

SOUTHWEST SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION
12521 SOUTH KOSTNER
ALSIP, IL 60803

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

April 8, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of South West Special Recreation Association (SWSRA) was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Director Suhs. The meeting was held at the Worth Park District, Worth, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Present at roll call were:

MIDLOTHIAN PARK DISTRICT	EVELYN GLEASON
ALSIP PARK DISTRICT	JEANETTE HUBER
PALOS HEIGHTS RECREATION DEPT.	MIKE LEONARD
SUMMIT PARK DISTRICT	TOM SUHS
JUSTICE PARK DISTRICT	CALI DEBELLA
BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT	AUSTIN SANDUSKY

SWSRA STAFF PRESENT:

LORI CHESNA	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MARGE COZZONE	BUSINESS MANAGER
ERIN LYNCH	SUPERINTENDENT

ABSENT

POSEN PARK DISTRICT	REPRESENTATIVE
VILLAGE OF MERRIONETTE PARK	BRENDA DZIALLO

GUESTS:

CARLO CAPALBO	WORTH PARK DISTRICT
BOB RUSSO	WORTH PARK DISTRICT

ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA:

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2009

Motion made by Director Huber to approve Minutes of Regular Meeting held on March 11, 2009. Motion was seconded by Director Leonard. All Directors were in favor; none opposed.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Director Leonard. Director Gleason made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report with a combined ending balance of \$144,835.05 plus two certificates of deposit. The motion was seconded by Director Huber. Roll was called with all directors voting yes. The motion carried, 6—0.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. **MARCH HIGHLIGHTS**
Erin Lynch, Superintendent, reported that the Chicago Bulls was enjoyed by all who attended. Pet Therapy and Quigley's Irish Pub were cancelled. Theater Night: Funny Girl at Oak Lawn was a big hit and the maximum number of participants attended. Key Lime Cove went very well. Six people signed up (one was a new person from Burbank).
- B. **EMPLOYEE/VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH**
Our Business Manager, Marge Cozzone, has been named Employee of the Month. Lori said that Marge was chosen because she has such a good attitude around the office.
- C. **WALK/RUN/ROLL RACE**
Lori advised that as of April 2nd we only have three individuals registered despite all the marketing and PR that we have done. The registration deadline is April 15th, so we are going to be pushing hard these last two weeks to get people registered. Lori said that she has no intention of cancelling it. We were going to have booths, but Lori may have to scale back a bit. Lori did tell the committee that 7:00 a.m. is a bad start time, especially for people with a disability. The other big obstacle is our area games—all day Saturday is our Track and Field event.
- D. **WORTH BUILDING**
Lori is meeting today or in the near future to work out a contract to have some sort of stability in writing. We will need plenty of notice if we needed to vacate the building. The Worth board has two new board members and will continue to change in the future. Lori will present this at the next board meeting. The old Alsip offices will be filled in by Marge and Denise.
- E. **MAY MEETING REMINDER**
Executive Director Chesna reminded the board that the May meeting will be on the third Wednesday (May 20th) and will be in the evening at 7:00 p.m. at Alsip Park District. Changing of officers will take place at this meeting.
- F. **PARENT/CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**
Last month we had Kathy Kirkwood from Learning Disabilities of Illinois. Residents and non-residents are attending. This free support group is really a service that we are providing. The speaker for the April 20th meeting will be a representative from Elim Christian Services who will highlight the various services that Elim provides.
- G. **SWSRA BUDGET (FINAL) TO BE APPROVED**
The Board discussed the percentage that would be considered for raises, but decided to wait to go into Executive Session to finalize this.

Lori talked about the PR/Marketing position becoming a full time position. She also talked about the strategic plan and said that she took inventory to see where we were at and where we are going. Lori feels that many of the goals are already complete. Lori wants to have Chuck Stokey (his college) do a long term goals assessment. We could work with them if they will accept us.

Lori stated that she has allotted \$2,000 for web maintenance. The part-time person will be leaving, and she hasn't had the time to train Denise.

IMRF was discussed and the fact that our rate has not increased as feared. In fact, Marge Cozzone said that our rate is 8.6% which is down from 8.97% and it will remain that percentage until the end of the year. We will be advised of our rate for 2010 in November of this year.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT - None.

CORRESPONDENCE –

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. RECREATION - No report.

B. FINANCE

1. Approval of Bills & Payroll

Motion made by Director Huber to approve bills for the month of March, 2009 in the amount of \$8,725.44. Motion was seconded by Director DeBella. Roll was called with all Directors voting yes. The motion passed 6 —0.

C. PLANNING & POLICY – No report

D. PUBLIC RELATIONS - No report

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Director Leonard at 10:40 a.m. and seconded by Director Gleason. All Directors were in favor; none opposed.

A motion to adjourn the Executive Session was made at 10:57 a.m. by Director DeBella and seconded by Director Leonard. All Directors were in favor; none opposed.

Upon returning to the regular meeting, a motion was made by Director DeBella to approve the 2009-2010 budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Leonard. Roll was called with all directors present voting yes. The motion passed 6—0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Director DeBella to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Director Sandusky. All Directors were in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Marge Cozzone, Corresponding Secretary

Austin Sandusky, Corporate Secretary

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