# SOUTH EAST ASSOCIATION FOR SPECIAL PARKS AND RECREATION

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Held February 16, 2016, at the Western Springs Recreation Center, 1500 Walker St., Western Springs, IL 60558

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

Present:

Village of Brookfield

Clarendon Hills Park District

Darien Park District

Park District of LaGrange

Community Park District of LaGrange Park

Lemont Park District Lisle Park District

Village of Western Springs Westmont Park District Woodridge Park District

Executive Director

Superintendent

Fund Development Coordinator

Marketing Coordinator Recording Secretary

Absent:

Downers Grove Park District

Village of Indian Head Park SEASPAR Superintendent

Visitors:

Western Springs Recreation Department

Rita Ligeikis

Jay Kelly

Mary Pezdek

Stephanie Gurgone

Kelly Smith

Dean Bissias

Aleks Briedis

Dan Garvy

Bob Fleck

Tracy Alden

Mike Adams

Susan Friend

Morgan Drdak

Ann Franczyk

Brenda O'Laughlin

Catherine Morava

Matt Corso

Lisa Rasin

Louise Egofske

# **Public Comment and Correspondence:**

Dan Garvy thanked Tracy Alden and the Western Springs Recreation Department for hosting today's meeting. Tracy introduced Rita Ligeikis, Recreation Coordinator, who was in attendance.

Susan Friend reported that Kim Huggins was ill and not able to make her scheduled presentation.

Dan commented on the great article recently published in the National Park and Recreation Association newsletter regarding the EAGLES Commit to be Fit program. Susan explained this was the result of a presentation made by Dawn Krawiec and Lisa Rasin at a national symposium in Indiana last week.

## Approval of Consent Agenda:

Dean Bissias moved to approve the Minutes from the January 19, 2016, Board Meeting; the Cash Disbursements in the amount of \$50,236.42; and the Bank Reconciliation from January 2016, as presented. Aleks Briedis seconded the motion.

Voting Aye:

LaGrange, LaGrange Park, Brookfield, Clarendon Hills, Darien, Lemont,

Western Springs, Westmont, Woodridge, Lisle

Voting Nay:

Absent, Not Voting: Downers Grove, Indian Head Park

Motion Carried Unanimously

# **Recreation Reports:**

In Cathy Morava's absence, Susan reported that no viable applications were received for the Inclusion Manager's position. As a result, we will continue to advertise the position in the hopes of getting someone with related experience.

Susan showed the Board a Leisure Education flyer that Morgan Drdak and Cathy updated. This will be sent to teachers participating in the program.

Matt Corso had nothing to add to his report but would be happy to take questions.

# **Fund Development Report:**

Lisa Rasin has signed a contract with American English to perform at the Tivoli. She reminded the Board that the SEASPAR 9-hole golf outing was coming up in May.

### **Marketing Report:**

Morgan Drdak displayed a copy of the Suburban Life newspaper that had a SEASPAR picture on the front cover and a feature story about the agency and its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Kelly Smith inquired about the recent Fish Fry fundraiser. Matt replied reservations were made for about 150 and he received many inquiries wondering if we would do it again next year.

# **Executive Director's Report:**

Susan Friend asked the Board for feedback on the For the Rec(ord) newsletter. She wondered if it contained useful information for the Board's staff and constituents.

One of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations is a reunion of former Board members and staff who served the agency. Susan plans to contact the current Board for assistance with these addresses.

Susan asked how the park districts and villages plan to budget for the projected, alleged minimum wage increase. Some members replied they would deal with it when it became a reality. Dean Bissias said they are budgeting for it but there aren't many employees involved.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

None.

### **New Business:**

Susan said it has been 14 years since the agency substantially revised its Resident/Non-resident Policy and perhaps it is time to take a look at it. Susan does not expect the Board to take any action or make any changes today, but it may be time to review the current policy.

Stephanie Gurgone said if it had the right parameters it could make a program run and benefit residents. She would like to see some numbers and cost, and if a change would keep a program going, it might be good for our constituents. Stephanie inquired about the number of programs that were cancelled due to low enrollment. Susan replied there were 16 that were short the required minimum of 4.

Matt Corso said our website receives about two or three emails a week from people in Lyons, Riverside, Willow Springs and other communities wanting to know if they can sign up for our programs. These were mainly from people in our far eastern and southern boundaries.

After discussion, it was decided that staff should track the number of emails and calls, and where they are coming from, concerning non-residents wanting to register.

# Member Entity Projects and Events:

Mike Adams said the beams were raised for the ARC and the roof would soon be up. He also said SEASPAR has been selected as one of the charities to benefit from the Woodridge Rotary's Mini Triathlon on August 14.

Bob Fleck invited the Board to a roast/retirement party that is being planned to honor Ron Gunter. It will be held in their Fitness Club at 5:00 pm on May 21.

# Adjournment:

Mike Adams moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled February 16, 2016 SEASPAR Board Meeting at 4:20 p.m. Bob Fleck 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