

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

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting  
held October 21, 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
Downers Grove Park District	Jerry Yoksoulian
*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
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:	*Recreation Accessibility Consultants Coordinator	John McGovern Laura Christensen
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**Open Forum and Correspondence:**

Susan Friend reviewed October 4, 2008, Suburban Life and October 16, 2008, TribLocal articles regarding the EAGLES program.

Laura Christensen, SEASPAR Coordinator, supervisor of the EAGLES program, reported that the program began in September with six participants and there are currently nine registered in the program. Laura Christensen reported that she receives daily inquires regarding the new program.

Laura Christensen thanked the board for attending the Grand Opening on October 3, 2008. Laura Christensen reported that the EAGLES are very active with the Darien Park District. All the participants have their own fitness cards and work out two to three times per week toward their own personal fitness goals.

Laura Christensen reported that the EAGLES have helped with planting at the new Woodridge Park District accessible park. They helped select the plants as well as assist with the planting. The EAGLES will have garden plots next summer at the Downers Grove Park District's Mar Duke Farm.

\*Dean Bissias entered the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

Laura Christensen reported that representatives from the DuPage Forest Preserve are working with the EAGLES two to three times per month providing archery, fishing, and hiking. The Indian Boundary YMCA in Downers Grove has plans to provide the EAGLES with free swim time in November.

Laura Christensen distributed the October EAGLES calendar of events to the board members. Laura Christensen reported that the participants have a daily media component and recently are discussing the upcoming elections. The participants make their own lunches, shop for the items needed for lunch, look for recipes, and bring in family recipes from home.

Laura Christensen thanked the board for their support and invited the board members to come visit at any time, and if the member entities had any volunteering opportunities for the EAGLES, to please let her know.

Matt Corso stated that he will attend LADSE's Tuesday Parent Transition Workshop at Hinsdale South High School November 11, 2008, and attend a Post Education Conference for those leaving high school on Thursday, November 11, 2008. Matt Corso stated SEASPAR is looking to connect with SASSED as well in the near future.

Dan Garvy introduced John McGovern from Recreation Accessibility Consultants.

John Mc Govern reported/stated that he worked for 33 years at SRAs. His staff include Ed Harvey from Northbrook Park District, Shelley Zuniga with SRA experience, and Denise Arnold from Chicago

John McGovern reported that the Recreation Guidelines ADA are completed and should be considered done.

Mike Adams asked if the ADAAG rules were being published. John McGovern reported that there is no rule making prior to elections and to consider the Guidelines as legal – the Department of Justice cannot change the rules/guidelines.

John McGovern suggested entities do a Transition Plan Review and accessibility audit.

John McGovern stated they are watching the direction of the Department of Justice; there are more gray areas and are more conservative. He is working with Illinois, Florida, and the US Air Force.

Susan Friend inquired about non-structural, inclusion evaluation and assistance.

John McGovern stated that they are available.

Mike Adams inquired if an accessibility audit was a justifiable expense to use SRA levy money for ADA compliance.

John McGovern stated that it was.

\*John McGovern exited the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

Mike Adams moved to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled September 16, 2008, Board Meeting, minutes of the September 30, 2008, Special Levy Meeting Minutes, and Cash Disbursements for October in the amount of **\$62,092.13**, as presented. Jerry Yoksoulian seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

**Recreation Reports:**

Cathy Morava reported that SEASPAR is currently providing Leisure Education programs averaging one to two and a half-hour sessions in twenty-one classrooms in ten member entity schools.

Cathy Morava reported that SEASPAR music instructor Laura Heinen teaches music at SEASPAR on Thursday and Music In Motion and Wiggles and Giggles in Westmont on Tuesday.

Cathy Morava reported that Kevin Wood is teaching young adults piano, voice, and guitar and is happily awaiting more participants.

Cathy Morava reported the SEASPAR Halloween Dance was held on October 17, 2008. Jerry Yoksoulian attended the program. Jerry thought everyone looked bright! (how can I better say that)

Cathy Morava reported that the teen and adult Harvest Hustle dance will be held at the Clarendon Hills Park District's Community Center on Sunday, November 2, 2008.

