

**WESTERN DUPAGE SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 23, 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
Carol Stream Park District	Sue Rini	West Chicago Park District	Gina Radun
Glen Ellyn Park District	Dave Thommes	Wheaton Park District	Mike Benard 2:10
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 Manger Lisa Santoria, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services Becky Prince, Executive Assistant Ann Kennedy

**II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS** – New employees AJ Avolio and Hannan Gray were introduced to the Board.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – August 14, 2025
- B. Inclusion Task Force Minutes – August 14, 2025
- C. Treasurer’s Report – July and August 2025
- D. Disbursement Reports – July and August 2025
- E. Tax Contribution Payment Report – As of September 30, 2025

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

**V. MEMBER DISTRICT UPDATES** – Naperville is looking at a potential \$135 million referendum in the spring which would include parks, land acquisition, and a 138,000 sq. ft. indoor facility with another WDSRA room. They are currently surveying the community, and the Board will decide in November. Radun met with Jennifer Sanalित्रो and Seth Lewis about ebike legislation, HB4158 and HB4159, which would restrict ebikes by age. Carol Stream and Bloomington have ordinances restricting ebike use. Naperville Park District is drafting an ordinance. West Chicago’s Spooky Trail is this weekend.

**VI. DIRECTOR’S REPORT** – Leahy reported:

- Directors were encouraged to vote in the pumpkin contest
- Superintendent Kerrins has announced her retirement after 25 years at WDSRA. The team is looking at the future of Inclusion leadership at WDSRA.
- The Accreditation Review results letter was distributed. We passed with a solid score and a lot of compliments
- Next year is our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we are looking to dedicate the Rec & Roll room to Jane Hodgkinson. A policy will come in December on room dedication.
- Signage and decorations will be coming in January.
- There will be a website relaunch in early 2026

**VII. OLD BUSINESS** – There was no Old Business to come before the Board.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Ratify Contract with Wight & Co** – Rini/Benard moved to **ratify the contract with Wright and Co.**  
Motion passed with a roll call vote

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

Wight and Co will provide professional design and construction management services for site repair work at the office at a cost not to exceed \$35,000

**B. Approval of Investment Policy** – Reinbold/McAteer moved to **accept the Investment Policy as presented.** Motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

**C. Strategic Plan Update** – Prince presented an update on Agency progress in meeting Strategic Plan Goals and Annual Goals.

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

**IX. STAFF REPORTS**

**A. Administration** – Superintendent Principe reported:

- The auditors have requested an extension for completion of the Annual Financial Report. The presentation will now be at the December meeting.
- Preparation of the 26/27 Budget has started. Significant dates are in the packet. In December the Board will be asked to approve goals and budget assumptions.
- Information on cash management and investments is in the Board packet.

**B. Recreation** – Superintendent Meyer reported:

- 2025 Day Camp evaluation is in the packet. Participation increased by 24 campers. An extended camp was added at the end of summer.
- Rec & Roll celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday on 9/29. All 7 Rec & Roll sites also visited the Passion Project in Roselle.
- Our Flag Football team practiced with the Wheaton Rams, which helped them improve their game. Three teams are advancing to the state championship.
- Chicago Regional Boccia Tournament was held at Elmhurst College on September 27-28. There were 43 athletes from Columbus, Cleveland, St. Louis and 4 Chicago teams.
- We collaborated with Warrenville and their Fall Fest to offer a sensory room for breaks. The goal is to create a travelling kit to offer to other member districts for their events.

**C. Inclusion and Risk Management** – Superintendent Kerrins reported:

- Spring Inclusion statistics are in the Board Packet. There is a 4% increase over last year.
- End of summer wrap-up meetings are being held with park district staff. Families are being surveyed. Information gathered will feed into training for summer 2026.

- The Emily Town Memorial Award was presented to Pam Schiavoni of the West Chicago Park District.
- Maddy Manden is moving on to a new position.

**D. Communications and Development** – Superintendent Jackman reported:

- The Foundation Board meeting was held on Tuesday. There was a lot of great energy in the room.
- Annual Appeal Thank you phone calls will be made soon. The Annual Appeal starts November 3. Donations of \$250 or higher will be matched at \$250 from the Scott and Trish Karll Charitable Fund.
- The Possibilities Society held a celebration in Warrenville at a Farmette.
- WDSRA won the Best of Bloomingdale award for a public non-profit. Winning is an honor and provides great publicity.
- Bash 2026 is around the corner. Sponsorships are available and we already have a few new sponsors.
- The Hamilton Collection donated \$26,860 for the Endowment and FT Cares donated \$10,000. We will hit our goal of \$750,000 at the Bash
- Ann Kennedy is retiring at the end of March and the posting for her position is out. We are looking for a few months to train the new person.
- We have had some great community partnerships; Kenec raised almost \$2,000 for the agency and Lynfred Winery donated \$636 from September tips.

- X. Adjournment:** Wilson/McAteer moved that the Board adjourn at 2:43 pm. Motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Leahy, Board Secretary