

**Fox Valley Special Recreation Association
Minutes of the
Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 26, 2007
7:00pm
FVSRA Administration Offices
In the Vaughan Athletic Center
2121 W. Indian Trail
Aurora, IL**

CALL TO

ORDER: Chairman Rose Smilgys called the meeting to order at 7:02pm and directed the Executive Director to call roll.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Rose Smilgys, Chairman	Fox Valley Park District
Sheavoun Lambillotte*, Vice Chairman	Geneva Park District
Robert Thomson, Secretary	St. Charles Park District
William McAdam, Asst. Sec'y	Oswegoland Park District
Carolyn J. Nagle, Treasurer	Fox Valley Special Recreation Association
Michael Clark	Batavia Park District
Steve Messerli	Fox Valley Park District
Greg Repede	Sugar Grove Park District
Eleanor Rzeminski*	Sugar Grove Park District
Mark Slover	Oswegoland Park District

*arrived after roll call was taken

Absent:

Linda Cole	Fox Valley Park District
William Conner	St. Charles Park District
Charles Emma	Geneva Park District
Alan Leard	Batavia Park District

Others present:

Peter Pope	FVSRA Superintendent of Recreation
Megan Krancic	FVSRA Public Information Coordinator
Ginny Pavesich	FVSRA Office Manager

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Board Member Clark made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Board Member Slover seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Special 5-8 Funding Policy Status

The Executive Director presented Proposed 5-8 Funding Policy Guidelines, which included three points of clarification as follows:

- 1) Areas suggested which might need legal review if so deemed by the Member Park District, would be reviewed by the Member Park District attorney, not the FVSRA attorney;
- 2) Provided clearly that the first and foremost use of 5-8 funds is for the operation of the FVSRA agency; and
- 3) Information regarding 5-8 funds usage be provided to FVSRA in the fall of each year.

William McAdam made a motion to approve the policy as presented. Motion was amended to change “shall” to “should” as noted below:

5. *The amount of Member Park Districts’ planned accessibility projects ~~shall~~^{should} be identified with documentation to support the increase in the member’s tax levy.*

To remove #6:

6. *If there is no such documentation from the Member Park District to support the increase in the member’s tax levy, a tax objection to said levy increase could have a likely opportunity of being upheld as being beyond the specified authorization of the statute.*

The Executive Director will revise the information into a Policy/Procedures format for formal adoption by the Board and submitting to Member Park Districts.

Roll call vote was taken:

Rose Smilgys	Yes
Sheavoun Lambillotte	Yes
Robert Thomson	Yes
William McAdam	Yes
Michael Clark	No
Linda Cole	Absent
William Conner	Absent
Alan Leard	Absent
Steve Messerli	No
Greg Repede	Yes
Eleanor Rzeminski	Yes
Mark Slover	Yes
Charles Emma	Absent

Motion passed 7 to 2.

B. Strategic Plan

Focus group meetings were held and Leisure Vision Services provided a draft of the survey as a result of the focus group meetings. The survey draft is under review by FVSRA staff. Comments from the FVSRA Board re the draft survey are welcome. Surveys will be mailed to individuals whom FVSRA does not serve, and Leisure Vision Services believes this will provide FVSRA with helpful information. Those individuals are clients of the Association for Individual Development. Other comments included that the survey was quite long which may affect the return rate; is there any pretesting of the time it takes to complete the survey; will those being surveyed be asked how they first learned about FVSRA and what is the best way to communicate information; in question #14 the word “hire” could be replaced. Question #12 should be clarified that inclusion programs are offered by Member Park Districts, not by FVSRA. Questions could be added regarding scholarships, non-residents, how best to deliver services, and inclusion availability. Board Member Lambillotte inquired regarding whether there are survey questions about school services.

C. IAPD Membership Update

Board Member Clark reported that Board Member Leard had spoken with Mr. Ted Flickinger of IAPD and the IAPD Membership for SRAs will be discussed at the February or March IAPD meeting. Many SRAs have already paid the cost to join IAPD.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Access o Recreation Grant

The Executive Director described the Access to Recreation Grant which is grant money available from the Kellogg Foundation provided to community foundation for projects supported by a conglomerate to identify accessibility projects which enhance access for all populations. \$1.5 million is to be awarded in Illinois. The Executive Director contacted Sharon Stredde, Chairman of the Fox River Valley Community Foundation, (formerly the Aurora Foundation), and they agreed to work together to gather various community groups, such as park districts, forest preserve districts, school districts, the city of Aurora, and determine how to proceed with a possible project for the grant. The deadline for application is July 1, 2007, with project completion date in 2009.

