

Minutes of the South Suburban Park and Recreation Professional Association Legislative Committee Meeting held via Zoom Platform on Monday, August 1, 2022, at 1:00PM.

### **GENERAL FUNCTIONS:**

<b>Call to order</b>	Committee Chair Hollice Clark called the meeting to order at 1:05PM
<b>Attendance</b>	The following were present Committee Chair Hollice Clark – Calumet Memorial Park District, Co-Chair Greg Lewis – New Lenox Community Park District, Jeanette Huber – Alsip Park District, Renee Chavez – Crete Park District, Beth Nagel – Frankfort Park District, Jennifer Fullerton – Hickory Hills Park District, Debbie Kopas – Homewood Flossmoor Park District, Louise Egofski – Lemont Park District, Bill Riordan – Lockport Park District, Jay Kelly – Manhattan Park District, Ed Jun – Midlothian Park District, Greg Vatale – Mokena Park District, Amy Maher – New Lenox Community Park District, Cindy Granan – Oak Forest Park District, Lisa Drewiecki – SSSRA, Shawn Roby – Tinley Park Park District, Ryan Veldman – Tinley Park Park District, Jacque Tuma – New Lenox Community Park District.
<b>Welcome – New Members/ First Time Attendees</b>	None
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Approval to accept the July 11, 2022, minutes as presented. Motion by Greg Lewis, second by Shawn Roby.
<b>Special Guest</b>	None
<b>IAPD/IPRA News</b>	<p><u><i>OSLAD Grant Updates – FY 2023 OSLAD Cycle Opening Up Soon</i></u> Co-Chair Lewis commented the IDNR is moving to a new system with the help from retired professionals to help with the process. This cycle has the largest funding to date. The application process deadline should be announced soon. Co-Chair Lewis noted we will be submitting for final payment on Sky Harbor shortly. Bill from Lockport noted he submitted back in January and still hasn't heard anything. Shawn from Tinley noted there is funding for IDNR staff with the possibility of the cycle being extended. Co-Chair Lewis noted we will be applying while we close one grant. Shawn noted his typically end with each other potentially. Co-Chair Lewis commented we have several going at once one completing, one being awarded and bidding, and one for submittal. It was noted another contact person is Drew Day. Chair Clark thought they brought in ex-executive directors to help behind the scenes. Make sure to get your applications in and they are filled out correctly.</p> <p><u><i>\$125 Million in Grant Funding Available through ITEP</i></u> It was noted there is also funding available to apply for through ITEP. Submittal timeframe is September 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><u><i>Legislative Updates – 2022-2023 Legislative Survey Late August/September 2022</i></u> Co-Chair Lewis noted this survey is what sets the 2-year platform. He also noted he has already brought Shawn and Jeanette's concerns up to Jason Anselment.</p>

IPRA Education Roadshow

Shawn Roby noted there has been discussion on whether to continue this as there is a lot of overlapping in educational session that can be done via virtually. It was noted in person networking is good, but somethings are starting to overlap. The roadshow was supposed to help be a more central location but with the virtual sessions it seems to be more beneficial. They will continue to work with U of I and Dr. Payne on topics that will benefit everyone. It was noted for everyone to put the Chicagoland Directors luncheon on their calendars to attend and to try to bring it closer to the southland.

**Tasks and  
Timelines**Job Openings/Staffing

Everyone has a lot of job openings. A lot of districts are raising their entry level wage.

Other News and Notes2022 – 2023 Membership Application – Emailed 7.27.22

Everyone was emailed out their membership application; please get your membership application and fees paid as soon as you can.

Will County Districts – American Rescue Plan Funding (application due 8/12)

Co-Chair Lewis noted our Hibernia Grant qualifies for this application with the permanent washrooms which will help migrate COVID. Bill noted there are very small margins according to the qualified census tract. Co-Chair Lewis noted population seems to not be calculated 100% accurate.

NRPA Conference (September 20<sup>th</sup> – September 22<sup>nd</sup> Phoenix, AZ)

A lot of districts will be attending this conference.

Chair Clark asked if everyone could send their dress code policy so he can re-do his districts. Homewood Flossmoor has a strict no jean policy and shorts only if it is job appropriate. Tinley Park front desk not allowed to wear jeans and its business casual with everyone receiving a summer shirt and polos. New Lenox Park District mix and match everyone needs to look nice.

**Executive Committee  
Updates/Comments**

None

Next meeting is Monday, September 12, 2022, location is TBD

**Adjournment**

At approximately 1:35PM Committee Chair Clark called the SSPRPA Legislative Committee Meeting of August 1, 2022, to close.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jacque Tuma – New Lenox Community Park District