

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

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
held April 15, 2008, in Downers Grove, Illinois

Call to Order: Jerry Yoksoulian called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present:	Village of Brookfield	Rick Ginex
	Clarendon Hills Park District	Steve Thomas
	Darien Park District/Treasurer	Stephanie Gurgone
	Community Park District of LaGrange Park	Ron Lorenzo
	Lisle Park District	Dan Garvy
	Village of Indian Head Park	Joan Pieri
	Village of Western Springs	Ray Jasica
	Westmont Park District	Ron Gunter
	Woodridge Park District	Mike Adams
	Downers Grove Park District	Jerry Yoksoulian
	Director	Susan Friend
	*Assistant Superintendent	Matthew Corso
	*Acting SEASPAR Recording Secretary	Ann Franczyk
Absent:	Park District of LaGrange	Dean Bissias
	Superintendent	Catherina A. Morava
	SEASPAR Recording Secretary	Georgia Weber
Visitors:	None	

Open Forum and Correspondence:

Susan Friend distributed copies of the following documents: letter to the Downers Grove Park District regarding the SEASPAR Joint Agreement; flyer announcing the Actors' Guild performance on April 30; March 12, 2008; program from the Downers Grove Chamber of Commerce luncheon where SEASPAR received the Community Contribution Award.

Susan Friend announced that this was the final Board Meeting that Director Ron Lorenzo would attend. Susan Friend thanked Ron for his years of service and presented him with a gift from the SEASPAR Board and staff.

Ron Lorenzo thanked the Board and noted that this is his twenty fifth year serving on a special recreation board. Ron Lorenzo stated that he was happy to be a part of the SEASPAR team and requested the Board continue to be an advocate for SEASPAR and that the staff continue to do such good work for the community.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Ray Jasica moved to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled March 18, 2008, Board Meeting, minutes of the March 18, 2008, Executive Session; the Bank Reconciliation for March 2008, and the payment of bills in the amount of \$45,580.97 as presented. Joan Pieri seconded the motion.

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

Recreation Reports:

Matt Corso introduced his certified therapy dog, Ollie, and explained that Ollie visits several SEASPAR programs and special education classrooms to assist participants with social skills and physical therapy. Ollie is a seven-year-old Shetland Sheepdog, certified by Therapy Dogs International, Inc., who is shy by nature and very good with children. Matt Corso requested Board members let him know if they would like Ollie to attend any of their programs.

Matt Corso stated that the 28th Annual SEASPAR/Kiwanis Club Bowling Tournament is Saturday, April 19, at the Willowbrook Bowl.

Matt Corso invited the Board members to attend the Annual Sports Banquet on May 8 at Cornerstone Banquets in Darien. Matt Corso stated that a new recognition plaque for the Athlete of the Year will be unveiled at the banquet.

Jerry Yoksoulian inquired about the speaker for the Sports Banquet. Matt Corso explained the speaker is a member of the Chicago Machine, an outdoor Lacrosse team, who has overcome disabilities and become an outstanding athlete.

Matt Corso stated the summer brochures were mailed today and that staff began delivering copies to all member entities this week.

Matt Corso explained that a letter had been sent to parents of certain SEASPAR participants inviting them to join a focus group on April 23 to discuss ideas for the adult day care program.

Matt Corso reminded the Board that the Max and Erma's fundraiser for SEASPAR is this Thursday, April 17. Coupons are available to all Board members.

Director's Report:

Susan Friend reported that the Grove Foundation has agreed to fund SEASPAR's new Athletes Wall of Fame.

Susan Friend stated that this has been an incredible donation month and cited that more than \$2,300 has been received in memory of the grandmother of a participant.

Mike Adams asked if SEASPAR did anything special to recognize donors. Susan Friend responded that they were recognized in the brochure. Matt Corso stated SEASPAR also gives Community Service Awards to various donors.

Mike Adams noted that the Woodridge Rotary has agreed to support the Splash Bash with a \$600 donation this year.

Unfinished Business:

Susan Friend provided additional information on the research she has done regarding health insurance. Discussion ensued.

Jerry Yoksoulion moved that SEASPAR advise the Village of Downers Grove of its intent to withdraw from the Village Healthcare program effective June 30, 2008, or as soon as administratively feasible. He further moved to notify PDRMA Health of SEASPAR's plan to join its program effective July 1, 2008, or as soon as administratively feasible. Stephanie Gurgone seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: LaGrange

Motion Carried Unanimously

Susan Friend stated additional information would be provided at the next meeting in response to requests made by the Board.

Susan Friend reported that she had reviewed and revised the FY2008-2009 SEASPAR budget and that an additional worksheet had been provided to all Board members. Discussion ensued.

Ray Jasica moved to approve the FY2008-2009 SEASPAR Budget as presented. Steve Thomas seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: LaGrange

Motion Carried Unanimously

New Business:

None

Adjournment to Executive Session:

Jerry Yoksoulion moved to adjourn to Executive Session under section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act for the discussion of personnel at 4:10 p.m. Dan Garvy seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: LaGrange

Motion Carried Unanimously

*Matthew Corso and Ann Franczyk exited the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

The regularly scheduled April 15, 2008, SEASPAR Board Meeting reconvened in public session at 4:28 p.m.

Final Adjournment:

Having no further business to discuss, Ron Lorenzo moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled April 15, 2008, SEASPAR Board Meeting at 4:29 p.m. Ron Gunter seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: LaGrange

Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ann Franczyk, Acting Recording Secretary