



BOARD OF DIRECTORS - REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - NOVEMBER 16, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.
MIDLOTHIAN PARK DISTRICT – 14500 S. Kostner Ave., Midlothian

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Director Whitcomb

II. ROLL CALL – PRESENT:

POSEN PARK DISTRICT	T. J. WHITCOMB, PRESIDENT
HICKORY HILLS PARK DISTRICT	JENNIFER FULLERTON, VICE PRESIDENT
PALOS HEIGHTS RECREATION DEPT.	MATT FAIRBANKS, SECRETARY
WORTH PARK DISTRICT	ROBERT O'SHAUGHNESSY, TREASURER
MIDLOTHIAN PARK DISTRICT	ED JUNG
ALSIP PARK DISTRICT	JEANNETTE HUBER

ROLL CALL - ABSENT:

BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT	TEDDY RUTHENBERG
VILLAGE OF MERRIONETTE PARK	MICHELLE HIGGINS

SWSRA TEAM- PRESENT:

NICOLETTE LAHMAN	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DAWN KEHOE	BUSINESS MANAGER
MARINA UHER	SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION

III. VISITOR AND CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS/CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – OCTOBER 19, 2022
- B. Disbursements – OCTOBER Totaling \$19,205.73
- C. Financial Reports – OCTOBER - Treasurer's Report and Income Statement
Motion made by Director Fullerton, seconded by Director Jung to Approve the Administrative Matters/Consent Agenda as presented. Roll was called with Director Whitcomb, Fullerton, Fairbanks, O'Shaughnessy, Jung, and Huber voting Yes. Motion passed 6 – 0.

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Correspondence - None
- B. Public Recognition – None

VI. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Executive Director Report, Nicolette Lahman – Report was placed on file
 - A. October 2022 Donations/Sponsorships Received vs. October 2021 (**See attached**)
 - B. Recreation Report (**See attached**) – Marina Uher presented Report and it was placed on file
Marina shared 2 testimonials:
 - A non-verbal 3year old was in his Sensory Depot session with his family present and said “all done”. Dad said “you just witnessed a miracle”.
 - Palos Heights resident's guardian said “since he's joined SWSRA programs, because he lost his independence during COVID; she sees that spark back in him again”.

- C. New Member Inquiries/Partnership Programs – Nicolette noted the following:
 1. **Celts Swim School:** Received proposal this morning and distributed a copy to all; noting still in negotiation phase. Shared details of the meeting last week with them and noted we would be interested in doing just individual swim lessons at this time if this is a good fit, noting they manage all the staffing responsibilities. She noted they have some long standing relationship with other SRA’s; SEASPAR and WDSRA and will reach out to them regarding their experiences.
 2. **Palos Park Rec. Department:** Met with Steven DeFalco, Executive Director yesterday about becoming a member of SWSRA. Distributed to all a copy of the “new member packet” she gave to him and shared details of their meeting. Suggestion was made to invite any prospective members to attend one of our Member District’s board meetings for insight.
- D. Transportation Manual Updates – Nicolette distributed the new PDRMA Forms to all.
- E. Upcoming Events – Nicolette asked for support with promoting our upcoming Adaptive Wheel Chair event at your agencies. Also, in regards to brochure blurbs from each agency; we ask that we get a 2-week notice. Director Fullerton asked if it would be possible to have direct mailing of SWSRA’s brochure to their residents.

Nicolette distributed a copy of SWSRA’s brochure to all to display at their agencies. Worth lease renewal was distributed to board for review and vote at next meeting.

Holiday Luncheon with Board after December board meeting on December 14 at Francesca’s, Oak Lawn.

- B. Attorney Report – None

VII. OLD BUSINESS (*= Action or Approval Item) - None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS (*=Action or Approval Item) - None

IX. BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS

Director Huber – Opened bids received yesterday for Apollo Building expansion. Unfortunately, they came in higher than anticipated. Currently reviewing which substantial items we can afford to cut back on.

Director Jung – All Christmas events are full. We have experienced issues with people selling our special event tickets on Facebook that they don’t actually have. Will be moving our Senior Lunch to Wednesday after the 1st of the year in order to not compete with other nearby agencies. Continue to work on our Master Plan.

Director Fairbanks –Holiday events; Kris Kringle Market and Holiday Parade on Harlem. Also, just hired an Administrative Support Supervisor, used IPRA and Indeed; however, candidate turned out to be a resident.

Director Fullerton – Revenue is going up and our Seniors are starting to return since COVID, which is exciting. We have hired 3 candidates recently and Indeed was great to use for us with these hires.

Director O’Shaughnessy – Passing tax levy tomorrow night; EAV dropped as well for Worth. One of the reasons effecting EAV’s is so many people objecting to the astronomical values of their homes. Contemplating to decide if we will be going out for referendum; decision must be made by mid-December for April ballot. Just last night the village surrendered the lease on Altman Park to Worth Park District. Reminder to complete Salary survey due next week. Also, noted their Tree Lighting ceremony is December 2 and all are invited to attend.

Director Whitcomb – In the next couple weeks will be volunteering as Santa Claus for the community. Noted they have always done the Truth and Taxation hearing.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if necessary)

XI. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

XII. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Motion made by Director Huber, seconded by Director Fullerton to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 11:12 a.m. Motion passed by voice vote 6 – 0.