

**WESTERN DUPAGE SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2026 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Brad Wilson **called the meeting to order** at 2:00 p.m. The meeting was held at 116 N. Schmale, Carol Stream.

ROLL CALL: Those participating:

Bloomingtondale Park District	Joe Potts	Warrenville Park District	Tim Reinbold
Carol Stream Park District	Sue Rini	West Chicago Park District	Gina Radun
Glen Ellyn Park District	Dave Thommes	Wheaton Park District	Mike Benard
Naperville Park District	Brad Wilson	Winfield Park District	Tom Bower
Roselle Park District	Lynn McAteer		

A quorum was established.

WDSRA Staff also present: Executive Director Dan Leahy, Lea Jackman, Lisa Santoria and Jorie Meyer, Sr. Business Manager Curtis Lease, Executive Assistant Tori Kleinmeyer

- II. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS** – There were no guests present.

- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

IV. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2026
- B. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2026
- C. Treasurer’s Report – January and February 2026
- D. Disbursement Reports – January and February 2026
- E. Tax Contribution Payment Report – As of March 31, 2026

Bower/Rini **moved to approve the Consent Agenda**. The motion passed with a voice vote.

V. **MEMBER DISTRICT UPDATES**

Benard shared information about Superhero Fun Run at the Sensory Garden. Also that Lily Medina joined the team in Wheaton.

Thommes shared event with Glen Ellyn Rotary raised \$750 for Soccer Day.

Wilson shared that they are developing an indoor water space that will take 3 years to develop.

Rini/Potts shared they each raised \$5,400 from the Bags for Life Committee.

VI. **DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Leahy shared WDSRA received a \$110,000 DCEO grant for the parking lot improvement project. He also thanked and congratulated Radun for completing one year as Board Chairman.

VII. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Budget Changes-** No changes since presented in March

- B. **Approval of FY 2026-27 Operating Budget** – Benard, McAteer moved that the Board **approve the proposed 2026-2027 Operating Fund Budget as presented**. The motion passed with a roll call vote.

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Yes	West Chicago Park District	Gina Radun
Yes	Wheaton Park District	Mike Benard
Yes	Winfield Park District	Tom Bower

- C. Approval of FY 2026-27 Capital Fund Budget** – Rini/Thommes moved that the Board **approve the proposed 2026-2027 Capital Fund Budget as presented.** The motion passed with a roll call vote.

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Yes	Warrenville Park District	Tim Reinbold
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Yes	Winfield Park District	Tom Bower

- D. Approval of FY 2026-27 Special Revenue Fund Budget** – Wilson/Reinbold moved that the Board **approve the proposed 2026-2027 Special Revenue Fund Budget as presented.** The motion passed with a roll call vote.

Yes	Bloomington Park District	Joe Potts
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- E. Approval of FY 2026-27 Financial Plan for Capital Expenditures** –Thommes/McAteer moved that the Board **approve the proposed 2026-27 Financial Plan for Capital Expenditures as presented.** The motion passed with a roll call vote.

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VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approve West Chicago Special Request for reimbursement of special recreation expenditures not in their 2023-2024 budget** – Potts/Benard moved to **approve the purchase of paratransit bus through Midwest Transit Equipment Inc. for \$128,280.** The motion passed with a roll call vote.

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- F. Approval of New Inclusion Billing Process to begin May 1, 2026.** After discussion Rini moved to approve the new inclusion billing process to begin with summer programs in 2026/second by Benard. The motion passed with a roll call vote.

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IX. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Recreation** – Superintendent Jorie Meyer reported:

- Review of many successful events, including: Blind Soccer, Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, Polar Plunge, Spring Break Bahamas Cruise
- There is a Block Party planned for August 30 from 1-4 p.m.
- Working on Needs Assessment

- B. Staffing/Inclusion** – Superintendent Lisa Santoria reported:

- Thank you to Superintendents and Managers for meeting with all Park Districts
- Our Head count remains steady
- We are looking for Part Time staff for the summer
- We will make the update for the billing change for summer programs

- C. Communications and Development** – Superintendent Lea Jackman reported:

- Thank you to everyone for their Bash support. \$250,000 was raised, 16 new Possibilities Society members joined
- Golf registration is opening soon. We will follow the same format as last year

- We have 2 vacancies on the Foundation Board
- The Scholarship Endowment is funded
- Pickleball Tournament is scheduled for June 7
- 2 new grants were discussed
- Recognition from political personnel, including Senator Seth Lewis and Representative Jennifer Sanalidro, were discussed

X. Annual Meeting Items

A. Designation of Association General Counsel - Andrew Paine, Tressler, LLC

Benard/Bower **moved to designate Andrew Paine of Tressler LLC as the General Counsel.** The motion passed with a voice vote.

B. Selection of Chairman of the Board & Officers for 2026-2027

Chairman, Dave Thommes, Glen Ellyn Park District
Vice Chairman, Tim Reinbold, Warrenville Park District
Treasurer, Natalie Principe, WDSRA
Secretary, Dan Leahy, WDSRA

C. Selection of Meeting Dates for the Year

June 11, 2026
August 13, 2026
October 8, 2026
December 10, 2026
February 11, 2027
March 11, 2027
April 8, 2027

Thommes/Potts **moved to approve the Meeting Dates for the year.** The motion passed with a voice vote.

D. Selection of Auditors for 2024 – Lauterbach & Amen, LLP (3rd year of 3-year agreement)

Benard/Wilson **moved to approve the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board as proposed, meeting dates for the year, and selection of Lauterbach and Amen, LLP as auditors for 2027.** The motion passed with a voice vote.

XI. Closed Session:

Rini/Potts moved to go into Closed Session at 2:32 pm in accordance with 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) For the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. Motion passed by roll call vote.

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The Board returned from Closed Session at 2:45 pm. Roll Call

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XII. Action resulting from Closed Session – Benard/Wilson moved to approve a 4% pay raise over current salary for Executive Director. Motion passed with a roll call vote:

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XIII. Adjournment: Rini/McAteer moved that the Board adjourn at 2:46 pm. Motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Leahy, Board Secretary