

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

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Held
December 16, 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
	Village of Indian Head Park	Richard Andrews
	Community Park District of LaGrange Park	Roy Cripe
	Lisle Park District	Dan Garvy
	Village of Western Springs	Tracy Alden
	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:	Park District of LaGrange	Dean Bissias
Visitors:	Lemont Park District	Louise Egofske
	Community Park District of LaGrange Park	Aleks Briedis
	Recreation Specialist	Rachel Pavesich

Public Comment and Correspondence:

Dan Garvy introduced Aleks Briedis, the new Director of the Community Park District of LaGrange Park, and a new member of SEASPAR's Board. Aleks replaces Roy Cripe who is retiring on December 23, 2014.

* Kelly Smith entered the meeting at 3:33 p.m.

Cathy Morava introduced Rachel Pavesich, who is responsible for children's programming. Rachel made a presentation covering the 43 weekly programs and 21 special events that she oversees this Fall. The Karate program is one that has been really successful due in part to the instructor who is very dedicated to our participants and believes they should have the same opportunities as students without disabilities.

Earlier this month, a group of children went to a Special Kids Day at Wilder Mansion in Elmhurst. They saw Santa, had their picture taken with him, and received many gifts. All had a great time and couldn't wait to tell their parents about the experience.

Rachel talked about Wonders, the new Multi-Sensory Room, and explained how the number of participants experiencing the room has steadily grown since it opened earlier this year. She said the room has attracted new participants who have gone on to sign up for other SEASPAR programs. Wonders won the Agency Excellence Award through ITRS and will be recognized at the January IPRA conference during the ITRS meeting.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Kelly Smith moved to approve the Minutes from the November 18, 2014, Board Meeting; the Cash Disbursements for November in the amount of \$59,829.19; and the Bank Reconciliation from November 2014, as presented. Richard Andrews seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay:

Absent, Not Voting: LaGrange

Motion Carried Unanimously

Recreation Reports:

Cathy Morava said the Holiday Spectacular was a great event and about 200 people attended. Kelly Smith mentioned that she heard the Spectacular was very nice and much shorter this year than last, which people seemed to appreciate.

Matt Corso said the Home Front Health program for disabled veterans in Downers Grove had its first participant sign up today. This is a joint effort between SEASPAR and the Downers Grove Park District. If this program is a success, we may undergo this endeavor in some of our other communities. Discussion ensued.

Fund Development Report:

Lisa Rasin continues to work with WXRT and the Tivoli Theater regarding a fundraiser in the Spring. If anyone has a suggestion for a band, please let her know.

Lisa reported that the new online donation capability has been successful. Almost \$1,000 in donations has been received during the last two weeks.

Executive Director's Report:

Susan Friend stated revenue is above expectations, due in part to the Lions Club donation for the bus. Also expected is a grant from Rep. Bellock. Overall, things are in very good shape.

A \$2,600 donation was received from a family who wanted to add color and enhance the EAGLES Brookfield site. New computer desks, chairs, tables, and artwork have been purchased for that facility.

Donations have also come from members of the Stroke Support Group, a cooperative effort by SEASPAR, Hinsdale Hospital, and LaGrange Memorial Hospital. Greg Pavesich works with this group and a total of \$255 has been received and earmarked for Wonders.

Susan presented Roy Cripe with a gift from the Board and thanked him for his many years of service to the agency. Staff and Board Members congratulated Roy on his upcoming retirement.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

Susan Friend received an email from a Lemont resident who would like to participate in our programs during the Winter/Spring season. The family does not currently participate in another SRA. Susan feels anyone who seeks us out should be able to join now. She also suggested the original motion recommended in her report be changed to remove the section about SEASPAR invoicing the Lemont Park District for the non-resident portion of the fee.

Tracy Alden moved that SEASPAR accept registrations from Lemont Park District residents for the Winter/Spring season at the resident rate. Ron Gunter seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay:

Absent, Not Voting: LaGrange

Motion Carried Unanimously

Member Entity Projects and Events:

Bill McAdam mentioned the Downers Grove Park District's new phone system, which SEASPAR is a part of, is scheduled to be installed in January. Bill explained that six phone numbers at a time will be moved and calls cannot be made or received from these phones during that time. Discussion ensued regarding the features of the new system.

Dan Garvy thanked SEASPAR for all they have done this past year. He thinks the staff are awesome and is proud to be a part of the organization.

Susan responded the agency is grateful for all the support it receives from the Board Members.

Adjournment:

Roy Cripe moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled December 16, 2014, SEASPAR Board Meeting at 4:23 p.m. Richard Andrews seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Dean Bissias, Secretary
South East Association for
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Ann Franczyk, Recording Secretary