

Minutes of the South Suburban Park and Recreation Professional Association Legislative Committee Meeting held at Dellwood Park Community Center – Lockport Park District on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 12:00PM.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS:

Call to order Committee Chair Hollice Clark called the meeting to order at 12:15PM

Attendance The following were present Committee Chair Hollice Clark – Calumet Memorial Park District, Co-Chair Greg Lewis – New Lenox Community Park District, Mike Leonard – Channahon Park District, Bill Riordan – Lockport Park District, Pete Hall – 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, Olga Viano – New Lenox Community Park District, Mike Selep – NWCSRA, Jill Mukushina, NWCSRA, Cindy Granan – Oak Forest Park District, Tom Hartwig – Oaklawn Park District, Matt Fairbanks – Palos Heights Park and Recreation Dept., Matt Russian – Pleasant Dale Park District, and Missy McGrath – New Lenox Community Park District.

**Welcome –
New Members/
First Time
Attendees** None

**Approval of
Minutes** Approval to accept the July 11, 2022, minutes as presented. Motion by Greg Lewis, second by Jay Kelly.

Special Guest None

IAPD/IPRA News *OSLAD Grant Updates – FY 2023 OSLAD /LWCF*
Co-Chair Lewis commented about the new system for uploading your grant application. It is due by Friday, September 30th at 5PM. It was noted to call ahead of time to ask your questions to IDNR and the Amplifund program. It was also noted the funding increased from \$400K to \$600K and that distressed communities do not have to match because there is a potential of 100% funding.

\$125 Million in Grant Funding Available through ITEP (Illinois Transportation Enhancement Project)

It was noted there is also funding available to apply for through ITEP. Submittal timeframe is September 1st through September 30th.

Legislative Updates – 2022-2023 Legislative Survey Due September 16th

Co-Chair Lewis noted to review the 2023 Local Governing Board Act will need to look at by all and have the following on the board – two Commissioners, two residents, and the Executive Director. The survey is huge and will be used for the next years platform for IAPD for the Legislators. DCFS will be one with the language to increase knowledge between those who are licensed and those who are not and why.

IPRA Board Next meeting is October 7th in the southland. Currently elections are up. Conference is being finalized and is held at the Hyatt again next year. Membership renewals are due. If you would like to book a suite, please call IPRA this year to reserve one. There is a strong push for virtual conference again, but it was noted in person is better for teambuilding and networking.

Tasks and

Timelines

Job Openings/Staffing

Everyone has a lot of job openings and still struggling.

Other News and Notes

2022 – 2023 Membership Current 170 SSPRPA Members (21/22= 244)

At this time, we are actually at 205 SSPRPA Members.

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

No update.

NRPA Conference (September 20th – September 22nd Phoenix, AZ)

A lot of districts will be attending this conference.

Executive Committee Updates/Comments

Olga Viano commented there is a workshop being offered by IPRA at Wheeling Park District for facilities on September 30th from 9AM-3:10PM; registration deadline is September 27th. Everyone should have received a link for the budget, bylaws (disband Publicity and Membership Committees) reviewed the task and distribute between the executive board. Operation Manual green text. This is all being presented and voted on in October's meeting. Apparel order T-shirt for full membership "The World is your Playground". Navy blue windbreaker also quarter zip (these are for purchase). Educational workshops in one day on November 17th by Michael Brandwein. He'll presenting all day long 8:30AM-12:30PM (L.A.S.E.R.B.E.A.M) and the PM workshop will be 1PM-4PM. ("Why Don't You Behave?") Different content but lunch will not be provided. It will be at Palos Heights Parks and Recreation. A lot of interaction. There are two committees in the process Parks and Maintenance Committee (Chris and Ryan). Adult Senior Committee (Marie); she's on her 4th or 5th committee. October's Meeting is Oak Lawn and Justin Waters from Oak Lawn will be presenting Help Yourself! A Rec. Supervisor's Guide to Marketing. Social Meetings to start at 2:00-2:30PM to end your day instead of the middle of the day. It would be nice to see the Directors come more to the meetings. Staff is welcome as well. Please promote SSPRPA to your staff. Link in the email for the Strategic Plan the survey is due September 21st. Ask for another email to be sent out.

Legislative Conference is April but more than likely no Parks Day again.

Next meeting is Monday, September 12, 2022, location is Heritage Bluff Clubhouse.

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