place ribbons, and 1 participation ribbon.

Matt Corso reported that Laura Christensen had been hired to coordinate the EAGLES day program for adult participants. Laura Christensen will begin working on August 10, 2008, and prepare for the program which begins on September 22, 2008. EAGLES is to be an active program that includes learning about life by shopping, planning, preparing lunch, and other daily living activities.

Matt Corso stated that SEASPAR is making plans to provide Summer Celebration for more than 400 students, teachers, and staff on July 18, 2008. The celebration will take place at Castaldo Park in Woodridge. There will be a petting zoo, a moonwalk, clowns, hayrides, and lunch cooked on the grill.

Dan Garvy stated that Nicole Jones provided a nice intern report.

Director's Report:

Susan Friend reported that John McGovern may be at the October SEASPAR Board meeting to share information about Recreation Accessibility Consultants.

Susan Friend reported that SEASPAR has received \$1,160 in donations in memory of Richard Lubejko, grandfather of Woodridge participant, Jeff.

Susan Friend reported that Baskin Robbins on 63rd and Cass in Westmont is providing a 31¢ Scoop Night on Wednesday, July 16, 2008, from 3:00 until 8:00 p.m. All proceeds are to benefit SEASPAR.

Susan Friend reported that she is attending the July 17, 2008, Downers Grove Park District Board of Commissioners meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Susan Friend reviewed Section One of the SEASPAR Employee Handbook. Discussion ensued. The Board informally approved Section 1 as presented, but will take formal action on Section 1 when all Sections have been reviewed and the handbook is approved as a whole.

New Business:

Cathy Morava distributed a list of upcoming events where a representative of the Board's attendance would be appreciated or especially appropriate. The Board was asked to review the list and their calendars in order to cover the events.

Adjournment:

Jerry Yoksoulion moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled July 15, 2008, SEASPAR Board meeting at 4:07 p.m. Dean Bissias seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: Brookfield, Darien

Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

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

Georgia Weber, Recording Secretary

