



Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
December 9, 2019
7:00pm

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| Call to Order | Commissioner Gramann called the meeting to order at 7:00. |
| Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance | Present: Commissioners Jaszka, Jeffery, Gramann, Powers and Sokolowski. Commissioners Del Preto and Bird were absent. Staff: Executive Director Reuter, Directors Bachewicz and Rini, Superintendent of Finance Scumaci and Executive Assistant Greninger. |
| Listening Post | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandy Gbur, Director of WDSRA, presented the year in review (see attached report). The Impact Meetings held each month created much interest in their long term fundraising efforts. The stories she shared were compelling and remarkable. • Jim Campbell, a 26 year Carol Stream resident, was inspired to research the Park District, being influenced by the current tax climate in the Village. He did not like everything he found but did have some positive things to say. Commissioner Gramann thanked him for coming and asked him to send us specific questions and we will respond within 48 hours. • Bill Turnabene is a Forever Young participant. He expressed concerns about the increase in trip prices but does not see additional value for the extra cost. Commission Gramann thanked him for coming and assured him we will respond to his concerns within 48 hours. • John Roman has been collaborating with Mr. Campbell and other village residents on the Village implementing a property tax. He has also attended the Village zoning meetings to discuss cannabis dispensaries in Carol Stream. He is here with neighbor Juanita Torrinio. Commissioner Gramann assured the audience that the Park District Board and staff try to be good stewards of our tax dollars. Carol Stream is a great place to live and raise a family. She thanked them and asked if they have any specific concerns, please reach out so we can address them. |
| Changes to the Agenda | None |
| Consent Agenda | <p>Commissioner Powers made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Sokolowski.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Approval of Regular Minutes: November 12, 2019 B. Ratify November 2019 Bills C. Approval: Resolution 19-03 Amendment to Carol Stream Park District Flexible Spending Account – 125 Cafeteria Plan Annual Limit D. Voice Vote. Motion Passes 5 - 0 - 2 <p>Commissioner Jaszka made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Sokolowski.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> |

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| <p>Discussion Items</p> | <p>A. Strategic Plan and Master Plan Updates Both Plans were approved in 2018. Staff has worked on the goals and objectives throughout the year. The Board received progress reports. Executive Director Reuter encouraged the Board to ask questions or email him. Commissioner Sokolowski asked about Community Park. Executive Director Reuter attended the Village Planning and Zoning meeting on December 9 when they discussed the property transfer. The Village Trustees will sign off next week; the District will be notified by legal counsel of the next step in parcel transfer. The District has budgeted in 2020 to begin making small improvements to the park.</p> <p>B. Weekly Happenings (oral)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Gramann attended the December 5 Intergovernmental Meeting. She likes how all the community partners come together to work on making things better in Carol Stream. • Commissioner Sokolowski asked about the trailers parked by Red Hawk Park. Executive Director Reuter explained the CSYFA is moving equipment. Director Bachewicz added they will be storing it in the concession building until the next season starts. |
| <p>Action Items</p> | <p>A. Approval: Tax Levy Ordinance No. 537 By State Statute, the Board of Commissioners needs to file an annual ordinance with the County in order to levy taxes for the following year. Since the levy is less than 105% of the prior year's aggregate levy, the Board did not need to publish a notice of a public hearing on such levy and does not need to hold that public hearing prior to approving the levy ordinance.</p> <p>Commissioner Sokolowski moved to approve Ordinance No. 537 levying and assessing taxes for the year 2019, to be collected in the year 2020, and to certify that the District levied an amount of ad valorem tax that is less than 105% of the final aggregate levy extension of the preceding year. Seconded by Commissioner Jaszka.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Del Preto: Absent Commissioner Jaszka: Aye Commissioner Jeffery: Aye Commissioner Bird: Absent Motion Passes 5 - 0 - 2</p> <p>Commissioner Gramann: Aye Commissioner Powers: Aye Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye</p> |

