

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

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Held
July 16, 2019, at the SEASPAR Office,
4500 Belmont Road, Downers Grove, IL 60515

Call to Order: Mike Adams called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present:	Village of Brookfield	Stevie Ferrari
	Darien Park District	Stephanie Gurgone
	Downers Grove Park District	Bill McAdam
	Park District of LaGrange	Dean Bissias
	Lemont Park District	Louise Egofske
	Village of Western Springs	Ray Jasica
	Woodridge Park District	Mike Adams
	Executive Director	Matt Corso
	Superintendent	Karen Lesniak
	Fund Development Coordinator	Lisa Rasin
	Marketing Coordinator	Morgan Mason
	Admin. Services Manager	Carol Kocek
Absent:	Clarendon Hills Park District	Kelly Smith
	Lisle Park District	Dan Garvy
	Village of Indian Head Park	Rita Farrell Mayer
	Community Park District of LaGrange Park	Dean Carrera
	Westmont Park District	Bob Fleck
	Superintendent	Dawn Krawiec
Visitors:	Recreation Coordinator	Molly Downing
	Administrative Assistant	Cathy Marron

Public Comment and Correspondence:

Mike Adams asked that the minutes reflect that Molly Downing gave her presentation on summer camps before the meeting.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Dean Bissias moved to approve the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes dated June 18, 2019, Cash Disbursements in the amount of \$25,676.45 and Bank Reconciliation dated June 30, 2019, as presented. Ray Jasica seconded the motion.

Voting Aye: LaGrange, Western Springs, Brookfield, Darien, Downers Grove, Lemont, Woodridge.

Voting Nay: None
Absent, Not Voting: Clarendon Hills, Indian Head Park, LaGrange Park, Lisle, Westmont.
Motion Carried Unanimously

Recreation Report:

Matt Corso thanked Bob Fleck and the Westmont Park District for use of Ty Warner Park for the Eagles & Friends Picnic on July 12. The picnic included four area SRAs with approximately 200 individuals in attendance.

Administrative Services Report:

Karen Lesniak announced she met with Mary Pederson, PDRMA representative, yesterday and visited EAGLES, the Wonders Room, and Kids Camp at Belle Aire Elementary School. She reported Mary seemed pleased with her observations and discussed the challenges experienced during the summer. Mary made a few suggestions that Karen said will be helpful during the upcoming review.

Fund Development Report:

Lisa Rasin thanked the Board for their support of the Golf Classic and the Woodridge Park District for hosting the event at Village Greens.

Marketing Report:

Morgan Mason reported that fall brochures were mailed.

Executive Director's Report:

Matt Corso reported donations received in memory of Emma Beatty are close to \$1,000 and contributions continue to be received. Also, donations made on behalf of Serena's Song are \$1,125. Three of six flights were successful.

Matt announced as part of the parking lot renovations and reconstruction, five trees were removed earlier today. Bill McAdam added the project is expected to wrap up in September.

Matt briefly reviewed the Summary of Winter/Spring Participants and Service Hours report previously discussed before the meeting.

Matt advised that as part of the agency's strategic plan he will meet with a consultant to assist with the development of a new plan moving forward. He commented he will use results from the last participant survey taken in 2017 as a guide in developing the new plan. He reminded Board Members that most goals from the last strategic plan were achieved. Matt stated he will continue to update the Board as he moves forward with this project.

Matt mentioned a recent inclusion situation at a member entity camp and felt discussion by Board Members along with better preparation and updated guidelines for parents and staff were needed. After discussion of more challenging campers, behaviors and medical requirements, and parents understanding of what an aide's role is in the program, many members thought parents

had expectations that services received at schools would be the same for camps. Board Members discussed nonresidents receiving inclusion services and accommodations being made. Suggestions were made that member entities accepting non-resident registrations should charge non-resident fees. Also, camp information and guidelines should be updated to include "reasonable accommodations," and ratio of staff to campers to educate parents. Matt stated that SEASPAR would host a training session for member entity staff in the spring, as a way of continuing to educate and train staff. Matt said he is open to all suggestions.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Member Entity Projects and Events:

Bill McAdam announced the BBQ Bolt 5K Run/Walk scheduled for Saturday, July 20, is tentative due to the excessive heat warning. A decision will be made by Thursday but is likely it will be rescheduled for participants' safety. Bill said he will advise once the final decision is made.

Matt reminded everyone that there is no August meeting and the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is September 17.

Adjournment:

At 4:17 p.m., Ray Jasica moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled Board Meeting of June 18, 2019. Dean Bissias seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Dean Bissias, Secretary
South East Association for
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Cathy Marron, Recording Secretary