



General Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2023 @ 12:15pm
Rooftop Tap – Palos Heights

Call to Order – 12:27pm

Introductions – No introductions given.

President's Report – Thank you to the Board for all of their work over the past year. Thank you to the Committee chairs and co-chairs for a great year. Thank you to today's sponsors; Turf Tank and Civic Plus.

President Elect Report – I wanted to give a shout out to Gina and Stacy from Frankfort, Olga, and everyone that helped with Parks Day at the Capitol. We had a great time and were able to talk with Legislators. Thank you to everyone that sent us stuff to include as well as the give-a-ways. We had a decent turn out for elections so thank you to those that participated. We did pass the two amendments to our by-laws so those will be updated. Lauren Koszola will be the new Treasurer, the new Secretary will be Delaney Harty, and President Elect will be Sarah Hamilton. We will do the official exchange later.

Past President Report – Thank you to the Board this past year, the last two years of the Board, and to all the committee chairs. Congratulations to the incoming Board and your election results. Lastly, thank you to our sponsors for this meeting and throughout the year. For all the moms and mother figures, have a good Mother's Day.

Secretary's Report – The April meeting minutes have been posted to the website. Reminder to the committee chairs to send their meeting minutes to be posted to the website. Please send any pictures you have as I will be updating those on the website as well. Thank you to the Board and to everyone. It was a great experience serving on the Board.

Motion to approve the April General meeting minutes: Lauren Koszola from Palos Heights Parks & Recreation Department. Second: Sarah Carr, Pleasant Dale Park District.

Motion carries

Treasurer's Report – This is my last meeting so thank you for everything! For our main checking account the beginning balance as of April 1 was \$16,832.65. Deposits for the month totaled \$654.30 and that included the raffle and meeting fees. Our expenses for the month totaled \$4,377.74 and that was for Parks Day, committee chair gifts, committee meetings, and undergrad scholarships. The ending balance as of April 30 was \$13,109.21. For the Wilson Family Fund savings account, our beginning/ending balance was \$1,081.11. For the Wilson Family Scholarship Fund CD, the beginning balance as of April 1 was \$10,789.62. We had interest deposit of \$4.79, so our ending balance as of April 30 was \$10,794.41.

The Treasurer's report has been filed for audit.



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Committee Reports

- **Adult/Senior Committee** (Marie Piotrowski Lemont & Devin Frendreis Homewood-Flossmoor) – Met on April 19 and discussed budgeting, budgeting worksheets, in-house events, luncheons, fall trips, and program ideas. Next meeting is May 17 at 3pm.
- **Athletics** (Skyler Ramberger Mokena & Beth Nagel Frankfort) – Met on April 17 with 9 in attendance. We discussed summer sports, surveys and input, and single day athletic tournaments. Next meeting is May 15.
- **Awards** (Rachel Bauer Mokena & Kristine Wahlgren Romeoville) – We met with the Social Committee on how to make the awards ceremony more special, so more information to come on that. Congrats to all the winners!
- **Day Camp/Teens** (Meghan Fenlon Tinley Park) – Day Camp Committee met for the last time, last month. Day Camp Workshop is on June 2 at the Tinley Park Park District. The theme is “Camp: Everyone Belongs Here”. There will be an opening speaker with three breakout sessions. Information will be emailed the beginning of next week.
- **Diversity** (Keith Wallace LWSRA & Nikki Gotsch Village of Palos Park) – Absent/no report submitted.
- **Early Childhood** (Kelly Matson New Lenox & Devin Frendreis Homewood-Flossmoor) – Met April 20 and discussed end of the year gifts, field trips, busses vs. meeting there, end of the year picnic, and graduation ceremonies and themes. Next meeting is June 1.
- **Facilities** (Cate Coyle Oak Lawn & Joe Smith Palos Heights) – Met on April 26 and discussed technology use in our facilities, parks and with our patrons. Next meeting is May 24 and we will discuss budgets.
- **Legislative** (Hollice Clark Calumet Memorial & Greg Lewis New Lenox) – We were all in Springfield for Parks Day. Shout out to Jacque for reserving Alexanders Steak House for a South Suburban networking event. There were fifty in attendance. Our meetings are scheduled for the second Monday of the month via Zoom.
- **Professional Development** (Olga Viano New Lenox & Beth Nagel Frankfort) – Working on securing meeting locations for next year. If you are interested in hosting, reach out to me. I am also working on securing the educational sessions for next year.
- **School Age** (Rebecca Perkaus Alsip & Sarah Carr Pleasant Dale) – We met and discussed before and after school successes, challenges and improvements. We talked about new program ideas, next years’ meetings, and employing high schoolers vs. adults.



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- **Social** (Lauren Koszola Palos Heights & Brenna Bowers Mokena) – Thanks for coming today! Thank you to Frank with Rooftop Tap for accommodating our group on short notice. Thank you for a great year!
- **Special Events** (Eric Sloyan Palos Heights, Brenna Bowers Mokena & Laurie Murray Pleasant Dale) – We met May 9 and discussed summer events, concerts, movies in the park, and 4th of July.
- **Sponsorship /Marketing** (Amy Maher New Lenox) – Absent/Next meeting May 16. They will be discussing plans for next year.
- **Student** (Delaney Harty Oak Lawn & Marie Piotrowski Lemont) – We did not meet in April, but we issued out those scholarships. We are going to meet this summer and discussing plans for revamping this committee. If you are interested in joining or chairing the committee, let me know.

Old Business

- Strategic Plan – sent out via email. Any questions or concerns about the Strategic Plan? Hearing none, I need a motion to approve the Strategic Plan: Joe Smith, from Palos Heights Parks & Recreation Department. Second: Jacqueline Canty, Oak Lawn Park District.
Motion carries

New Business

- Parks and Natural Resources Committee – The committee has met all of their criteria in forming a new committee. The Board is in favor of the committee. I need a motion to add this committee as part of SSPRPA: Tom Hartwig, Oak Lawn Park District, Second: Hollice Clark Calumet Memorial Park District.
Motion carries
- Budget for 2023-2024 – The budget was sent via email. Any questions or concerns about the 2023-2024 Budget? Hearing none I need a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Budget: Hollice Clark Calumet Memorial Park District. Second: Delaney Harty, Oak Lawn Park District.
Motion carries

Announcements

- Induction of the new SSPRPA Board
The 2023-2024 SSPRPA Board will be as follows: coming into the Board as Secretary is Delaney Harty, Treasurer is Lauren Koszola, and President Elect is Sarah Hamilton. Moving into the President role is Rachel Bauer. Moving into Past President role is Olga Viano. Coming off the Board is Kevin Miller, Secretary: Stacy Proper, and Treasurer:



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Jason Braglia. Thank you to Stacy, Kevin, and Jason for everything you have done during your term. We all worked very well together as a Board to keep in mind the South Suburban vision and goals for the future.

- Split the Pot

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn the meeting: Skyler Ramberger from Mokena Park District,
Second: Leah Pipiras from New Lenox Park District.

Meeting adjourned: 1:03pm