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| | <p>B. Approval: Intergovernmental Agreement between Carol Stream Park District and Community Consolidated School District 93. Director Bachewicz explained the original Intergovernmental Agreement was signed in 1997 as a cooperative agreement to provide before and after school programming for children enrolled in CCSD93. These partnerships allow us to continue to offer our community an affordable childcare option before and after school hours in the same location as each child's school. Language was updated to be current with our programming and athletic use. Commissioner Powers asked if we have a similar program at District 25. Director Bachewicz acknowledged we do not have a before and after school program there but we do have an athletic use Intergovernmental Agreement with District 25.</p> <p>Commissioner Powers moved to approve the updated Intergovernmental Agreement with Community Consolidated School District 93 effective December 9, 2019. Seconded by Commissioner Sokolowski.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Del Preto: Absent Commissioner Jaszka: Aye Commissioner Jeffery: Aye Commissioner Bird: Absent Commissioner Gramann: Aye Commissioner Powers: Aye Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye Motion Passes 5 - 0 - 2</p> |
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| Closed Session | Biannual Review of Closed Session Minutes Section 2(c)(21) |
| Action Pertaining to Closed Session | Commissioner Sokolowski made a motion to release closed session meeting minutes as discussed in closed session. Seconded by Commissioner Jaszka. Voice Vote. Motion Passes 5 - 0 - 2. |
| Adjournment | Commissioner Powers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Jeffery. Voice Vote. Motion passed 5 - 0 - 2. Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm. |
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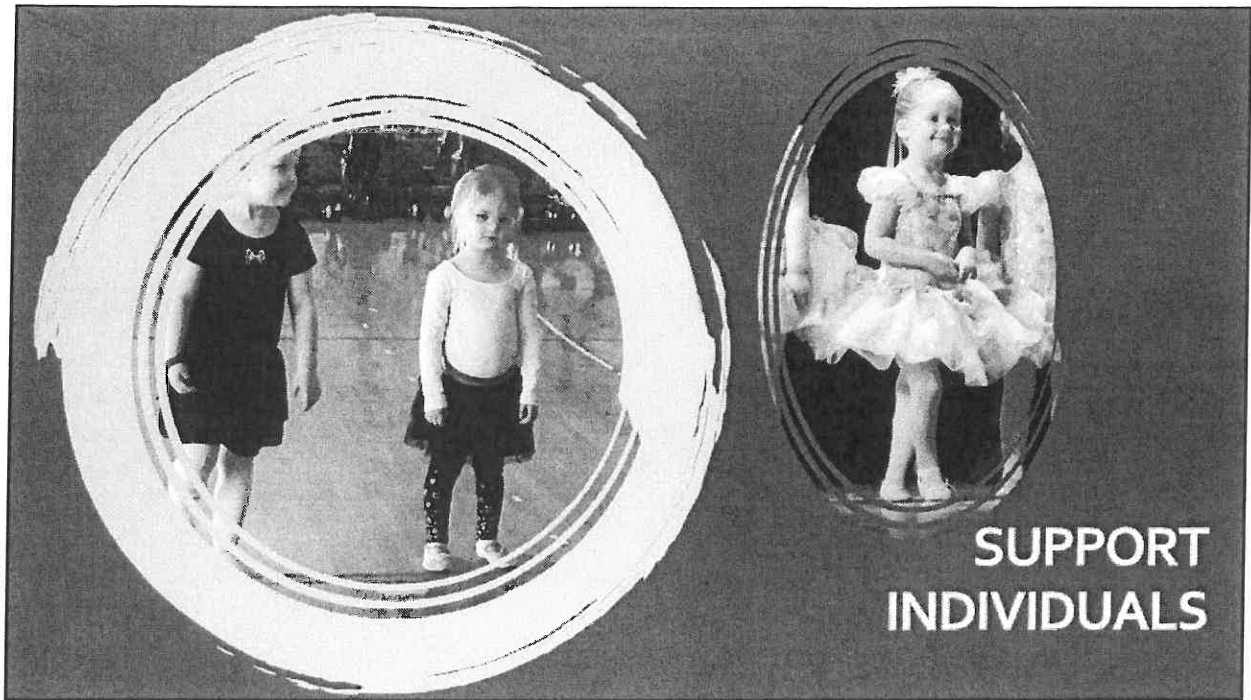
President
Brenda Gramann



Secretary
Jim Reuter

January 13, 2020

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WDSRA Annual Meeting 2019 - During this past year WDSRA Development Team and Foundation Trustees introduced a new fundraising initiative which seeks to **Create Sustainable Funding**. After 3 days of training we told WDSRA stories in a very strategic way to explain the impact of our services on individuals, families and the community.

