



General Meeting Minutes  
April 14, 2022  
Midlothian Park District, 11:00am

**Call to Order** – 11:01am

**Introductions** - Members said their name and the agency they are from.

**President's Report** – This is a great turnout! Thanks for coming out today. I did meet with Barbara from IPRA and we are going to re-sign the affiliate agreements for another year. We will reevaluate that as an Executive Committee in December to see if there are any language changes we want to make for 2023. Last Friday I met with the IPRF Board of Trustees. We have fulfilled all of our obligations for the education grant for the leadership workshop. The last thing we need to satisfy is having an IPRF member come to one of our meetings and speak, so John Wilson and Mike Kies will be at the May social to give a 5-minute presentation on IPRF.

**President Elect Report** – Thank you to everyone that came out. Thank you to Midlothian for hosting at your nice new facility. After the meeting and awards presentation they are willing to do some tours. Thank you to the two people running for President Elect. They will do their speeches later.

**Past President Report** – It is nice to see so many people. I want to remind you to vote. Let us know if there is something wrong and you are not getting information from the voting software and we can get it to you. It is very important to vote.

**Secretary's Report** – It is great to see so many people at the meeting. The March minutes are posted on the website.

Motion to approve the March General meeting minutes: Keith Blomberg from the New Lenox Park District, Second: Rebecca Perkaus from the Alsip Park District.

Motion carries

**Treasurer's Report** – Happy April! The March Treasurer's report is posted on the website. We started March 1 with \$18,140.80. Our total credits for the month were \$290.37. Those were basically membership dues for the month. Our debits totaled \$2,808.13. That was a transaction from Game Stop for our e-sports tournament winners, the legislative dinner down in Springfield, everything that went along with getting our 501(c)3 status, entertainment for our conference social, give-a-ways, and reimbursement for food for the March leadership workshop. Our ending balance as of March 31, 2022 is \$15,623.04

Kevin: Any conversation on the Treasurer's report? We will file that report for audit.

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**Committee Reports**

- **Athletics (Keith Blomberg)** – We met on March 21 and had 4 in attendance. We talked about all things staff related – recruiting, evaluation, and staff appreciation. Our next meeting is April 18. We will have a presentation from Mojo Youth Sports and he is going to talk about his mobile app.
- **Awards (Rachel Bauer & Kristine Wahlgren)** – Today is the awards banquet. This meeting is about celebrating our members so we are scrolling all of our members and the organizations they belong to on the screen. Thank you Annie for putting that together for us. We also have a backdrop so we want to get pictures of the award winners.
- **Day Camp/Teens (Meghan Fenlon)** – If you are a camp supervisor, the camp meeting is going to be April 21 at 10am at the Tinley Park Park District. The Day Camp workshop meeting is going to be Wednesday at the Tinley Park Park District. The Day Camp workshop is Friday, June 3 at Tinley Park, so look for details to come out. If you are interested in joining either committee, let me know.
- **Diversity (Keith Wallace & Nikki Gotsch)**- We will have a meeting next month so if you are interested let me know.
- **Early Childhood (Karen Cooper, Scott Gray, Kelly Matson)** – We are meeting next week.
- **Facilities (Chris Finn & Rachel Bauer)** – We will meet April 27 via Zoom. Topics include splash pads, pools, dog parks, and community gardens. The link is on the website.
- **Legislative (Hollice Clark & Greg Lewis)** – We met on April 4 at Homewood Flossmoor Coyote Run. We had 15 members in attendance and covered a variety of issues. We discussed the meeting dates for next year. Our next meeting is scheduled to be of Leigh Creek South Park and Lincolnway Special Rec facility on May 2 with lunch at noon.  
Kevin: With the May legislative meeting, when we budgeted for the Legislative committee, they had \$900 allocated for Parks Day. Because Parks Day did not happen, we have a significant fund balance. The Board has approved reallocating \$450 of that to pay for the lunch for that meeting.
- **Membership/Publicity (Jason Braglia & Beth Nagel)** – We got 7 new members from last meeting to this meeting. Just a reminder the voting that is going to be happening, if you have not been receiving any email let me know because we will need to verify your email is correct for the voting software.
- **Professional Development (Olga Viano & Beth Nagel)** – We have all of our meeting locations set for next year. Thank you to those that are hosting a meeting. We like to mix up the locations each year and we have some new locations next year. We are working on the educational sessions planned out for next year.
- **School Age (Rebecca Perkaus)** – We met on March 25 and talked about staff evaluations for part-time staff, youth programming, and summer programming ideas for



