

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

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Held  
July 15, 2014, at the SEASPAR Office,  
4500 Belmont Road, Downers Grove, IL 60515

**Call to Order:** Dan Garvy called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Present:

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| Clarendon Hills Park District            | Kelly Smith       |
| Darien Park District                     | Stephanie Gurgone |
| Downers Grove Park District              | Sara Rathsack     |
| 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        |
| * Westmont Park District                 | Ron Gunter        |
| 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: Village of Brookfield Rick Ginex

Susan Friend introduced Sara Rathsack who was representing the Downers Grove Park District. Sara is the Assistant Director of Recreation and has been with the park district for 2 ½ years.

**Public Comment and Correspondence:**

Dan Garvy commented on the number of articles in this month's packet and said this was great publicity for the agency and Wonders. Susan Friend stated the articles have generated a lot of interest both inside and out of the communities we serve.

Susan Friend noted that each Board member had received a copy of the response letter from the Lemont Park District.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

Dean Bissias moved to approve the Minutes from the June 17, 2014, Board Meeting; the Cash Disbursements in the amount of \$73,862.91; and the Bank Reconciliation for June 2014, as presented. Ron Gunter seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay:

Absent, Not Voting: Brookfield

Motion Carried Unanimously

**Recreation Reports:**

Cathy Morava said the fall brochure arrived today. She set aside a supply for each district and would appreciate the Board delivering them to their staff.

Cathy informed the Board that there are going to be some changes to the full-time staff responsibilities since Anne Cosentino resigned. Effective July 21, Shannon Tovey will become the Support Staff Coordinator, and Cathy will be handling Inclusion until a new person is hired. She plans to start interviewing next week and hopes to hire someone by the end of this month.

Matt Corso gave a presentation on summer day camps. This year's theme is "Superheroes" and Matt displayed a shirt that each camper received. This is the third summer in a row that Nike donated sports equipment and back packs for camp. SEASPAR has a good relationship with School District 58 in Downers Grove and they are providing space at Puffer School free of charge. This location works well for Kids Camp as there are a lot of rooms available plus it is air conditioned, which is good for the medical needs of our campers.

Stephanie Gurgone asked if SEASPAR informed its parents that day camps were available. If parents knew, perhaps they would choose these camps instead of the park districts and thereby reduce the need for so many inclusion aides.

Matt replied that using the school district facility restricts the hours of camp since we have to be out by 3:00 p.m. In the past, extended options were tried but it didn't work out. The timeframe could be why parents choose member entity camps.

**Fund Development Report:**

Lisa Rasin stated the Summer Golf Classic is Thursday and there is still room for golfers. So far, between 50 and 60 people have registered and several hole sponsors have been secured.

**Executive Director's Report:**

Susan Friend asked the Board to pay the Winter/Spring Inclusion invoices they received as soon as possible, if they have not yet done so.

Susan said she provided each Board member with a copy of the July 11 response letter from the Lemont Park District. In discussions with Louise Egofske, Susan told her that SEASPAR did not want to get into a relationship where there was a lot of angst, and that the agency did not want to do all this work for a short period of time. Louise assured Susan that this would be a long term association. To ensure community support, the Lemont Park District has signed a contract with John McGovern and his organization Recreation Accessibility Consultants to conduct community meetings for input and education.

Discussion ensued. The Board suggested Susan contact SEASPAR's attorney to determine what liability or legal ramifications there may be to SEASPAR if Lemont withdraws from Tri-County, joins SEASPAR, and Tri-County brings suit against SEASPAR.

\* Ron Gunter left the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

After further discussion, the Board requested staff provide statistics on what impact there would be to staff, facilities, vehicles, other members, etc., if Lemont joins. Susan distributed a spreadsheet indicating how adding Lemont would impact member contributions.

**Unfinished Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

None.

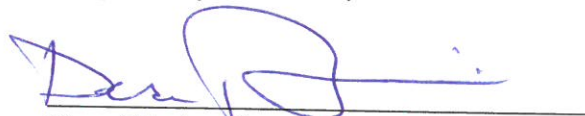
**Member Entity Projects and Events:**

None.

**Adjournment:**

Dean Bissias moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled July 15, 2014, SEASPAR Board Meeting at 4:58 p.m. Richard Andrews 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