

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

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
Held February 18, 2014, 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	Kelly Smith
	Darien Park District	Stephanie Gurgone
	Downers Grove Park District	Bill McAdam
	Village of Indian Head Park	Richard Andrews
	Park District of LaGrange	Dean Bissias
	Community Park District of LaGrange Park	Roy Cripe
	Lisle Park District	Dan Garvy
	Village of Western Springs	Ray Jasica
	Woodridge Park District	Mike Adams
	Executive Director	Susan Friend
	Superintendent	Catherine Morava
	Superintendent	Matt Corso
	Fund Development Coordinator	Lisa Rasin
	Recording Secretary	Ann Franczyk
Absent:	Westmont Park District	Ron Gunter
Visitor:	Recreation Specialist, SOAD	Aaron Hirthe
	Administrative Assistant	Tammy Semmler
	SEASPAR Athlete	Corey McGinnis

Public Comment and Correspondence:

Aaron Hirthe, SEASPAR's Special Olympics Athletic Director, introduced himself to the Board. Aaron mentioned that in addition to SO programs, he is also responsible for coordinating swim lessons. This is the agency's fifth season working with CELTS (Coach Eve Learn to Swim). The partnership is working well and he has received many favorable comments from parents.

Aaron noted that our athletes have been pretty successful at state competitions. This summer, Christina Schutz and Jeff Osowski will represent Illinois at the Special Olympics 2014 USA Games in New Jersey.

SEASPAR is involved in 18 of the 21 sports offered by Special Olympics Illinois. Aaron looks for ways to make these programs better to meet the needs of the athletes and has started pre-season practice for some sports for those who wish to hone their skill.

Gymnastics is in need of some re-vamping and that is Aaron's next objective. Athlete Corey McGinnis, who is in attendance at today's meeting, has expressed interest in becoming a member of the gymnastics team. Aaron introduced Corey and explained that he is a phenomenal athlete with great attitude, character, and enthusiasm. The Board had the opportunity to ask Corey questions about the sports he is involved in. Corey and Aaron left the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

Susan Friend commented that she received a phone call today from one of our parents who had some great things to say about Aaron. The parent said he has seen an overall improvement in the sports programs and that he and other parents are very pleased.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Ray Jasica moved to approve the Minutes from the January 21, 2014, Board Meeting; the Cash Disbursements for February in the amount of \$61,595.92; and the Bank Reconciliation from January, 2014, as presented. Richard Andrews seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: Westmont

Motion Carried Unanimously

Recreation Reports:

Cathy Morava reminded the Board that they had been invited to attend, along with their staff, the Inclusion meeting Shannon Tovey is hosting on March 13 at 1:00 pm.

Dan Garvy asked where the Charlie's Gift Autism group, that was mentioned in Cathy's report, currently meets. Cathy replied the Charter One Bank on Ogden Avenue. She said they are in the process of looking for another facility and are very interested in the Sensory Room.

Ray Jasica inquired if this would be a gratis partnership, and Cathy said there would be a charge.

Roy Cripe wondered if there was a provision in the agreement with Lisle for outside agencies to use the room. Susan replied it would not be a sublet situation and that they would have to add SEASPAR as an additionally insured on their insurance coverage.

Matt Corso said SEASPAR is willing to host member entities' interns for a day. He routed a list of topics that would be covered by Intern Coordinator Anne Cosentino and asked the Board to contact her if any of them would like to participate in this endeavor.

Mike Adams asked if volunteers were still needed for the Boccia Tournament this weekend. Matt said five people were needed to help with timing and scoring at the Metro Cup event this Saturday at the Park District of LaGrange from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Susan informed the Board that Matt had been invited to attend a taping session with Comcast Sports regarding the Special Olympics 2014 USA Games. He was picked because he is coaching the bowling team that is participating in the USA Games.

Fund Development Report:

Lisa Rasin complimented Dan Garvy on the caliber of the intern the Lisle Park District hired this season. She reached out to a couple of SEASPAR staff, and Lisa said she was a good sport.

Lisa is currently working on the DuPage Community Foundation grant. This money will be used for equipment in the Sensory Room.

A few changes are being made to the annual Bronswood plant sale fundraiser. The greenhouse has agreed to let SEASPAR have a portion of their Saturday sales (April 26) as well as Tuesday, May 6. Lisa is putting together a pre-order form and hopes that this will boost sales.

Richard Andrews asked what the ticket price would be for this year's concert fundraiser. There was a brief discussion about the concert, and the suggestion was made to increase the budget for this item next year in order to secure a better-known band and thereby increase ticket sales.

Executive Director's Report:

Susan Friend asked for the Board's approval for her to write a letter of support for the Woodridge Park District in connection with a PARC Grant they are applying for, and the Board concurred. Susan has already agreed to write one for Westmont, and asked if any other districts require a similar letter, to please let her know.

Susan reported on the progress of the construction at the new site in Lisle. She suggested the Board hold their May meeting there so they can see the new facility before the grand opening.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Member Entity Projects and Events:

Mike Adams reported that the Woodridge Park District hopes to fast track the new recreation center so construction can begin this fall.

Dean Bissias reported that the State Supreme Court ruled against the objector regarding the sale of park district land. The Park District of LaGrange is now able to pursue the sale and has already received six offers.

Adjournment:

Dean Bissias moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled February 18, 2014, SEASPAR Board Meeting at 4:13 p.m. Mike Adams seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Bissias, Secretary
South East Association for
Special Parks And Recreation

Ann Franczyk, Recording Secretary