

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

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Held
September 9, 2025, 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:

Village of Brookfield	Luke Gundersen
Clarendon Hills Park District	Katie Gock
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
Community Park District of La Grange Park	Jessica Cannaday
Lemont Park District*	Louise Egofske
Lisle Park District	Dan Garvy
Village of Western Springs	Casey Biernacki
Westmont Park District	Bob Fleck
Village of Willowbrook	Dustin Kleefisch
Woodridge Park District	Jenny Knitter

Executive Director	Matt Corso
Superintendent	Dawn Krawiec
Superintendent	Karen Lesniak
Marketing Coordinator	Laura Pulido
Recording Secretary	Morgan Mason

Absent: None

Visitors: None

Public Comment and Correspondence:

None.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Jenny Knitter moved to approve the Minutes from the July 15, 2025, Board Meeting; List of Disbursements in the amount of \$92,749.26; the Bank Reconciliation ending August 31, 2025; the Income Statement from August 2025; and Current Investments for August 2025 as presented. Dan Garvy seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: Lemont

Motion Carried

Recreation Report:

Dawn Krawiec added to her report that three participants had competed in the Special Olympics Illinois State Golf Tournament the previous weekend and all were successful, with one earning a gold medal.

*Louise Egofske entered the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

Administrative Services Report:

Karen Lesniak noted from her report that great progress has been made on the Risk Management Review, with a goal to finish by the end of September. She also noted that she is preparing safety supplies and trainings for fall.

Marketing Report:

Laura Pulido added to her report that Dan Garvy had won last month's EmpowerWear Store challenge and received a gift bag.

Executive Director's Report:

Matt Corso added to his report that the summer service hours would be presented in October, but it looks like the summer and fall seasons will be strong.

Matt added that a Sips for SEASPAR fundraising event was held at Alter the previous week, and noted the "friendraising" benefits.

Matt added that September 22 is the 17th anniversary of the start of the EAGLES Adult Day Program. Their 5K this year will be hosted on October 15 at McCollum Park.

Matt added that member contribution invoices will be sent on October 15.

Bill McAdam inquired about the IDHS audit. Matt reported that the audit will be complete once SEASPAR responds with corrective actions for the three deficiencies identified.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

FY2026 Budget and Levy Discussion

Matt Corso provided an overview of his memo to the Board regarding the 2026 budget and levy. Discussion ensued regarding the availability of the Cook County members' EAVs and how changes after budget approval could impact actual expected revenue. Bill McAdam confirmed concurrence among the Board for the .005% increase to the levy rate. Discussion ensued regarding registration revenue increases and their impacts on families. Jessica Cannaday expressed concern with the cost of inclusion services. Discussion ensued regarding different schools of thought regarding the use of the special recreation levy, and how member entity boards need to understand the value of SEASPAR. Additional discussion ensued regarding the future years' projected fund balance and the need to decrease projected interest revenue.

Member Entity Projects and Events:

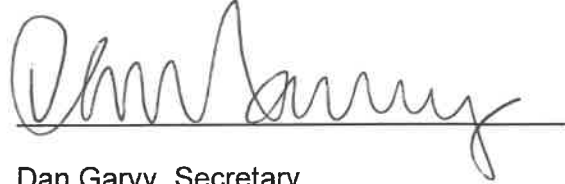
Dan Garvy reported that the feasibility study for a new Lisle Park District building is complete and a referendum will be forthcoming.

Amy Eckert inquired about additional ways SEASPAR could build awareness in Indian Head Park. Suggestions were made and it was noted that a cooperative program is planned with Briar Place residents. Matt Corso will provide additional information for Amy to share with the Village President.

Adjournment

Bob Fleck moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled Board Meeting of September 9, 2025, at 4:18 p.m. Dan Garvy seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Morgan Mason", written over a horizontal line.

Morgan Mason, Recording Secretary