

# SOUTH EAST ASSOCIATION FOR SPECIAL PARKS AND RECREATION

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Held  
February 17, 2026, 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*	Matt Odom
	Clarendon Hills Park District*	Katie Gock
	Darien Park District	Stephanie Gurgone
	Downers Grove Park District	Bill McAdam
	Village of Indian Head Park	Amy Eckert
	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:	Park District of La Grange	Jenny Bechtold
	Community Park District of La Grange Park	Jessica Cannaday
Visitors:	Recreation Coordinator	Christina Healy
	Village of Brookfield*	Stevie Ferrari

**Public Comment and Correspondence:**

***Presentation by Recreation Coordinator Christina Healy, CTRS***

Matt Corso introduced Recreation Coordinator Christina Healy, who oversees the Teen and Adult Weekly program area. Christina provided her background, noting that she began as an intern with SEASPAR in May 2021, then became the Recreation Specialist and was promoted to Coordinator in June of 2022. Christina compared teen and adult weekly program offerings from 2022-2026, noting the steady growth. She provided highlights from programs over the last year, including taking the powerlifting athletes to the SOILL State competition, her work with the Actors Guild on their performance of *The Jungle Book*, caddying for an athlete in Special Olympics State Golf, key moments from Horseback Riding Lessons, the evolution of Cooking with SEASPAR, her experience at Camp Timber Pointe, and many participant successes from those programs. Christina noted her accomplishments from the past year, including increased involvement in ATRA and IPRA, increased programming including a new year-round offering, and supervising the Recreation Specialist. She discussed her 2026 goals, which include continuing the expansion of programs, strengthening SEASPAR's relationships with local

businesses and agencies, and organizing an art show to showcase the work that participants do in programs like Creative Corner. Christina also noted that her personal goals include increased involvement in ATRA, observing more programs, and looking into certifications relating to behavior management. The Board thanked her for her presentation.

\*Katie Gock entered the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

\*Matt Odom and Stevie Ferrari entered the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

Jenny Knitter moved to approve the Minutes from the January 20, 2026, Board Meeting; the List of Disbursements in the amount of \$113,451.65; the Bank Reconciliation ending January 31, 2026; the Income Statement from January 2026; and Current Investments for January 2026 as presented. Louise Egofski seconded the motion.

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

**Recreation Report:**

Dawn Krawiec added to her report that a long-time part-time staff member was hired for the Brookfield EAGLES Site Director position. She thanked the Board for making the Site Director positions full-time with benefits, noting the change's quick impact on filling the open position.

Jenny Knitter congratulated Dawn on the adaptive ice skating program partnership.

**Administrative Services Report:**

Karen Lesniak noted from her report the trainings she attended and those that she organized for full- and part-time staff.

**Marketing Report:**

Laura Pulido had nothing to add to her report.

**Executive Director's Report:**

Matt Corso noted from his report that the participation data was presented in the Board packet. He stated that the trends were predictable, including the increases in inclusion services and summer day camp participation. He noted that he compares each community's service hours with their contribution and population, and the proportions generally align within a percentage or two. He stated that the data can be made more specific to any of the communities served upon request.

Matt added to his report that the auditors performed two days of fieldwork the first week of February, noting that the process was very smooth. A rough draft is expected by the end of February, but the IMRF input delays the report, so it will be presented to the Board for approval in April or May.

Matt noted from his report that the March meeting will be delayed a week due to the election.

Matt added to his report that the 2027 Believe & Achieve Recognition Banquet was scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2027.

Bob Fleck inquired about transportation of the Power Soccer chairs for tournaments. Discussion ensued.

**Unfinished Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

***Review of Organizational Chart***

Matt Corso stated that the organizational chart has been presented to the Board for awareness, and it is posted in all required locations.

***Approval of Day Camp Transportation Bid***

Bob Fleck moved to approve the day camp transportation bid submitted by First Student of \$83 per hour per bus. Dustin Kleefisch seconded the motion.

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

***Approval of Revised General Operating Policies Manual***

Matt Corso presented the revised General Operating Policies Manual. Discussion ensued regarding the threshold for the Executive Director's approval of expenditures. Matt noted that the manual is updated approximately annually so he will consider a change for the next revision.

Bob Fleck moved to approve the revised General Operating Policies Manual as presented. Amy Eckert seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

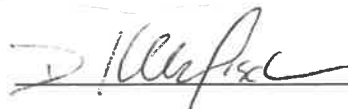
**Member Entity Projects and Events:**

Stevie Ferrari introduced Matt Odom as the new Board representative from Brookfield. Matt is the new Director of Parks and Recreation for the Village. The Board welcomed him.

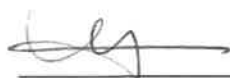
**Adjournment**

Jenny Knitter moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled Board Meeting of February 17, 2026, at 3:36 p.m. Bob Fleck seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Dustin Kleefisch, Secretary  
South East Association for  
Special Parks And Recreation



Morgan Mason, Recording Secretary