

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

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Held  
October 21, 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:	Village of Brookfield	Mary Pezdek
	* Clarendon Hills Park District	Kelly Smith
	Darien Park District	Stephanie Gurgone
	Downers Grove Park District	Bill McAdam
	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 Indian Head Park	Richard Andrews
Visitors:	Lauterbach & Amen	Jamie Wilkey
	Recreation Specialist and SOAD	Aaron Hirthe
	SEASPAR Athlete	Christina Schutz
	SEASPAR Parent	Mike Schutz

**Public Comment and Correspondence:**

Dan Garvy welcomed Mary Pezdek to the Board as the new representative from the Village of Brookfield. Susan Friend said Mary is quite familiar with SEASPAR as she worked side-by-side with Rick Ginex when the Brookfield community asked to join the agency.

\* Roy Cripe entered the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

Aaron Hirthe, SEASPAR's Special Olympics Athletic Director, stated he would like to recognize two SEASPAR athletes who participated in the USA Games this year. Christina Schutz, who is here this afternoon to meet everyone, and Jeff Osowski, who was unable to join us.

Aaron explained how Jeff is one of the top golfers in Special Olympics Illinois and was easily chosen to represent Team Illinois for the sport of Traditional 9-Hole Golf. Golf is a passion for Jeff and his family, and upon being chosen for the USA Games, he practiced every chance he could with SEASPAR and his father. At the USA Games, Jeff competed in the top male division against the nation's best S.O. golfers, earning a very respectable third place finish.

Aaron said Christina was nominated by Special Olympics to join Team Illinois Volleyball. She worked hard and frequently travelled down state to practice with her team. Team Illinois was undefeated and won the gold medal. Congratulations, Christina, on your outstanding performance.

\* Kelly Smith entered the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

As Christina is a resident of Darien, Stephanie Gurgone presented her with a few recognition items from the Darien Park District. Christina said it was a wonderful experience and her team “rocked the house.” Mike Schutz, her father, thanked SEASPAR for giving Christina the opportunity to participate in this wonderful event.

Jamie Wilkey, from Lauterbach & Amen, provided highlights of the Independent Auditor’s Report which they conducted on SEASPAR’s financial operations. Ms. Wilkey commended the SEASPAR staff for their diligent work during the year. She stated that overall, SEASPAR received a clean opinion from the auditors.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

Dan Garvy said the Board received a new set of Minutes from the September 16, 2014, Meeting as a change had been made. The revised edition was presented for their approval.

Dean Bissias moved to approve the Minutes from the September 16, 2014, Board Meeting; the Cash Disbursements for September 2014 in the amount of \$113,182.01; and the Bank Reconciliation from September 2014, as presented. Bill McAdam seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay:

Absent, Not Voting: Indian Head Park

Motion Carried Unanimously

**Recreation Reports:**

Cathy Morava distributed a revised SEASPAR Crisis Manual to the Board. She asked them to review it and let her know if there were any changes to the numbers listed on Page 6.

Cathy stated Rachel Pavesich was hosting an Open House at Wonders this evening for parents. This Thursday, Cathy is hosting a Superintendents Meeting there in order to promote the room to other SRAs.

Dan Garvy noted from Cathy’s report that the Holiday Spectacular is Monday, December 8, in Western Springs. He asked the Board to put this on their calendars.

Matt Corso reminded the Board that the Lisle EAGLES’ Nest Grand Opening is Monday, October 27, at 1:30 p.m. Senator Connelly as well as Representatives Bellock and Pihos are expected to attend.

**Fund Development Report:**

Lisa Rasin said the Trivia Challenge was a huge success. Kohl’s will be giving SEASPAR \$500 for its employees who worked that night. She is meeting with the Silver Lining Foundation to determine how much money was raised.

The date of the SEASPAR golf outing has been changed to September 11. Lisa continues to work with the Tivoli regarding a fundraising event at the theater.

**Executive Director's Report:**

Susan Friend congratulated LaGrange, Westmont, and Woodridge park districts for winning PARC grants. She also thanked the districts who participated in the Trivial Challenge fundraiser. On November 22, the five Lions Clubs who contributed to the purchase of Simba, the new SEASPAR van, are having a dedication ceremony in Clarendon Hills for the vehicle.

Susan said she would like to thank the staff who worked so hard during the past few months. A number of situations arose where we were short staffed – one person was away for three weeks at jury duty; another was also gone for a day for the same reason; one of the office staff was home for a month recuperating from surgery; inclusion exploded; there were the logistics of getting a new vehicle up and running as well as a few vans getting banged up; plus changes in staff and new supervisors. Thank you, staff, for your perseverance and patience.

Susan stated the Lemont Park District should be taking action tonight regarding withdrawing from Tri-County and voting to join SEASPAR. If a resolution is received from Lemont, the SEASPAR Board would be able to act on it at the November 18 meeting. If approved, Susan plans to deliver the resolution to them that same evening. She will email the Board the date and time and asked that they let her know if they'd like to join her.

Dan Garvy asked if the Board was still in favor of Lemont joining SEASPAR. There were no objections.

**Unfinished Business:**

Susan said the levy spreadsheet had been updated to include four months of actual figures. Otherwise, there were no changes.

Mike Adams noted that Wonders equipment had been added to the capital replacement program.

Ron Gunter moved to approve the FY 15-16 Levy Request based on member contributions shown in Column J of the EAV/Member Contribution Worksheet with the understanding that if the Lemont Park District joins the association, contributions will be revised to those indicated in Column L of the EAV/Member Contribution Worksheet. Mike Adams seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay:

Absent, Not Voting: Indian Head Park

Motion Carried Unanimously

**New Business:**

Mike Adams moved to accept the FY 13-14 Audit Report, as presented. Kelly Smith seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Member Entity Projects and Events:**

Ron Gunter is going to Springfield on Friday to make a presentation for an OSLAD grant.

Mike Adams stated the Woodridge Park District received two more grants for a fishing area at Lake Harriett.

Roy Cripe announced he is retiring from the Community Park District of LaGrange Park. His last day is December 23. Dan Garvy congratulated Roy on a long, great career.

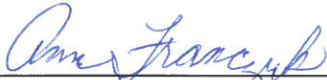
**Adjournment:**

Dean Bissias moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled October 21, 2014, SEASPAR Board Meeting at 4:23 p.m. Stephanie Gurgone 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