

LWSRA Board Report

The June 19 LWSRA Board Meeting was the annual organizational meeting where we passed the 2018-19 budget, elected officers, and passed the prevailing wage ordinance.

Meeting highlights include:

- Detailed participation numbers for each of the LWSRA member agencies, SSSRA cooperative, and non-residents. Program participation has grown steadily over the past 5 years, with 2017-18 recording a 5.6% increase over the previous fiscal year.
- Discussion of physical education (PE) takeover days at elementary and high schools to increase awareness and understanding. Following an event at Summit Hill Junior High, a new participant attended a LWSRA softball practice.
- Approved the purchase of 3 new buses.

In addition, LWSRA completed an evaluation and provided an inclusion aide to help a Summer Day Camp participant be successful in the FSPD program.

Annually, LWSRA offers free park parties for each member agency with the goal of increasing awareness of the agency and its offerings. Many individuals, such as veterans, amputees, and stroke survivors might not realize how they can benefit from LWSRA offerings. Ongoing outreach efforts, such as these parties and PE takeover days, try to increase awareness and find individuals who can benefit from LWSRA programming.

FSPD's Park Party is Monday, July 30, 2018 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at Union Creek Park. Partiers will enjoy a DJ dance party, popcorn and lemonade, as well as fun activities. All are welcome.

Both LWSRA and FSPD began new free programming with the Freedom Golf Association. Cheers and laughter filled the Square Links Driving Range last Monday, from participants and spectators, as well as other golfers simply attracted to the fun. Participants ranged from those fairly new to golf to Special Olympics medalists. What a wonderful way to spread the enjoyment and sense of accomplishment that golf can offer!

A reminder to those golfing in the Lincolnway Special Recreation Foundation Golf Outing (Dave, Craig, and Denis) – the event is August 10 at Sanctuary Golf Course. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the shotgun start at 11:00 a.m. It's a fun event to raise money for a worthy cause!

Respectfully Submitted,

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