

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

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting  
held September 15, 2009, in Downers Grove, Illinois

**Call to Order:** Dan Garvy called the meeting to order at 3:30 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	Janet Barr
	Community Park District of LaGrange Park	Roy Cripe
	Village of Western Springs	Ray Jasica
	Westmont Park District	Ron Gunter
	Woodridge Park District	Mike Adams
	Lisle Park District	Dan Garvy
	Director	Susan Friend
	Superintendent	Catherine A. Morava
	Superintendent	Matthew Corso
	Coordinator	Lisa Rasin
	SEASPAR Recording Secretary	Georgia Weber
Absent:	Park District of LaGrange	Dean Bissias
	Village of Indian Head Park	Joan Pieri
Visitors:	*Woodridge Community Resource Center	Teri Vasile
	*Woodridge Community Resource Center	Maria Castellanos
	Coordinator	Brian Houzenga
	Recreation Specialist	Greg Pavesich
	Recreation Specialist	Theresa Waite

**Open Forum and Correspondence:**

Cathy Morava introduced Greg Pavesich and Theresa Waite, new SEASPAR Recreation Specialists. Theresa Waite will oversee SEASPAR's children's programs and special events, SEASPAR's swim program, and be responsible for supplies and equipment. Greg Pavesich will be responsible for Youth at Risk, cooperative programming, senior programming, vocational workshops, and the Stroke Support Group and other related groups at local hospitals.

Brian Houzenga reported on the results of surveys regarding summer inclusion and inclusion participation at the member entities.

Cathy Morava introduced Teri Vasile and Maria Castellanos from the Woodridge Community Resource Center. Cathy Morava reported that SEASPAR offered two two-hour sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays for eight weeks to the Woodridge Community Resource Center this summer.

Teri Vasile provided an overview of the purpose of the Woodridge Community Resource Center at 8274 Janes Avenue. Teri Vasile reported that the Resource Center has been in operation for 15 years. Teri Vasile reported that there are currently 87 children registered for their program at

the Woodridge Community Resource Center and it will now be open to 144 students.

\*Teri Vasile and Maria Castellanos exited the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Dan Garvy reviewed correspondence from State Representative Patti Bellock regarding a grant to SEASPAR for the EAGLES facility infrastructure.

Dan Garvy reviewed correspondence from the parents of a SEASPAR participant thanking SEASPAR for their assistance this past summer.

Dan Garvy reviewed a letter regarding PTELL and the SRA levy referendum.

Dan Garvy noted the cover of the Kiwanis Illinois-Eastern Iowa District magazine featuring Aktion Club member Molly Sosnowski, international poster contest winner.

Dan Garvy reviewed a Downers Grove Reporter news article regarding the Guava Restaurant fundraiser for SEASPAR.

Dan Garvy reviewed a Downers Grove Reporter/Progress newspaper article featuring SEASPAR Executive Director Susan Friend.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

Susan Friend reported that the July 21, 2009, SEASPAR Board Minutes should state that Don Ritter attended the meeting representing the Woodridge Park District.

Stephanie Gurgone moved to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled July 21, 2009, SEASPAR Board Meeting be approved as amended, and approve the Cash Disbursements for September in the amount \$76,179.32 as presented. Ray Jasica seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: Indian Head Park, LaGrange

Motion Carried Unanimously

**Recreation Reports:**

Cathy Morava reported that in addition to her written report, inclusion registration rose from seventeen by an additional seven inclusion placements.

Cathy Morava reported that Leisure Education programming begins on September 17, 2009.

Cathy Morava reported that she will have a report regarding fall registration in October. Matt Corso reported that more day camp survey results have been received bringing the percentage of surveys returned to 58%. Matt Corso reported that survey comments were very supportive and favorable.

Matt Corso reported that seven SEASPAR golfers attended the Special Olympics Outdoor Sports Festival in Decatur on September 12 and 13, 2009. The golfers brought home four Golds, two

Silvers, and one Bronze Medal.

### **Fund Development**

Lisa Rasin reviewed her written report.

Lisa Rasin reported that she has brought in more than \$48,000 in her first eight months with SEASPAR.

