

SOUTH EAST ASSOCIATION FOR SPECIAL PARKS AND RECREATION

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Held
October 17, 2023, at the SEASPAR Office
4500 Belmont Road, Downers Grove, IL 60515

Call to Order: Bill McAdam called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present:	Clarendon Hills Park District	Kathy Forzley?
	Darien Park District	Stephanie Gurgone
	Downers Grove Park District	Bill McAdam
	Village of Indian Head Park	Amy Eckert
	Park District of La Grange	Jenny Bechtold
	Lemont Park District	Louise Egofske
	Lisle Park District	Dan Garvy
	Village of Western Springs	Rita Ligeikis
	Westmont Park District*	Bob Fleck
	Woodridge Park District	Jenny Knitter
	Executive Director	Matt Corso
	Superintendent	Dawn Krawiec
	Superintendent	Karen Lesniak
	Marketing Coordinator	Laura Pulido
	Recording Secretary	Morgan Mason

Absent:	Village of Brookfield	Luke Gundersen
	Community Park District of La Grange Park	Jessica Cannaday

Visitors: None

Public Comment and Correspondence:

None.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Dan Garvy moved to approve the Minutes from the September 19, 2023, Board Meeting; Minutes from the September 19, 2023, Executive Board Meeting; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$116,219.39; the Bank Reconciliation ending September 30, 2023; the Income Statement from September 2023; and Current Investments for September 2023 as presented. Jenny Bechtold seconded the motion.

Voting Aye: Lisle, La Grange, Clarendon Hills, Darien, Indian Head Park, Lemont,
Western Springs, Woodridge, Downers Grove

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: Brookfield, La Grange Park, Westmont

Motion Carried Unanimously

Recreation Report:

Dawn Krawiec added to her report that former Youth Coordinator Sylvia Dobbins has accepted the Program Manager position. One of the other candidates for the position was identified as an ideal fit for the Youth Coordinator position and accepted the job. Stephanie Stocks will begin as SEASPAR's Youth Coordinator on October 30.

*Bob Fleck entered the meeting at 3:06 p.m.

Administrative Services Report:

Karen Lesniak had nothing to add to her report.

Marketing Report:

Laura Pulido noted from her report that fall outreach has focused on historically underserved communities and the events have been fun.

Executive Director's Report:

Matt Corso added to his report that former Board member Ray Jasica sent his salutations to the Board.

Matt added to his report that the Willowbrook Meet-and-Greet on October 16 went well, although only two of the families who RSVP'd attended. Another meeting in Willowbrook on December 13 will be specific to assisting families with registration for the winter/spring season, and more attendance is anticipated for that meeting.

Matt added to his report that he had discussed with the Executive Board the trouble he is having obtaining a new agency vehicle for the Executive Director. Discussion ensued, and the Board expressed understanding of the situation and directed Matt to confer with legal counsel and draw up any necessary paperwork to allow him to purchase a vehicle on his own up to an authorized dollar amount.

Unfinished Business:

FY2024 Budget and Levy Request

Matt Corso presented the budget and levy request for FY2024. He noted that it is time to increase the levy rate, as ten of the twelve member entities were paying more in contributions in 2010 than they are currently. He noted that the budget presented is a worst-case scenario that does not include anticipated grant funds. The proposed levy rate remains lower than most other special recreation associations. The Board complimented staff on the development of the budget. Discussion ensued about the financial impacts of many new or proposed pieces of legislation.

Louise Egofske moved to approve the FY2024 levy request rate of .0165% of 2022 EAVs and the FY2024 operating and capital projects budgets. Dan Garvy seconded the motion.

Voting Aye: Lemont, Lisle, Clarendon Hills, Darien, Indian Head Park, La Grange,
Western Springs, Westmont, Woodridge, Downers Grove
Voting Nay: None
Absent, Not Voting: Brookfield, La Grange Park
Motion Carried Unanimously

New Business:

Executive Session Minutes and Recordings

Bob Fleck moved to publicly release the executive session minutes from the meetings held on April 11, 2023 and September 19, 2023. Jenny Knitter seconded the motion.

Voting Aye: Westmont, Woodridge, Clarendon Hills, Darien, Indian Head Park, La Grange, Lemont, Lisle, Western Springs, Downers Grove
Voting Nay: None
Absent, Not Voting: Brookfield, La Grange Park
Motion Carried Unanimously

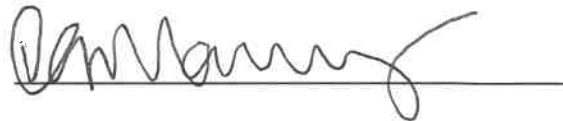
Member Entity Projects and Events:

Board members discussed their upcoming programs and projects.

Adjournment:

Bob Fleck moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled Board Meeting of October 17, 2023, at 3:34 p.m. Dan Garvy seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Garvy, Secretary
South East Association for
Special Parks And Recreation



Morgan Mason, Recording Secretary