

## GATEWAY SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

October 8, 2015

- I. **Call to Order:** President Gina Hassett called the Gateway Special Recreation Association Board of Directors' Meeting to order at 3:07 pm on September 10, 2015 at the Oakbrook Family Recreation Center, 1450 Forest Gate Road in Oakbrook, Illinois. A Quorum was present.

*Roll Call:* Board members present: Sharon Peterson, Countryside; Cindy Szkolka, Elmhurst; Gina Hassett, Hinsdale; Matt Russian, Pleasantdale; Jim Berg, Westchester; John Fenske, Willowbrook; Scott Nadeau, York Center.

*Absent:* Jim Pacanowski, Burr Ridge; Karen Spandikow, Oakbrook.

*Staff Present:* Ray Graham Staff: Superintendent Ryan Cortez.

*Visitors:* None.

**Open Forum:** On Wednesday, October 7, Cindy Szkolka, Elmhurst; and Superintendent Cortez were invited to speak to a parent support group. This group of parents of children with special needs meets the first Wednesday of each month at the Community Bank of Elmhurst. About 10 parents of adult children with special needs were present at this meeting. Superintendent Ryan prepared general information regarding Special Recreation Associations and specific information about programs and services offered through the Gateway Special Recreation Association. Szkolka provided information related to the Elmhurst Park District services for individuals with special needs including: EPD inclusion services, the new Special Olympic Gymnastics program and transportation services available through EPD's contract with Superior Ambulance Services to/from the Abbey/Hanson Center. It was obvious from the discussion with parents that they are overwhelming pleased with the programs and services offered for individual with special needs. Concerns were raised related to registration/waitlist procedures, the coordination of transportation between Superior and Gateway, the type of vehicles being used more small group transports by Superior and the ability to contact Gateway program staff outside of office hours. Ryan addressed (or will be addressing) both registration and contact information, and Szkolka will follow up with Superior regarding vehicles for small group transports. Szkolka and Ryan will continue to discuss options regarding Elmhurst's transportation program.

The board also discussed scheduling their annual meeting.

- II. **Board Member Comments:** None

**III. Communications:** None

**IV. Omnibus Agenda:** Motion made by Scott Nadeau, York Center to approve the Omnibus Agenda and motion seconded by Matt Russian, Pleasantdale.

A. Approval of September 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of October 2015 Check Register

C. Approval of October 2015 Treasurer's Report

On a voice vote the motion passed.

**V. Reports:**

A. RGA Monthly Report: The monthly report was reviewed by Superintendent Cortez. The Holiday Production, cancelled last year due to low enrollment, has 6 registered to date. The show will be scheduled in early December. RGA's Monarch Home in Elmhurst has eight new participants registering in social and sports programs with Gateway. The largest participant base for fall programs is in sports program participation.

**VI. Old Business:**

A. Vehicles: RGA is open to being the leasing agent for Gateway vehicle replacement/additions. However, this will require modifications to the contract to ensure that Gateway, and its member communities, will be financially responsible for the full terms of the lease should the Gateway contract with RGA cease to exist prior to the conclusion of the terms of the lease. Gina Hassett, Hinsdale; will contact Gateway's legal counsel to update the current contract language.

B. Participant Survey: Minor modifications were made to the participant survey.

**VII. New Business:**

A. RGA Contract Discussion: Gateway's legal counsel will address the terms of the current contract to address RGA's role as a vehicle leasing agent for Gateway.

**VIII. Open Forum:** None

**IX. Adjournment:** Sharon Peterson, Countryside; made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim Berg, Westchester. Motion passed on a voice vote.