



Fox Valley Special Recreation Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Annual Meeting
August 22, 2023 10:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Nadeau called the meeting to order at 10:33 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	Present
Rich Zielke	Board Member	Oswegoland Park District	Absent
Bob Thomson	Foundation Representative	St Charles Park District	Present

Staff Present: Alexandra Engelhardt, Brandi Nettles

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Director Engelhardt passed along the IPRA Magazine (Volume 54, Number 4, July/August 2023, pg 18-21) to highlight the article “A Culture of Leadership Through Strategic Collaboration” cowritten by Kris Johnson and Director Engelhart.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Director Engelhardt welcomed new Business Manager Brandi Nettles to the FVSRA team.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM REPORT

Director Engelhardt indicated Superintendents Howes and Jankowski were both out of the office and requested the Board communicate any Inclusion needs to her. Chair Nadeau mentioned Sugar Grove Park District has had a few participants request Inclusion Support and shared kudos to the FVSRA Inclusion Team of Jennifer Wisnewki and Janae Winston for their assistance.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Director Engelhardt shared Beach Party Bingo will be this Friday, August 25 at the Prisco Community Center. It is anticipated that 200 people will be in attendance.

MEMBER AGENCY REPORTS

Geneva Park District

Vice Chair Vickers provided a status update on the new Universally designed playground that will support the disability community at Mill Creek Community Park.

Village of South Elgin Parks & Recreation Department

Board Member Wascher provided a status update on the new police station.

Batavia Park District

Treasurer Niemela announced the Batavia Park District was one of the Chicago Tribune Top Workplace winners for 2023.

St Charles Park District

Board Member Thomson mentioned the Keho Park grand opening had over 100 attendees. Thomson also recognized the FVSRA team for a successful "Day in the Park" event and thanked FVSRA, Kiwanis, and the St. Charles Park District staff for their efforts.

Sugar Grove Park District

Chair Nadeau recognized the transition from summer to fall before/after school programming which is now in high gear. SGPD finished the Chelsea Meadows Park playground renovation to increase accessibility throughout their community.

ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Board Member Wascher motioned to approve the FVSRA Personnel Handbook. Board Member Thomson seconded and the motion passed.

9.2 Board Member Thomson motioned to approve Business Manager Brandi Nettles as a secondary check signer on FVSRA financial accounts. Treasurer Niemela seconded and the motion passed.

9.3 Treasurer Neimela motioned to approve FVSRA to enter into the IAPD/IPRA Distinguished Accredited Agency. Board Member Wascher seconded and the motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Director Engelhardt provided the FY2024-25 Member Agency Contribution narrative and discussed projected financial impacts. Director Engelhardt indicated alternative options may be necessary to ensure the future financial stability of the Association. Director Engelhardt stated she would provide an updated request before the September Board meeting.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Director Engelhardt provided the 2023 Q2 dashboard highlighting many accomplishments from the Foundation such as bylaws and financial policies.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

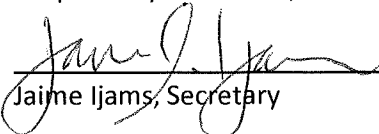
ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Niemela to adjourn. Board Member Thomson seconded the motion. The motion passed, adjourning the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jaime Ijams, Secretary