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youth. Our next meeting is going to be the last one of the school year on April 22 at the Inwood golf course in Joliet.

- **Social (Nikki Gotsch & Erin Cortilet)**-Lauren is going to take it over for next year. Our closing social is on May 12 from 12 – 3pm at Khaos Brewcade in Plainfield. It is going to be complimentary. We will send out a registration link on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **Special Events (Eric Sloyan)** – We met yesterday and went over our Easter events and food trucks; how much we charge and how often we have them come out. Our next meeting will be on May 10 and we will go over summer events.
- **Sponsorship/Marketing (Amy Maher & Jason Braglia)** – We are meeting next Tuesday. I sent out a social collateral piece to market organizations. We are going to discuss potential sponsors for next year.
- **Student (Delaney Harty)** – We didn't formally meet this month, but met as a grading committee; myself, Marie from Lemont, Beth, and Kevin We met over grading scales of applicants. Our next meeting is April 19 at 2 pm via Zoom.

### Old Business

- Strategic Plan Update – We met last month and worked on the survey that we are going to put out. I am putting the material together and will have that out to the committee by the end next week, so we can get the survey together and hopefully have that out this month.

### New Business

- 501(c)3 Status - In going through everything with the acquisition of the Wilson Family Fund, we noticed we are not a 501(c)3, so we sent in the paperwork and got approved.
- SSPPA Items “Wish List” – We have a significant fund balance that we are trying to bring down a little bit. We are looking to reinvest into the Association and membership. We met at as Board and Executive committee and have approved comping the May social to everyone in attendance. We are going to purchase another banner, updating the square reader – those were officially approved. We are looking to purchase items for the Association that can be shared among member agencies. A lot of this is made possible with how diligent Jason has been with our finances this year and getting them in order. We have had a higher membership. We want to reinvest in you guys.
- Changing of SSPPA Fiscal Year – Our current fiscal year is September 1 - August 31. With everything we are looking at financially, with these different protocols in place with the IRS, we are going to be putting on the voting software to change the fiscal year to a July 1 start and a June 30 end.



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Jason: If you look at our membership, it is usually sent out in August, so we get a lot of money at that time. With our fiscal year ending in August, it doesn't make sense to collect money for the upcoming fiscal year. By changing the fiscal year to starting July 1, it makes more sense when bringing in money for the upcoming fiscal year.

**Sponsor – Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau-** Christie Campbell gave a presentation.

**Split the Pot** – winners announced

### Announcements

- President-Elect Speeches – Rachel Bauer/Mokena Park District & Laurie Murray/Pleasant Dale Park District
- Meghan Fenlon: An Aquatic Aerobic Instructor Certification class opening up at Moraine Valley. Reach out to Jennifer Williams at Tinley Park and she can share more details. It is on May 20 & 21. Also, South Suburban purchased the Fish customer service program. We have it at Tinley, so if anyone is interested let me know. I shared on the South Suburban Facebook page; there is a free webinar on May 3 – Developing a Trans Inclusion Guide for Camp & Rec Programs.
- Marie Piotrowski – I have started an Adult and Senior Programming committee and we had our second meeting yesterday. Our next meeting will be May 11 at 10:30am via Zoom, so if you would like to join let me know.

**Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn the meeting: Lauren Koszola, Palos Heights Parks & Recreation Department, Second by: Erin Cortilet, Tinley Park Park District.

Meeting adjourned: 11:34am