

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

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
Held May 19, 2015, at the
Downers Grove Golf Course Clubhouse,
2420 Haddow Avenue, 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	Aleks Briedis
	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:	Lemont Park District	Ryan Jastrzab
	SEASPAR Staff Coordinator	Shannon Tovey
	SEASPAR Intern	Jenny Kougias

Public Comment and Correspondence:

Susan Friend reviewed the letter from HealthMatters, Illinois! accepting the EAGLES into their yearlong health and wellness initiative. Matt Corso explained this program will provide valuable tools to help the EAGLES stay on track with their commitment to a healthy lifestyle.

Shannon Tovey introduced Jenny Kougias, SEASPAR's Summer Intern, who will be with us until August 21.

Jenny said she is currently studying Therapeutic Recreation at the University of St. Francis, and once her internship here is over, she will graduate. She is excited to be working with SEASPAR this summer.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Dean Bissias moved to approve the Minutes from the April 21, 2015, Regular and Executive Session Board Meetings; the Cash Disbursements for April in the amount of \$80,094.19; and the Bank Reconciliation from April 2015, as presented. Mike Adams seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay:

Absent, Not Voting: Brookfield, Indian Head Park

Motion Carried Unanimously

Recreation Reports:

Cathy Morava stated Recreation Specialist Dana Herrera has scheduled an Inclusion Training on May 27 for approximately 25 new Inclusion Aides she is hiring for the summer. Cathy asked the Board to invite Dana to any staff training that the districts may be conducting.

Cathy noted this is a very busy time of year for staff. Programs are wrapping up, staff are preparing input for the fall brochure, working on final arrangements for the Kick-Off picnic on June 7 at Ty Warner Park, and coordinating end-of-season events such as the Music Recital and Actors Guild Performance held this past week.

Matt Corso displayed the trophy the SEASPAR team won at the recent Park Pursuit Challenge. He offered the Board the opportunity to have their picture taken with the trophy.

Matt has received 27 applications for the Marketing Coordinators position. He plans to have the new person on board by this time next month.

* Mary Pezdek entered the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Fund Development Report:

Lisa Rasin thanked the Board for attending today's golf outing. She also thanked Ryan Stulgin for doing an excellent job coordinating the event, and Skuttlebutts for providing the good food. LaGrange Park was the winner of today's tournament.

Lisa stated the plant sales from Bronswood nearly doubled from last year's sales. The Walk and Roll-A-Thon was held last weekend and she estimates \$5,000 was raised.

On July 8, guitarist Scott Kirby is performing in Lemont. Tickets are \$10 each and the restaurant, Gelsosomo, is donating 25% of the food sales to SEASPAR.

Executive Director's Report:

Susan Friend said the Podcast recorded during the Believe & Achieve Banquet is online if any Board Member would like to hear what happened at the event.

Dan Garvy informed the Board that Susan was recognized at the Banquet for 35 years of service. He thanked Susan for her life-long dedication to SEASPAR.

Susan reminded the Board that next month's meeting is at the Lemont Park District. Tours of the facility are offered starting at 2:30 in the Centennial Community Center and then on to The CORE, where the meeting will be held at 3:30. The location of future meetings won't change every month, but periodically. Susan is working on the 2015/2016 schedule.

Regarding the minimum wage change from \$8.00 to \$9.00 per hour that was supposed to take effect July 1, Susan is still waiting to hear from the IAPD about the status.

Unfinished Business:

Nothing.

New Business:

Nothing.

Member Entity Projects and Events:

Ron Gunter said the Westmont Lions Club annual Red, White and Bar-B-Que is this weekend. It's at Ty Warner Park and 17 competitors have registered. Ron also informed the Board that Westmont Park District Board President Diane Main, who has served for 37 years, has a very serious illness.

Dean Bissias stated the Annual LaGrange Pet Parade is scheduled for May 30th. In spite of the recent outbreak of canine flu, a number of dogs will be in the parade.

Mary Pezdek shared a story about a Brookfield Public Works employee who ran from his vehicle to save a woman in a wheelchair whose wheels were caught in the tracks as a train approached. He is to be commended for his bravery.


Adjournment:

Dean Bissias moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled May 19, 2015, SEASPAR Board Meeting at 3:51 p.m. Aleks Briedis 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