

GATEWAY SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
2-13-2025

- I. Call to Order:** Chairman Jim Pacanowski called the Gateway Special Recreation Association Board of Directors Meeting to order at 3:00 pm on 2-13-25 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, Sarah Lagesse, Elmhurst, Mike Hayes, Hinsdale, Mike Contreras, Oak Brook, Matt Russian, Pleasant Dale, Kathy Kasprzak, Westchester, Jeremy Fila, York Center

Absent: Michele Sullivan, Countryside

Ray Graham Staff: Ryan Massengill, Catherine Campos, Kim Zoeller

Guests: None

- II. Approval of February 13, 2025, Agenda:**

A motion was made by Jeremy Fila, York Center to approve the February 13, 2025, agenda and seconded by Matt Russian, Pleasant Dale. *On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

- III. Open Forum: None**

- IV. Board Member Comments:** Jim Pacanowski, Burr Ridge talked about the memo about Mike Hayes becoming the new chairman. We are also going to move the May meeting back to May 15. We will notify the board meetings when it gets closer. Matt Russian, Pleasant Dale reminded board members to get your 2nd contributions in.

- V. Communications: None**

- VI. Approval of January 9, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes:**

Jeremy Fila, York Center mentioned that the wording needed to be updated about the retainage. The updated minutes are listed below.

A motion was made by Jeremy Fila, York Center to approve the January 9, 2025, meeting minutes and seconded by Mike Hayes, Hinsdale. *On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

- VII. Approval of January 9, 2025, Treasure's Report:**

Matt talked about the payment retainage that would be released to RGA. The board unanimously decided that the retainage would be released at this time. A motion was made by Mike Hayes, Hinsdale to approve the January 9, 2025, treasure report and seconded by Sarah Lagesse, Elmhurst. *On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.* |

- VII. Approval of February 13, 2025, Treasure's Report:**

A motion was made by Mike Hayes, Hinsdale to approve the February 13, 2025, treasurer's report and seconded by Sarah Lagesse, Elmhurst. *On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

- VIII. Reports**

- A. RGA Monthly Report – We added 3 new individuals from Elmhurst. We are in the middle of our winter season. We do have some individuals testing the Elevate Program. Ryan is working with Mark to update the website. Ryan is working with staff to evaluate programming to see what direction Gateway should go with programming. Ryan is looking for strategic planning items. We had 5 teams participate in the basketball tournament. Our Green Team is headed to the state tournament in March. The Green team has been going to the state tournament for the last 15 years. Mike Contreras, Oak Brook asked how the participants get placed on a team. Ryan stated that they try to place the participants on a team that works best for the team and the participants.

- B. Action Plan – All new information is listed in red on the report. This will continue moving forward. Anything new will be listed in red. One highlight is that Ray Graham gave all team members a 3% raise for full-time and part-time staff.

- IX. Old Business:**

- A. Agency Recruitment Committee Update - Mike Hayes, Hinsdale provided a rough draft of a brochure. The board looked at the brochure and provided feedback. The board suggested separating the brochures into two different brochures, one for the agencies and the other for Gateway with testimonies. The board will review the updated brochure at the March meeting.

X. New Business:

- A. Discuss Gateway Strategic Priorities - Jim Pacanowski, Burr Ridge asked how Ryan wanted us to provide this information. Ryan stated that she would send out the packet so that the communities can provide feedback.

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 3:21 pm.