Cathy Morava reported that 16 adult participants and three staff went to Madison, Wisconsin on the Fall Escape and had a great weekend on Saturday to Sunday, October 18 to 19, 2008.

Cathy Morava reported that Kristina Neven is preparing many Halloween projects for the children registered in weekly programs.

Cathy Morava reported that she had her final visit from Tim Lenac of PDRMA regarding SEASPAR's risk review. Results of SEASPAR's final score are expected in late November.

Cathy Morava reported that she attended a meeting of the Clarendon Hills Lions Club at Bohemian Crystal in Westmont.

Susan Friend stated that the Clarendon Hills Lions Club is a very generous donor.

Cathy Morava reported that SEASPAR staff are participating in Active For Life.

Dan Garvy reported that their team is the Lisle Love Handles.

Matt Corso reported that SEASPAR has a Downers Grove bowler participating in the Special Olympics Sectional Bowling Tournament in Rockford on Saturday, November 1, 2008. Matt Corso reported that bowling is the most popular Special Olympics sport.

Matt Corso reported that the SEASPAR Silver Streak minivan was a part of the Downers Grove Park District's Wheely Big Trucks program on October 11, 2008. More than 650 children and adults were able to see and touch SEASPAR's van as well as other large vehicles from various agencies and companies with many different types of purposes. The weather was perfect and it was a lot of fun for everyone who attended.

**Director's Report:**

Susan Friend reported that twelve employees are members of SEASPAR's Team Hamburger and have accepted the challenge to participate in the Active For Life program, a ten-week program designed by the American Cancer Society to encourage physical activity and good health practices in and out of the workplace. This opportunity is a result of SEASPAR's participation in the PDRMA Health Program.

Susan Friend reported that she, Cathy Morava, Matt Corso, and five SEASPAR rec staff are conducting the Ability Awareness Day at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School in LaGrange on Monday, October 27, 2008, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Susan Friend reported that SEASPAR received the Village Resolution regarding purchasing of gasoline through the Village of Downers Grove.

Susan Friend reported that she will present details at the November 18, 2008, Board meeting regarding Vermont Registration Software.

Susan Friend reported that she and Cathy Morava attended the Silver Lining Foundation kickoff event on October 4, 2008, in Downers Grove. The foundation, which was created for adults with disabilities, donated \$1,000 to SEASPAR.

Susan Friend reported that B. Gunther donated \$200 toward the SEASPAR Wall of Fame.

Susan Friend thanked SEASPAR board members for attending the EAGLES Open House on October 3, 2008.

**Unfinished Business:**

Susan Friend reported that as a result of the special meeting on September 30, 2008, the .016% levy rate was decided upon for FY 2009-2010. Discussion ensued.

\*Joan Pieri entered the meeting at 3.45 p.m.

Ray Jasica voiced concern about expense for the Fund Development position.

Ray Jasica moved to approve the SEASPAR FY2009-2010 levy rate of .016% as presented. Ron Gunter seconded the motion.

Voting Aye: Western Springs, Westmont, Clarendon Hills, Indian Head Park,  
LaGrange, LaGrange Park, Woodridge, Lisle  
Voting Nay: Downers Grove  
Absent, Not Voting: Brookfield, Darien  
Motion Carried

The Board discussed that SEASPAR Board members and Susan Friend should meet with Downers Grove Board members and staff.

\*Roy Cripe exited the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

**New Business:**

None.

**Member Entity Projects and Events**

Mike Adams – Forest Glen Park Ribbon Cutting October 25, 2008

Ray Jasica – Requested Laura Christensen meet with Tracy Alden for volunteer opportunities.

Steve Thomas – Clarendon Hills Pavilion renovation concerns.

\*Joan Pieri exited the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Ron Gunter moved to adjourn to Executive Session under Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act for the Discussion of Personnel at 4:17 p.m. Steve Thomas seconded the motion.

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

**Adjournment:**

Having no further business to discuss, Ron Gunter moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled October 21, 2008, SEASPAR Board meeting at 4:24 p.m. Dean Bissias seconded the motion.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan Friend, Secretary Pro Tempore  
South East Association for  
Special Parks And Recreation

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Georgia Weber, Recording Secretary