THE MAINE-NILES ASSOCIATION OF SPECIAL RECREATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

6820 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove, IL 60053 February 27, 2024 | 10:00 AM

Board President Jeff Wait called the February 27, 2024 meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Board Members in attendance:

Joe Weber, Des Plaines Park District (arrived 10:01 AM) John Jekot, Golf Maine Park District Jeff Wait, Morton Grove Park District April Armer, Park Ridge Park District (arrived 10:27 AM) Michelle Tuft, Skokie Park District Karen Hawk, Village of Lincolnwood

Staff in attendance: Trisha Breitlow, Executive Director; Lisa Barrera, Superintendent of Recreation; Kelly Brunning, Sr. Operations Manager; Keli Stonitsch, Human Resources Manager; Lindsey Anderson, Support Staff Coordinator; Audra Ebling, Communication & Marketing Manager; Taylor Gonio, Recreation Specialist

Changes to Agenda: The Community Service Award was moved to after the consent agenda.

Introduction of Visitors: Pete Peterson, M-NASR Volunteer

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of the December 12, 2023 Board Meeting
- Minutes of the December 12, 2023 Closed Session
- Treasurer's Report for the months ending December 31, 2023 and January 31, 2024
- Voucher list of bills in the amount of \$183,711.24

John Jekot made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Michelle Tuft. The motion passed in a roll call vote as follows:

Des Plaines: Yes
Golf Maine: Yes
Morton Grove: Yes
Niles: Absent
Park Ridge: Yes
Skokie: Yes
Lincolnwood: Yes

Superintendent Lisa Barrera reviewed the program report and highlighted the winter season. Spring registration is now open. She also highlighted one of the basketball teams which qualified for the Illinois Special Olympics State Tournament. This summer will feature a day camp at Molloy School, for their summer school students. Inclusion all staff member training will take place May 21. Barrera presented a new inclusion manual designed for park districts. Recognition Night will take place Wednesday, April 24 at the Chateau Ritz.

Communications and Marketing Manager Audra Ebling reported planning is well under way for the summer and day camp brochures. Spring registration seems to be going smoothly, with reminders sent to participants as this is the first season with a combined winter/spring brochure. Updated photos and artwork will be hung in the M-NASR office.

Fundraising and Development Manager Vera Kramer updated that the Board received a list of pending grants. She further reported that the sponsorships for the Liponi Dinner Dance are higher than in 2023.

The Board reviewed the budget report.

Executive Director Breitlow reported on goals updates, as well as outreach events staff have attended. She recognized staff for their continued efforts with goals and the strategic plan.

A motion was made by Michelle Tuft to approve the updated Paid Leave for All Worders Act policy as presented, seconded by John Jekot. This passed in a roll call vote as follows:

Des Plaines: Yes
Golf Maine: Yes
Morton Grove: Yes
Niles: Absent
Park Ridge: Yes
Skokie: Yes
Lincolnwood: Yes

A motion was made by Joe Weber to approve the Town of Maine Funding agreement as presented, seconded by Karen Hawk. This passed in a roll call vote as follows:

Des Plaines: Yes
Golf Maine: Yes
Morton Grove: Yes
Niles: Absent
Park Ridge: Yes
Skokie: Yes
Lincolnwood: Yes

Discussion ensued whether each park district or M-NASR would be responsible for paying for missed inclusion shifts under the Paid Leave for All Workers Act Policy. Breitlow will review with legal counsel and bring it back to the Board for further discussion.

Discussion ensued regarding the location of the April Board meeting. The Board agreed to move the meeting to The Lakeview Center, 1177 Howard Ave., Des Plaines.

Karen Hawk made a motion to adjourn the February 27, 2024 Board meeting at 10:28am, seconded by Joe Weber. The motion passed in a voice vote.

Jeff Wait, Board President Morton Grove Park District

Date

Trisha Breitlow, Board Secretary

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