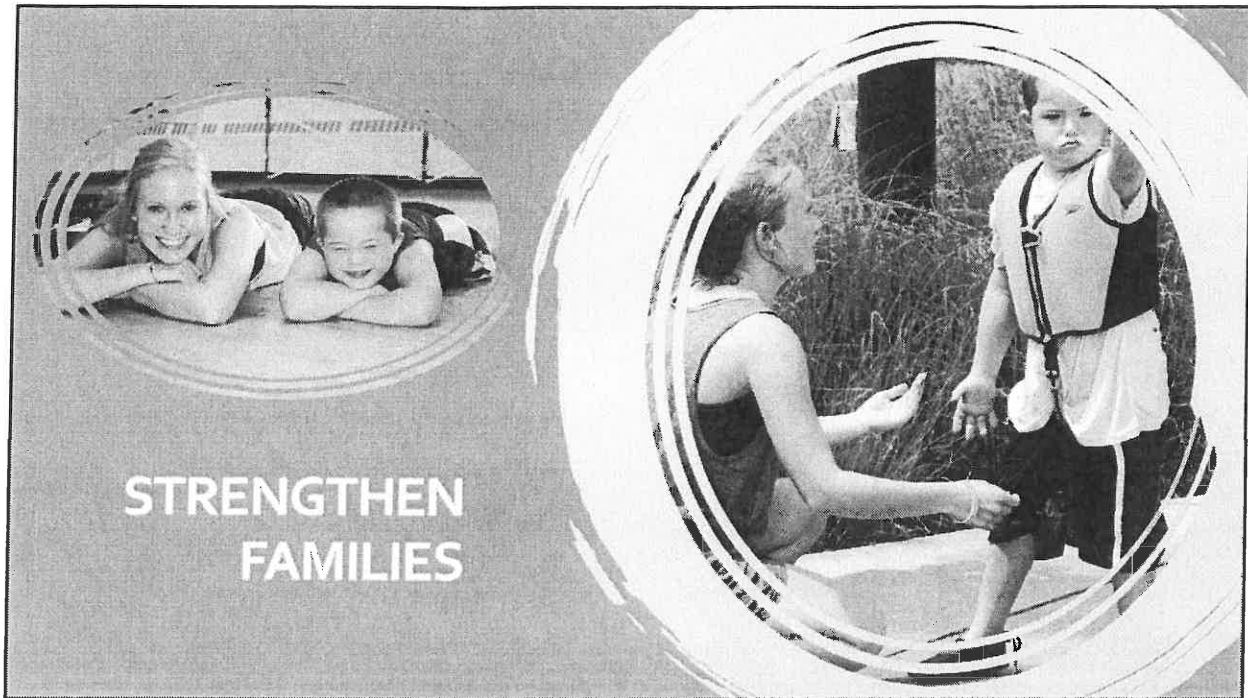
2-3 IMPACT meetings were held monthly and we reached 137 professionals, colleagues and friends. From each meeting we secured someone who was so taken with the stories that they offered to host their own meeting with their family, friends and colleagues and we continued to spread our message to a much wider group.

Our first story highlighted the INCLUSION Support that we provided for Reagan. She is a 4 year old with severe, social anxiety, a selective mute and born with weak muscle tone. Her family took a chance and registered her for a park district ballet program. WDSRA provided the inclusion aide and was able to work effectively with the pd and Reagan to help her feel comfortable so that she could manage her anxiety and learn ballet. We started with a 1:1 support and as she progressed like in all inclusion programs we try and build their independence.

You see the before and after photos of Reagan and you can see she truly blossomed. Reagan's family feels like the world is opening up to her and they are willing to

continue to try new things and help her grow.

In 2018-19 WDSRA provided support for 2,518 inclusion registrations at our 9 member park districts. **Residents from Carol Stream accounted for 8% of those registrations. 213 compared to 186 last year.**

