

# GATEWAY SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the meeting of the  
**Gateway Special Recreation Association Board of Directors**  
will be held on **Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 3:00 PM**  
**at the Oak Brook Family Recreation Center**  
1450 Forest Gate Rd., Oak Brook, IL 60523

## I. Call to Order

Chairman Mike Hayes, Hinsdale, called the Gateway Special Recreation Association Board of Directors Meeting to order at 3:00pm on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at the Oak Brook Park District Family Recreation Center, 1450 Forest Gate Road in Oak Brook, Illinois. A quorum was present.

### Roll Call:

#### Present:

Mike Hayes, Hinsdale  
Matt Russian, Pleasant Dale  
Kathy Kasprzak, Westchester  
Jeremy Fila, York Center  
Brian DeWolf, Oak Brook

#### Absent:

Jim Pacanowski, Burr Ridge  
Sarah Lagesse, Elmhurst  
Michele Sullivan, Countryside

#### RGA Staff:

Ryan Massengill, Superintendent of Recreation, Ray Graham Association  
Laura Milewski, Senior Director of Development

#### Guests:

Jessica Marquez, Elmhurst  
Patrick Jeter, Countryside

## II. Approval of April 9, 2026, agenda

A motion was made by Jeremy Fila, York Center to approve the April 2026 agenda and was seconded by Matt Russian, Pleasant Dale.

*On a voice vote, the motion was passed unanimously.*

*Items listed on the agenda will be discussed and considered by the Board. The Board welcomes public comments on the agenda during discussion.*

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**III. Open Forum**

Ryan Massengill, Ray Graham Association, introduced the new Senior Director of Development, Laura Milewski.

**IV. Comments by Board Members**

Matt Russian, Pleasant Dale made a comment regarding the way he does the books for Gateway is the same way that he was taught when he originally took on the role of treasurer. He had the auditor come out and sit with him, to go over the QuickBooks as they have never matched down to the penny. It was discovered that there had never been reconciliation of the deposits, but instead only of the checks. This will be corrected moving forward.

**V. Communications**

None

**VI. Approval of March 12, 2026, regular meeting minutes**

A motion was made by Jeremy Fila, York Center to approve March 12, 2026, meeting minutes, and seconded by Mike Hayes, Hinsdale.

*On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

**VII. Approval of the April Treasurer's Report**

A motion was made by Jeremy Fila, York Center, to approve April 2026, treasurer's report, and seconded by Jessica Marquez, Elmhurst.

*On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

**VIII. Reports**

a. RGA Monthly Report

- i. Spring programming just began this week.
- ii. Ended the winter with 110 individuals, 104 programs.
- iii. This spring we have more individuals due to softball. 123 registered for spring across 383 programs.
- iv. Spring line-up includes 24 weekly program, 6 athletics, and 5 spring special events.
- v. Elevate: had one move out of area, and spot was filled instantly. Another individual who it wasn't working out for, dropped from the program, but again was able to fill the spot right away. 18 Individuals are currently enrolled, at capacity on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, but have openings available on Mondays and Tuesdays.
- vi. Vehicle Updates will remain on the report.
- vii. Summer camp registration started on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Two in Elmhurst, one in

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Hinsdale, and one in Countryside, all of which have extended hours available.

- viii. Summer guide is now out, be sure to update website with digital link. Registration for Summer will transition to Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.
- ix. New Offerings: Unified Volleyball and Flag Football.
- x. Additionally, Senior Traveler was a hit so moving it to every other Wednesday instead of once a month.

b. RGA Action Plan-Updates

- i. Increased digital posts and social media, highlighting what they do, to help build visibility.
- ii. Added new column to highlight progress and key notes, see highlighted column on RGA update.

**IX. Old Business**

a. Vehicle Agreement

- i. Legal is still reviewing our 2025 Agreements. Kim confirmed that RGA will be taking on gas, maintenance, insurance. Legal is also writing a bill of sale for the vans.
- ii. Matt Russian, Pleasant Dale, proposed holding a budget meeting before next month's regular meeting.

**X. New Business**

a. Audit Engagement

- i. Finished Year Three of our 3-year agreement with our auditors. Under the recommendation of Matt Russian, Pleasant Dale, to stay with the current company moving forward.
- ii. Paid \$4700 for this year's audit. \$4750, \$4850 and \$4950 is what is proposed for the next three year audit engagement.

A motion was made by Patrick Jeter, Countryside, to approve a three-year audit engagement. It was seconded by Make Hayes, Hinsdale.

*On a voice vote, the motion was passed.*

**XI. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Jeremy Fila, York Center, to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Matt Hayes, Hinsdale.

*On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

Meeting adjourned at 3:17pm.

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