

**WESTERN DUPAGE SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 14, 2025 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

ROLL CALL: Those participating:

Bloomington Park District	Joe Potts	Warrenville Park District	Tim Reinbold 2:02
Carol Stream Park District	Sue Rini	West Chicago Park District	Gina Radun
Glen Ellyn Park District	Dave Thommes	Wheaton Park District	Mike Benard 2:03
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, Superintendents Tammy Kerrins, Lea Jackman, Jorie Meyer and Natalie Principe, Human Resource Manager Lisa Santoria, Technology Manager Steve Eckelberry, Executive Assistant Ann Kennedy

- II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS** – John McGovern and Aaron Hirthe from WT Group
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

The presentation from WT Group on the ADA Transition Plan was moved up on the agenda. McGovern presented the background, recommendations and strategies of the Transition Plan. Questions from Trustees concerned a breakdown in cost to remediate the water detention area along Schmale Road, why there are areas of the building that are not in compliance when the building is newly renovated, and the time frame for phasing in the parking lot.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2025
- B. Treasurer's Report – April, May and June 2025
- C. Disbursement Reports – May and June 2025
- D. Tax Contribution Payment Report – As of July 31, 2025

Benard/Thommes **moved to approve the Consent Agenda**. Motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

- V. MEMBER DISTRICT UPDATES** – Wheaton is looking for a new Superintendent of Parks and Planning. Rob Sperl has left after 27 years with the District. Benard would appreciate any assistance.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- DuPage County Human Resources Commission awarded WDSRA an \$11,000 grant for all Rec & Roll participants to go to the Forge in Lemont for an adventure day including lunch and t-shirts.
- Wight & Company are working on the water detention process. Leahy anticipates asking the Board in October to approve their contract.

VII. OLD BUSINESS –

- A. Member Assessment Request 2026 – Final Approval** – Benard/Wilson moved that the Board **approve the final Member Assessment Request for Budget Year 2026-2027 as presented**. The motion passed with a roll call vote.

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Yes	Winfield Park District	Tom Bower

- B. Reschedule October Board Meeting from October 9 to October 23** – McAteer/Wilson moved to reschedule the October 9 meeting to October 23. Motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

- C. Other:** There was no other Old Business to come before the Board.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Member Excess Inclusion Fund Refunds** – Superintendent Principe reported that there are no Park Districts eligible for a refund this year.
- B. ADA Transition Plan** – Potts/Rini moved that the **Board approve the Final Report, Site Report and ADA Transition plan as presented.** Motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.
- C. Conduct Ordinance** – Wilson/Thommes moved that the **Board approve Ordinance 25-01 Conduct Ordinance** with one correction. Motion passed with a roll call vote.

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- D. IPRA Environmental Report Card** – Benard/Thommes moved that the **Board approve the Environmental Report Card** as presented. Motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

- E. Other** – There was no other New Business to come before the Board.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Recreation** – Superintendent Meyer reported:
- WDSRA sent 38 athletes and 11 staff to the Special Olympic Summer Games. They participated in 5 sports earning 11 gold medals, 7 silver medals and 5 bronze medals.
 - WDSRA partnered with the Wheaton Park District RAMS to offer flag football.
 - 10 Synergy athletes traveled to Alabama to compete in the Boccia GLASA Games.
 - The King Cobra Drumline performed at local festivals in Lisle and Rosemont.
 - Winfield Rec & Roll has been partnering with Winfield Park District Preschool once a month for joint programming.
 - Information on non-resident participation in WDSRA programs was presented to the Board.

B. Inclusion and Risk Management – Superintendent Kerrins reported:

- Spring Inclusion and FY 24/25 statistics were presented and are in the Board Packet.
- Growth continues across all districts.
- The Inclusion team is currently in transition between winding up summer camps and starting fall programs, and Before and After School care.
- Before and After Care and preschools all have wait lists but interviews are taking place for new staff.
- Hannan Gray was hired as the new Inclusion Supervisor

C. Communications and Development – Superintendent Jackman reported:

- A new Foundation Trustee, John Young, may soon join the Board. He comes to us through our partnership with Wheaton Bank & Trust.
- 400 Thank You postcards were sent out by Trustees and staff.
- We are currently at 45 Possibilities Society members and are planning a reception for October 2.
- A young lady who's brother is in Rec & Roll has formed a 501c3 called Kenec to bring neuro typical and non-typical people together. She started a fundraiser to benefit WDSRA and has so far raised over \$1,400.
- The Karlls have agreed to match Annual Appeal donations up to \$12,500 again.
- Staff from the Ronald L. McDaniel Foundation toured a camp in Naperville and have offered that they will donate \$25,000 to WDSRA each of the next 2 years. They have also invited us to apply for other grants.

X. Adjournment: Wilson/Potts moved that the Board adjourn at 2:55 pm. Motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Leahy, Board Secretary