

South  Suburban  
**Park & Recreation**  
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

General Meeting – New Lenox  
October 12, 2017 12:00PM  
Minutes

1. Call to Order – President Marino called the meeting to order at 11:10 AM
2. Introductions
  - a. President Marino asked those in attendance to introduce themselves and state what park district they are from.
  - b. Officers in attendance: Treasurer Wrase, President Marino, President Elect Barry, Past President Smith
3. Officer Reports
  - a. President's Report – Lauren Marino
  - b. President Elect's Report – Josh Barry thanked New Lenox for hosting the meeting for the day. Welcomed everyone
  - c. Past President's Report – Joe Smith wished everyone a happy Halloween.
  - d. Secretary's Report – President Marino asked for a motion to approve the September minutes. Motion was approved by Mary, seconded by Keith Wallace. Minutes approved for September meeting.
  - e. Treasurer Wrase reported the organization started the month with \$6,323.33. Deposits made for the month was \$5,407.24 and the expenses for the month totaled \$3,704.41. Leaving an ending balance on September 30 of \$8,026.16. President Marino asked if there were any questions regarding the Treasurers report, there were no questions. President Marino then noted the report will be filed for the audit.
4. Committee Reports
  - a. **Aquatics**- Representative Mary Crout discussed what they talk about in their meetings when they meet each month. There was no report given from last month's meeting.
  - b. **Athletics**- Representative Chair Martin was not in attendance, no report to give. Next meeting will be Thursday October 19 at 11 am in Palos.
  - c. **Awards**-Chair Rachel Bauer provided an explanation about their committee, there was no report to provide. Bauer noted that once they get closer to the April awards meeting for May, they meet multiple times, during the winter there is no need to meet as much.
  - d. **Community Leader** – Chair Sandy Chevalier gave a brief explanation on what they do as a committee. She then provided an updated that currently there will not be any community leader banquet.
  - e. **Day Camp** Chair Meghan Fenlon discussed about what they do and when they host their Day Camp Workshop. She noted they had sent out a survey to those who attended this year to get their opinions on next year's workshop. She noted they are currently working on find new speakers for the workshop, and offered to the group if they know anyone who would be a good speaker to pass along to Meghan.
  - f. **Early Childhood** Chair Cathy Brauer from Lockport explained how they put on the Back to School Workshop each year. She explained what the workshop was and what they do during the workshop. She did not have a current report to give, but noted their next meeting was at Lockport Park District on October 18 at 1pm.
  - g. **Facilities** – Chair Chris Finn provided an explanation about their committee, what topics they discuss or meet about at each meeting. The committee meets monthly, next meeting will be October 18 at 10am.
  - h. **Legislative** – Chair Hollice Clark was not in attendance for the committee. There was no report.

- i. **Programs** – Chair Olga Viano discussed about the committee, she offered for anyone to join the committee. She did not have a report at this time.
  - j. **Publicity/Membership** –Chair Jen Yuska noted that their committee does evites for meetings, membership and website. Let Yuska or Fenlon know about any changes if needed.
  - k. **Social** – Chair Nicole Yost Thanked everyone who came out for the September social. She thought the September social was a success. They offer a social in September, December, one at the IPRA conference in January and the last one in May. They meet monthly. Their next meeting will be October 26 at DejaBrew in Oak Lawn.
  - l. **Special Events** – Chair Kara Jelderks noted the committee meets once a month. Jelderks noted that the committee has decided to hold off one more year on their vendor showcase, as they wanted to gather more information before they decided to host the vendor showcase again. Their next meeting will be October 17 a Chucks BBQ in Burbank.
  - m. **Sponsorship** –Chair Keith Wallace provide information their committee. Nothing the committee meets before each general meeting, 1 hour before. They work on securing sponsors for each general meeting.
  - n. **Student** – Debbie Peterson noted their goal was to introduce students and professionals. Looking for new members. They offer a special meeting in February to help connect students to professionals in the field.
  - o. **Teens** – Chair Jason Buckholtz said they are meeting on a bimonthly meeting. The Teens next meeting will be October 18 in Tinley at 1pm.
5. Old Business- There was no old business, President Marino asked if there any old business items that were missing from the agenda.
  6. New Business – there was no new business to provide.
  7. IPRA Update – Past President Joe Smith provided information about IPRA as Duane Smith was not present. Smith noted that registration was already under way for the IPRA conference in January. He noted the early bird price for registration and for hotel rates, to lock them in now. Smith then noted one October 20<sup>th</sup> there is to be a Facility Management Workshop, which is new this year, there were only a few spots left for that workshop, anyone interested in attending needed to contact Duane for more information. Keith Wallace noted that the deadline for the IPRA awards was November 9<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in nominating someone for an award, to contact Keith for more information or go online to the IPRA website.
  8. Announcements
    - a. Split the Pot
    - b. IPRF Scholarships – Smith provided information on Scholarships. He shared information about the available scholarships.
    - c. Thanks to our sponsor – Play and Play Structures President Marino Thanked today’s meeting sponsors Play and Play Structures.
    - d. Oak Lawn Park District at 11:00am Topic: Stress/Time Management
  9. Adjournment
    - a. President Marino asked if there were any further questions, then asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Kara Jekderks, seconded by Chris Finn. Meeting was adjourned at 11:46 am.