

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

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Held  
March 19, 2019, at the SEASPAR Office,  
4500 Belmont Road, Downers Grove, IL 60515

**Call to Order:** Dan Garvy called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Present:	Village of Brookfield	Stevie Ferrari
	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	Bob Fleck
	Woodridge Park District	Mike Adams
	Executive Director	Matt Corso
	Superintendent	Dawn Krawiec
	Superintendent	Karen Lesniak
	Fund Development Coordinator	Lisa Rasin
	Marketing Coordinator	Morgan Drdak
	Recording Secretary	Carol Kocek
Absent:	Village of Indian Head Park	Brenda O'Laughlin
	Lemont Park District	Louise Egofske
Visitors:	*Recreation Coordinator	Greg Pavesich
	Administrative Assistant	Cathy Marron

**Public Comment and Correspondence:**

Dan Garvy highlighted the letter of appreciation from the Lemont Police Department thanking staff for participating in their Open House for Special Needs Children.

Greg Pavesich reported he recently took on the coordination of Teen and Adult weekly programs and those programs remain solid with only three cancellations this season. He thanked the Park District of LaGrange for hosting the Boccia Cup that included teams from neighboring states. He summarized programs provided at the Center for Independence for individuals with physical challenges, Home Front Health co-sponsored with the Downers Grove and Lemont Park Districts, and Serena's Song Hot Air Balloon. He noted the Center for Independence feeds into the power-soccer program. Home Front Health currently includes 19 veterans in Downers Grove and 23 in Lemont. He stated Serena's Song has provided 2,546 rides to date. He concluded by

sharing his best moment, with the first win for the power soccer team in the tournament. He explained the advancement of the program with the addition of the power soccer chairs and noted over \$15,000 has been donated for chairs. He thanked the Westmont Park District for housing the chairs during the season.

Board members discussed the need for additional chairs to support the success of the program and recommended funds be allocated in the budget to include two chairs.

\*Greg Pavesich left the meeting at 3:19 p.m.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

Dean Bissias moved to approve the February 19, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes, Cash Disbursements in the amount of \$52,001 and the Bank Reconciliation from February 28, 2019, as presented. Bob Fleck seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: Indian Head Park, Lemont

Motion Carried Unanimously

**Recreation Report:**

Dawn Krawiec stated the SO basketball teams attended tournaments over the weekend. The Gray Team earned a bronze medal, and two athletes earned Special Olympics “Spirit of the Game” awards. She reported the Youth Coordinator has been selected and an announcement would be made soon.

Dan Garvy thanked Dawn for the heartwarming Kids Club moment and accompanying photo she included in her report.

**Administrative Services Report:**

Karen Lesniak reported she and Kim Huggins viewed a PDRMA webinar further defining the pilot program for the Loss Control Review. She updated the Board on the progress of current capital improvement projects.

**Fund Development Report:**

Lisa Rasin clarified the date of the 9-Hole Golf Outing on May 17. She updated the Board on the upcoming concert and City BBQ fundraiser. She stated City BBQ donated the food for Trivia Night.

**Marketing Report:**

Dan Garvy inquired about Google Ads and Morgan explained she signed up for the grant which offers free ads for SEASPAR and free marketing assistance through college marketing students.

**Executive Director’s Report:**

Matt Corso highlighted the recent LaGrange Highlands Middle School Ability Awareness Day.

Matt Corso thanked Full-Time staff for keeping everything running smoothly during staff family leaves and other staff transitions.

Matt stated Board members would be receiving invitations to the Believe & Achieve Banquet on Wednesday, May 15. He noted the venue has changed to the Sheraton Lisle Naperville and is pleased we are able to be in a member community. He noted most member mayors were invited.

Matt offered to coordinate reservations for annual Legislative Dinner in Springfield.

\*Greg Pavesich returned to the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

**Unfinished Business:**

Dan Garvy thanked Matt for his comprehensive research related to the vehicle replacement recommendations. After discussion, Bob Fleck moved to reject all bids received on January 22, 2019, for the purchase of a new bus. Kelly Smith seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously. The Board directed Matt to request bids based on his revised recommendations.

**New Business:**

Dan Garvy expressed his appreciation for Matt's comprehensive memorandum outlining the FY2019-2020 Budget, making review easier for the Board. Dan Garvy acknowledged the financial cushion would support the impact of the upcoming minimum wage increase.

Matt highlighted budget items. He noted that Brookfield EAGLES maintained staffing with two, however Darien would be increasing by one to provide a more balanced program based on site needs. He noted the success of the Lisle Sensory Room and the addition of a sensory room in Western Springs. He noted the need to replace the 2011 Blues and Clementine buses and the Ram Van next year. He reported he did not include an IMRF voluntary contribution and the Board could review the option near the end of the calendar year as a payment would not need to be made until mid-December.

**Member Entity Projects and Events:**

Mike Adams reported the Woodridge Park District will be renaming the Community Center in honor of Board member Fred Hohnke with a ceremony on April 26, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

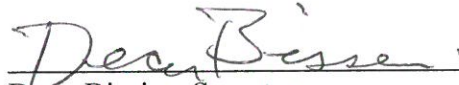
Aleks Briedis stated this would be his last meeting representing LaGrange Park.

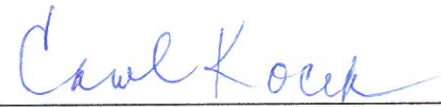
Dan Garvy thanked Matt Corso and Cathy Morava for attending the recent Village of Lisle Board meeting and Dawn Pope who presented a well-written letter on behalf of SEASPAR and SASSED. He commented this carried a lot of weight with the mayor, who agreed to suggest the release of \$324,000 impact fees to the Lisle Park District.

**Adjournment:**

Bob Fleck moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled Board Meeting of March 19, 2019, at 3:56 p.m. Ray Jasica seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Dean Bissias, Secretary  
South East Association for  
Special Parks And Recreation

  
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Carol Kocek, Recording Secretary