



**Fox Valley Special Recreation Association  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Annual Meeting  
May 23, 2023 10:30 AM**

**CALL TO**

**ORDER:** Chair Nadeau called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM, and Director Engelhardt called the roll.

Member	Position	Agency	Roll Call
Scott Nadeau	Chair	Sugar Grove Park District	Present
Nicole Vickers	Vice Chair	Geneva Park District	Present
Jaime Ijams	Secretary	Fox Valley Park District	Present
Allison Niemela	Treasurer	Batavia Park District	Present
Kim Wascher	Board Member	Village of South Elgin Parks & Recreation Dept.	Absent
Rich Zielke	Board Member	Oswegoland Park District	Present
Bob Thomson	FVSRF Rep.	St Charles Park District	Present

**Staff Present:** Alexandra Engelhardt, Ellen Wandless, Claire Howes, Jackie Jankowski

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

Kennedy Rawlins is completing her master’s Level Internship in Therapeutic Recreation at FVSRA for the summer of 2023. She completed her undergraduate degree in Recreation Management from Southern Illinois University and wants to combine her passion for mindfulness with therapeutic recreation.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Board Member Thomson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Secretary Ijams seconded, and the motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Director Engelhardt shared the following:

- Currently working on an SRA Task Force
- FVSRA and AID were discussing the SB3972 and collaboration opportunities
- Update of SootheSpace events and the importance of a space to “run away from the stimulus” of the event/environment
- FVSRF Received \$10,000 from Northwest Medicine Grant
- FVSRA is wrapping up a \$10,000 grant from Will County
- Alex Engelhardt is the incoming Chair for IPRA Pro Connect

## **ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM REPORT**

Superintendent of Inclusion, Jackie Jankowski, thanked the Member Agencies for having their staff attend the virtual and in-person training hosted by the FVSRA Inclusion Team. The information shared was also shared with the respective Day Camps. Janae Winston, Inclusion Coordinator, started this week. She was a former FVSRA intern and the team is excited to have her back on staff.

Superintendent of Recreation, Claire Howes, recapped the story from a parent's perspective of their child utilizing the Carolyn Nagle Sensory Room. The sensory room's benefits are unique to each attendee and is such as valuable resource available to the community.

## **FOUNDATION REPORT**

- Director Engelhardt provided an update on the Board of Shining Stars, Associate level of the Foundation. The Board of Shining Stars had over 20 attendees at the first meeting with three subcommittees of Cares, Outreach, and Fundraising.
- Beach Party Bingo tickets are on sale. This event will be Friday, August 25 at the Prisco Community Center.

## **MEMBER AGENCY REPORTS**

### **St Charles Park District**

Board Member Thomson shared Board Member Jim Cooke was awarded the Charlemagne Award by the St Charles Chamber of Commerce for his influence to the development and beautification of St Charles. There is a ribbon cutting on June 27 for Kehoe Park's renovations which will maintain the rich history of the "Rockship" equipment which was a local landmark.

### **Batavia Park District**

Treasurer Niemela shared the Kane County Chronicle named Hall Quarry Beach as the Best Summer Destination and Batavia Park District was named one of the Best Park Districts. Plans are underway for the Callahan Community Center.

### **Fox Valley Park District**

Secretary Ijams shared topics regarding Inclusion services indicating more training could be provided to FVPD Site Supervisors with the support of the Field Supervisors to enhance inclusive programming, with the request to continue focusing hiring efforts on Inclusive Special Needs Assistants.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

9.1 Secretary Ijams motioned to approve the Appointments of FVSRA Board of Directors Officers for the two-year term of May 1, 2023, through April 30, 2025. Treasurer Niemela seconded and the motion passed.

9.2 Board Member Zielke motioned to approve the organizational chart. Secretary Ijams seconded, and the motion passed.

9.3 Secretary Ijams motioned to approve the license agreement by and between the Board of Commissioners of the Batavia Park District and the Board of Directors of FVSRA. Board Member Zielke seconded and the motion passed. (Treasurer Niemela abstained)

9.4 Board Member Zielke motioned to approve the request to maintain the confidentiality of all closed meeting minutes for the period of October 2022-April 2023. Treasurer Niemela seconded and the motion passed.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

**STRATEGIC PLAN**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Board Member Zielke to adjourn. Secretary Ijams seconded the motion. The motion passed, adjourning the meeting at 11:06am.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jaime Ijams, Secretary