The conglomerate of community groups would determine the accessibility project, and the project itself would go beyond meeting the minimal ADA requirements. The community groups will convene in the first week of April. \$500 is provided to the convening group to be used as needed to determine a possible project. The FVSRA

Executive Director would like the FVSRA Member Park Districts to take part by providing ideas for projects. The amount of the grant can be from \$50,000 to \$265,000. Foundations of a park district are not eligible for these grants. Information is available at accesstorecreation.org.

B. Summer Day Camp

The 2007 Summer Day Camp budget was presented. Fees are subsidized at 50%. The transportation subsidy is 31%, up from 25% in 2006. 2007 Summer Day Camp will offer a new type of transportation. Door-to-Door transportation will continue, and the new offering will be a site pick-up/drop-off with a lesser fee charged.

The cost of camp increased 10% for 2007 for campers without transportation because the fee was computed by the 2006 number of service hours campers received, rather than the number of 2006 campers.

Three 2007 Summer Day Camp Transportation Bids were received: Richlee, First Student and Illinois Central. **Board Member Messerli made a motion to accept the transportation bid from Richlee and approve the fees for the Summer Day Camp program. Mark Slover seconded.**

Roll call vote was taken:

Rose Smilgy	Yes
Sheavoun Lambillotte	Yes
Robert Thomson	Yes
William McAdam	Yes
Michael Clark	Yes
Linda Cole	Absent
William Conner	Absent
Alan Leard	Absent
Steve Messerli	Yes
Greg Repede	Yes
Eleanor Rzeminski	Yes
Mark Slover	Yes
Charles Emma	Absent

C. March 2007 FVSRA Board Meeting

The Executive Director made the recommendation that the FVSRA Board cancel the March meeting. Meeting was cancelled.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Personnel Update

Kayla Linden began her maternity leave on February 22, 2007. Four university students have confirmed summer internships at FVSRA.

B. Annual Pork Chop and Chicken BBQ and Basket Raffle

Megan Krancic, FVSRA Public Information Coordinator and BBQ Chairman, reported that the Basket Raffle has 47 baskets, valued between \$140 and \$3,000. Tickets for the BBQ and raffle were distributed to Board Members. Megan thanked all the Member Park Districts for the various donations to the Basket Raffle and for the t-shirt sponsorship of \$200 per Member Park District. The T-shirt back has each Member Park District's logo and "working together to serve you better."

C. Centennial House Projects

The Centennial House Project is the result of the assessment process which evaluated the social and welfare concerns/needs of the Centennial House residents. Mayor Weisner, of Aurora, initiated this process and FVSRA will continue to be involved in the Mayor's Task Force.

D. PDRMA Letter of Accreditation

FVSRA received the PDRMA Letter of Accreditation, along with \$1,500.

E. IAPD/IPRA Distinguished Agency Program

FVSRA is underway with its application for the Distinguished Agency Program.

F. Village of South Elgin and FVSRA Membership

The Village of South Elgin has indicated some interest in joining FVSRA. The Village encompasses some St. Charles residents. Those who live in St. Charles cannot be taxed in both South Elgin and in St. Charles.

G. Phone and Voice Mail System

The Executive Director reported that the FVSRA phones and voicemail system is having quality issues/problems. Jon Michael, FVPD, is assisting FVSRA to meet with Midco representatives regarding the shared phone system.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent's Report was included in the Board Packet.

STAFF REPORTS

The Staff reports were included in the Board Packet.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Board Member Clark and seconded by Board Member William McAdam to convene into Executive Session under Sections (2)(c)(21) and (2)(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act at 8:32pm.

Roll Call vote was taken:

Rose Smilgys	Present
WilliamMcAdam	Present
Steve Meserli	Present
Eleanor Rzeminski	Present
Robert Thomson	Absent
Alan Leard	Absent
Charles Emma	Absent
Sheavoun Lambillotte	Present
Michael Clark	Present
Greg Repede	Present
Mark Slover	Present
Linda Cole	Absent
William Conner	Absent
Carolyn Nagle	Present

REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Board Member Messerli to release the Executive Session Minutes for the dates of:

May 23, 1994

September 25, 1995

January 27, 1997

April 28, 1997

October 27, 1997

April 28, 1998

September 27, 1999

April 3, 2000

May 22, 2000

June 19, 2001

April 22, 2002

June 23, 2003

April 26, 2004

September 27, 2004 and April 24, 2006 as they no longer require confidential treatment and are available for public inspection. Board Member Lambillotte seconded and the motion carried. No action was taken regarding the Employment contract for the Executive Director.

FINAL ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Rzeminski and seconded by Board Member Clark.

Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.