Lisa Rasin reported that she is working with Good Samaritan Hospital to develop a partnership for Youth at Risk, stroke patient referral, facility use, and cooperative programs.

Lisa Rasin reported that she is pursuing new ideas to obtain funding for SEASPAR.

Roy Cripe inquired about the net amount of the fundraising report. Susan Friend reported that all figures in the report are net.

Lisa Rasin reported that SEASPAR has a very good reputation.

Lis Rasin requested Board members inform her of any new restaurants opening in their entities.

Dan Garvy thanked Lisa Rasin for such a positive report.

### **Director's Report:**

Susan Friend reviewed her written report.

Susan Friend reported that she is participating in the IPRA Webinar about uses for the Special Recreation levy. Susan Friend asked if others were interested.

Susan Friend reported that the Darien Park District recognized their resident Special Olympians at their Board meeting on September 14, 2009.

Susan Friend reported that she is currently working on figures for the 2011-2012 Levy Request.

Susan Friend reported that member entity EAVs are available online.

Mike Adams reported that DuPage County has a 0% increase in EAV this year (2009) and is anticipating a -5% next year (2010).

Susan Friend is attending the Downers Grove Park District Board meeting on September 17, 2009, to give a Program/Service update.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Susan Friend reported that SEASPAR is still working with IMRF regarding membership. The cost analysis for SEASPAR joining IMRF was received in mid-August. The contribution for calendar year 2010 was established at 12.61%, which is less than the lowest figure of the previous analysis. The highest possible rate, based on this report and presuming all employees would purchase all

prior year service was 25.13%. This is less than the 29.96% than was previously reported. The financial impact was less than budgeted.

Susan Friend reported that a clause was added to this letter that was not in SEASPAR's previous cost analysis letter. It states that "*since SEASPAR is a 501(c)(3) entity, SEASPAR is not eligible to participate in IMRF.*" It went on to say there are two options to consider at this point in order to join IMRF. One – dissolve the 501(c)(3) entity and reconstitute the organization. Two – "Provide us (IMRF) with documentation from the IRS and our Chief Counsel that would indicate that SEASPAR is a unit of local government. The IMRF legal department would review this information and respond accordingly."

Susan Friend reported that she has spoken with Carla Bermes at IMRF and SEASPAR's attorney, Rick Tarulis for clarification and direction. Carla reports that IMRF is awaiting a ruling from the IRS about public 501(c)(3) organizations to officially determine if they can participate in IMRF. She also stated that an SRA had successfully satisfied the IMRF legal department's review. It is not known if the IRS ruling will agree and IMRF does not know when the IRS ruling will be handed down.

Susan Friend is pursuing additional information from SEASPAR's auditors, Knutte & Associates and other special recreation associations who are 501(c)(3) organizations. This information will be shared as soon as possible.

Susan Friend reported that she will speak with the IRS and talk further with Rick Tarulis and IMRF representatives.

**New Business:**

Susan Friend reviewed the Lease Agreement for Program Space at the Darien Park District. Discussion ensued.

Mike Adams moved that SEASPAR enter into the Lease Agreement for Program Space at the Darien Sportsplex with the modification added as to due notice in case of sale of the building, and have signatures affixed. Ray Jasica seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: Indian Head Park, LaGrange

Motion Carried Unanimously

Susan Friend reviewed the Lease Agreement for the Darien Park District Bus. Discussion ensued.

Mike Adams moved that SEASPAR enter into the Lease Agreement for use of the Darien Park District Bus as presented, and have signatures affixed. Steve Thomas seconded the motion.

Voting Aye: Woodridge, Clarendon Hills, Brookfield, Darien, Downers Grove,

LaGrange Park, Western Springs, Westmont, Lisle  
Voting Nay: None  
Absent, Not Voting: Indian Head Park, LaGrange  
Motion Carried Unanimously

**Member Entity Projects and Events**

Stephanie Gurgone reported that the Darien Park District is closing their skate park and asked if anyone is in need of skate park equipment.

**Adjournment:**

Mike Adams moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled September 15, 2009, SEASPAR Board meeting at 4:32 p.m. Janet Barr seconded the motion.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Joan Pieri, Secretary

South East Association for  
Special Parks And Recreation

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Georgia Weber, Recording Secretary