

SOUTH EAST ASSOCIATION FOR SPECIAL PARKS AND RECREATION

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Held
April 15, 2025, at the SEASPAR Office
4500 Belmont Road, Downers Grove, IL 60515

Call to Order: Louise Egofske called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present:	Village of Brookfield	Luke Gundersen
	Clarendon Hills Park District*	Katie Gock
	Darien Park District	Stephanie Gurgone
	Village of Indian Head Park	Amy Eckert
	Community Park District of La Grange Park	Juan Montes
	Lemont Park District	Louise Egofske
	Lisle Park District	Dan Garvy
	Westmont Park District*	Bob Fleck
	Village of Willowbrook*	Dustin Kleefisch
	Woodridge Park District	Don Ritter
	Executive Director	Matt Corso
	Superintendent	Dawn Krawiec
	Superintendent	Karen Lesniak
	Marketing Coordinator	Laura Pulido
	Recording Secretary	Morgan Mason
Absent:	Downers Grove Park District	Bill McAdam
	Park District of La Grange	Jenny Bechtold
	Village of Western Springs	Aleks Briedis
Visitors:	None	

Public Comment and Correspondence:

Matt Corso passed around the Illinois Park and Recreation Association 2024 Annual Report, which featured a photo from SEASPAR's receipt of the Distinguished Accreditation plaque at the 2024 conference.

*Dustin Kleefisch entered the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

*Katie Gock entered the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Dan Garvy moved to approve the Minutes from the March 18, 2025, Board Meeting; List of Disbursements in the amount of \$104,828.03; the Bank Reconciliation ending March 31, 2025; the Income Statement from March 2025; and Current Investments for March 2025 as presented. Dustin Kleefisch seconded the motion.

Voting Aye: Lisle, Willowbrook, Brookfield, Clarendon Hills, Darien, Indian Head Park,
La Grange Park, Lemont, Woodridge
Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: Downers Grove, La Grange, Western Springs, Westmont
Motion Carried

Recreation Report:

Dawn Krawiec added to her report that Inclusion Manager Bethany Pastrana presented at the recent Illinois Park and Recreation Association Supervisor Symposium regarding inclusion.

Administrative Services Report:

Karen Lesniak noted from her report that she attended a very valuable PDRMA workshop for day camp risk management, and takeaways will be incorporated into the summer day camp trainings and day-to-day operations. Karen also shared that she attended a training on PDRMA's new Essentials of Risk Management form, which requires evidence of specific policies and procedures. Staff will be implementing new policies as required for the form and also incorporating them into upcoming trainings.

Marketing Report:

Laura Pulido added to her report that she hopes to see everyone at the Sips for SEASPAR on Tuesday, May 6 at Miskatonic Brewing Company in Darien. Matt Corso agreed to send the event flyer to Board members.

Executive Director's Report:

Matt Corso welcomed Juan Montes who was attending the meeting on behalf of the Community Park District of La Grange Park.

Matt added to his report that Aleks Briedis is no longer with the Village of Western Springs. He ordered Aleks a farewell gift. Aleks served on the Board for nearly ten years, helping SEASPAR have program space and a dedicated multi-sensory room, and resolving previous inconsistencies with the Village's member contributions. Matt hadn't been notified of Aleks' replacement representative on the Board yet.

Matt congratulated the Lemont Park District on the successful grand opening of Field 32. Six SEASPAR athletes attended and were able to meet with U.S. Congressman Bill Foster and State Representative Nicole La Ha. Louise Egofski noted that it was a great event with lots of people, especially children, and the park district looks forward to hosting SEASPAR's Spartans Softball games.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

Review of Prior Executive Session Minutes and Recordings

Dan Garvy moved to approve staff's recommendation to authorize the destruction of the executive session recording dated September 19, 2023. Dustin Kleefisch seconded the motion.

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

Member Entity Projects and Events:

Luke Gundersen reported that May 3 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. is the grand opening for the Village of Brookfield's first ADA-accessible park, Ehlert Park.

Adjournment to Executive Session

At 3:20 p.m., Dustin Kleefisch moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled Board Meeting of April 15, 2025, to Executive Session under Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act for the discussion of the employment, compensation, and performance of the Executive Director. Luke Gundersen seconded the motion.

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

*Bob Fleck entered the meeting at 3:27 p.m.

Reconvene in Public Session:

The regularly scheduled SEASPAR Board Meeting of April 15, 2025, reconvened in public session at 3:45 p.m.

Action Following Executive Session:

Dan Garvy moved to approve an employment contract between SEASPAR and the Executive Director. Amy Eckert seconded the motion.

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

Adjournment

Bob Fleck moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled Board Meeting of April 15, 2025, at 3:46 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