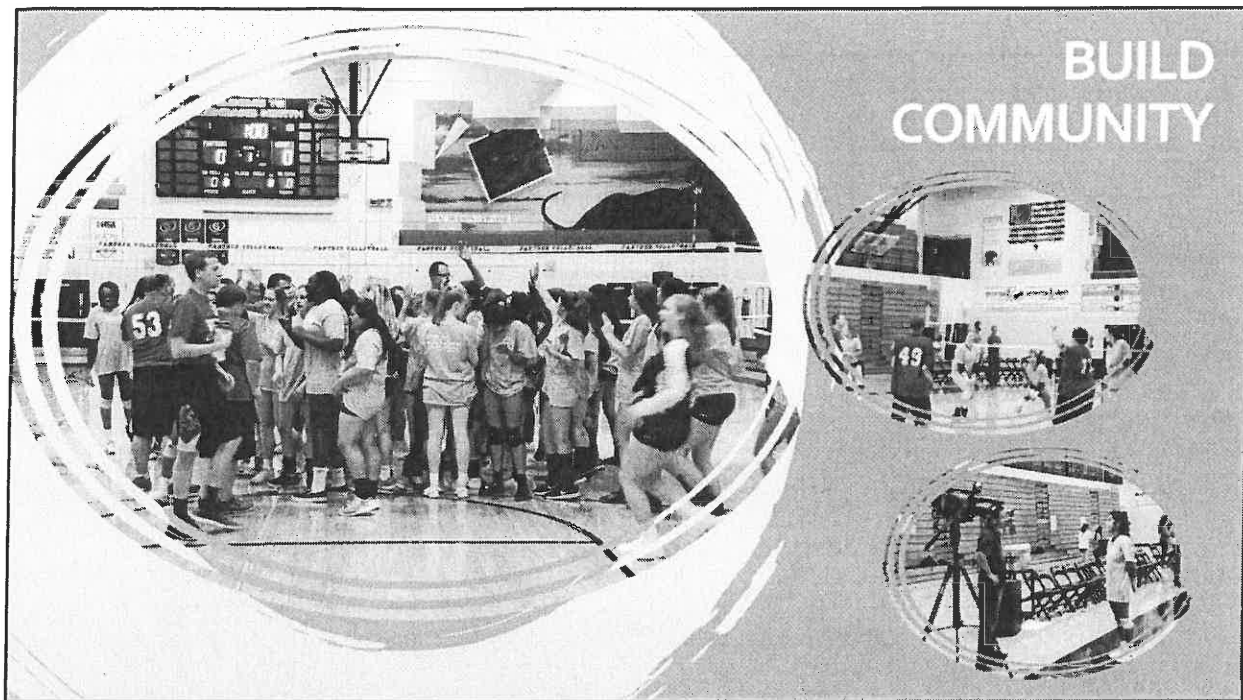


Our second story centers around Strengthening Families: While most people know we support individuals many have not thought about how that support impacts the whole family. Our parents report that having a child with special needs requires them to give more of their attention and energy to that child. Understandably siblings don't get a lot of undivided attention. The story of Maverick highlights how healthy families need to be able to spend time with all of their children.

Maverick's mom made a call to WDSRA and described Maverick as a 7 year old with Down Syndrome who is nonverbal and likes getting into everything. She shared that he was a challenge to understand and used limited sign language. She wanted to talk about the possibility of day camp. For 7 years she had not let anyone but family watch Maverick, but she knew she needed to find a way to spend time with Maverick's sister. After lots of calls and meetings answering all her questions she took a leap of faith and signed him up for WDSRA Day Camp.

After a first successful day at camp Maverick's sister showed her mom the list of things she was wanted to do JUST with mom....If it wasn't for camp, Maverick's family might not have gotten a break they needed without him. This is one of the ways WDSRA Strengthens Families.

We had 60 staff and 160 participants in our camps this past summer.
As we see more and more difficult behaviors our staff have to receive more training.
New staff received between 10 and 26 hours of training.



Our third story we told at our impact meeting was about how we **Build Community**. I can't think of a better example than something that happened just a few months ago.

Alyssa, a senior at GNHS and varsity VB player worked WDSRA camps over the summer. This fall she started being an assistant coach for one of our SO volleyball teams. Alyssa mentioned to her GNHS coach that she was having a great time with our Special Olympic VB group. Her coach suggested making the WD team the focus of their fall charity.

Glenbard then raised money for WDSRA, invited our team to the Glenbard varsity game, did a team tunnel as they introduced each of our attending players, joined in on a scrimmage, made posters cheering on each of our players and gave them goodie bags!

The coach tweeted out to Comcast's Sports Sunday which resulted in them coming out to cover the game.

Not only was the Glenbard North girls volleyball team named the Team of the Week but they also built community around our athletes and sent them on to the SO tournament.

WDSRA provided

144 Athletic Programs this past year

29 different Special Oly teams in 10 sports

Soccer, softball, basketball, VB, Track, rhythmic gymnastics, bocce, bowling and snowshoeing and swimming.

By the way, our year of impact meetings resulted in the creation of a Partners & Possibility Society made up of 32 individuals who made leadership gift or pledges to support WDSRA over a 5 year period totaling close to \$150,000 + one time gifts totaling & \$7,600. All of these dollars will help us to support the mission of WDSRA, the development of individuals through recreation.



Thanks to a grant we were able to do a rebranding of WDSRA which included this new color scheme and logo.

This fresh new look is welcoming and representative of the cutting edge services we provide. While our mission continues to be the same:

The development of individuals through recreation this rebranding gave us the opportunity to create some buzz around WDSRA and our vision of opening a world of untapped potential and a lifetime for possibilities.

WDSRA continue to be about community, collaboration and providing opportunities for a full life.

Red is a nod to our rich 40+ year history (and our longstanding Special Olympics colors. Green is a reminder that special recreation is rooted in the parks and recreation industry and

Blue signifies the nature of the cool calm professionals behind every program and every service WDSRA offers.

See the general info brochure for your enjoyment.