

GATEWAY SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
12/12/2024

- I. Call to Order:** Chairman Jim Pacanowski called the Gateway Special Recreation Association Board of Directors Meeting to order at 3:05 pm on 12/12/2024 at the Oak Brook Park District Family Recreation Center, 1450 Forest Gate Road in Oak Brook, Illinois. A Quorum was present.

Roll Call: Board Members present: Jim Pacanowski, Burr Ridge, Michele Sullivan, Countryside, Sarah Lagesse, Elmhurst, Mike Hayes, Hinsdale, Mike Contreras, Oak Brook and Jeremy Fila, York Center

Absent: Matt Russian, Pleasant Dale, and Kathy Kasprzak, Westchester

Ray Graham Staff: Ryan Massengill and Kim Zoeller

Guests: Laure Kosey, Oak Brook

- II. Approval of December 12, 2024, Agenda:**

A motion was made by Jeremy Fila, York Center to approve the December 12, 2024, agenda and seconded by Mike Hayes, Hinsdale. *On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

- III. Open Forum: None**

- IV. Board Member Comments: None**

- V. Communications:** Matt Russian, Pleasant Dale provided a report in his absence. We recently received a FOIA request. I replied to it, noting we don't have anything pertinent to their request other than saying we use QuickBooks for item 3A, and provided them a copy of our November invoice for QB payment. Just for informational purposes.

- VI. Approval of November 14, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes:**

A motion was made by Jeremy Fila, York Center to approve the November 14, 2024, meeting minutes and seconded by Michele Sullivan, Countryside. *On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously with the Oak Brook abstaining.*

- VII. Approval of December 12, 2024, Treasure's Report: Mike/Sarah**

Matt Russian, Pleasant Dale provided a report in his absence. I would like this to be mentioned on the record about the cost of the lease. We approved a \$32,231 amount. The lease is actually \$32,731. The number we approved did not include the \$500 administrative fee. You can see the additional cost listed in the first attachment.

A motion was made by Mike Hayes, Hinsdale to approve the December 12, 2024, treasurer's report and seconded by Sarah Lagesse, Elmhurst. *On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

- VIII. Reports**

- A. RGA Monthly Report – The Fall season is ending with 136 individuals. Elevate is at 9 individuals and 3 intakes that are coming in. Hoping to have 1 more starting in January and 2 more in June. The new vehicle is already being used and going well. The Winter 2025 brochure was mailed out showcasing the new logo. The next phase is going to be "New Year, New Look" campaign. We will get more marketing information out to our Gateway families. We have a contract with Districts 205 and 86 for leisure services. We will be doing swim support for the program. Jim Pacanowski, Burr Ridge asked what that contract looks like. Ryan Massengill stated that they are a support for those programs. She stated that it helps build those connections to the families in their programs. When they transition out of the schools, they will be looking for programs to transition to. We have already built those relationships with the families. We also build relationships with the teachers, so we provide them with our program information, and they help provide our brochure to those families. The board discussed different schools and programs that we can build this connection with. We had two 2nd-place winners. John in bowling and Ryan and her partner in UNIFIED bowling.

- B. Jim Pacanowski, Burr Ridge stated that the RGA action plan is going to be provided every month but there may not be a presentation. If you have questions regarding these items, please bring it up. In January we are going to start Strategic Planning. Fall Surveys will go out and we can use those results for Strategic Planning.

IX. Old Business:

- A. Discuss Potential of New Agency Recruitment - Jim Pacanowski, Burr Ridge stated that we were going to look at those that were not part of an SRA to start. We are going to put together a committee. Mike Hayes, Hinsdale, Laure Kosey, Oak Brook, Ryan Massingill, RGA, and Matt Russian, Pleasant Dale will be part of the committee. We are going to look at the strategic and financial impact of being in Gateway. If we can find out if we have any participants within those potential new organizations would help. When we get all our ducks in a row, we can also set up a mock meeting. The board talked about potential strategies and organizations.

X. New Business:

- A. None

XI. Adjournment: A motion was made by Jeremy Fila, York Center to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mike Hayes, Hinsdale. The motion passed on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 3:26 pm.