

Medinah Park District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
February 19, 2025 6:30PM
Connolly Recreation Center
22W130 Thorndale Avenue, Medinah, IL.

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Medinah Park District, DuPage County, Illinois was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at the Connolly Recreation Center, 22W130 Thorndale Avenue, Medinah, IL.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by President Jean Ott.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

Jean Ott, President

John Blankenship, Vice President

Irene Jarocinski, Treasurer

Russell Bean, Commissioner

Janan Jarosinski, Commissioner

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present:

Steven Muenz, Executive Director, Board Secretary

Maria Piworski, Superintendent of Finance/HR

Vince DeGrado, Superintendent of Parks

Jim Huetson, Superintendent of Recreation

Dan Touzious, Asst. Superintendent of Parks

Guests:

Attorney Kurt Asprooth, Ancel Glink

Public in Attendance

Gokhan Cukurova

Quorum

President Ott recognized a quorum.

Approval of Agenda

President Ott asked if there were any additions, corrections or deletions to the monthly Agenda. President Ott asked for discussion there was none. It was moved by Commissioner Jarocinski and seconded by Commissioner Bean to approve monthly Agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: JO, JB, IJ, RB, JJ

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

President Ott asked if there were any additions, corrections or deletions to the consent agenda. Ex. Director Muenz removed the Treasurer's Report from the Consent Agenda to item 7 under reports. It was moved by Commissioner Jarocinski and seconded by Commissioner Blankenship to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. President Ott asked for discussion. There was none.

Treasurer's Report for December 31, 2024 – beginning balance \$1,392,312.67 ending balance \$1,232,452.23

Approval of Monthly Disbursements

1. Past and Future Bills as Presented – 1/21/25 \$4,512.92, 1/28/25 \$74,424.40, 2/11/25 \$15,138.28

2. Payroll Related Expenses – January, 2025 \$63,552.25

Total Disbursements/Expenses - \$157,627.85

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: JB, IJ, RB, JJ, JO

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

STAFF REPORTS

A. Financial Report - Commissioner Bean asked about the OSLAD payments and the audit. Supt. Piworski stated the audit last year to match the payments. President Ott asked about the 4 duplicate payments and the amounts. Supt. Piworski didn't have the total dollar amount. Commissioner Jarocinski asked why this was happening. Supt. Piworski answered duplicate payments via check and credit card.

B. Recreation Report – President Ott mentioned the new program Coffee & Friends. Mentioned Daddy Daughter Dance. Commissioner Bean asked for registration total. Supt. Huetson stated 50 couples and 8 additional siblings. President Ott asked about Fitness Center attendance and check in method. Supt. Huetson has received positive feedback. President Ott asked about a charge for lost Fitness cards. Supt. Huetson stated the fee remains \$5.

C. Risk Management Report – President Ott asked about the CPR training. Supt. Huetson stated CPR trainings can be done together at BPD. There will likely be a CPR training in May for summer staff.

D. Parks/Maintenance Report – President Ott said the sled hill is open, and banners in the gym and new marketing materials look nice. President Ott asked if payment had been made for HVAC repair. Supt. DeGrado said we have not received the invoice yet. President Ott asked about a repair, usage and life expectancy of the Gator. Supt. DeGrado stated one Gator is 18 years old and the repair was made and paid for.

Attorneys Report

There was none.

Citizen Comments

Gokhan Cukurova stated Fitness Room updates are positive. He will attend the Daddy Daughter Dance. Mr. Cukurova commented on the website. Mr. Cukurova questioned the Asst. Superintendent of Parks hiring. Thanked Ex. Director Muenz for responding to FOIA request.

Written/Verbal Communication from Public to Staff/Commissioners

Commissioner Jarosinski mentioned the Coffee & Friends program.

Commissioner Bean – nothing

Commissioner Jarocinski – nothing

Commissioner Blankenship – nothing

President Ott - nothing

Director's Report – Notes

NEDSRA – ex. Director Muenz attended the board meeting on February 5, 2025. NEDSRA is hosting the Cryo Plunge March 7-9th, the Family Resource Fair on March 15th, the Huskie Sports Banquet on March 25th. NEDRSA and the Addison Park District continue working on the roofing project at Centennial Recreation Center.

IAPD Legislative Breakfast – Will be held on March 7th at Fountain View Recreation Center in Carol Stream. If any of the Board Members would like to attend, please let Ex. Director Muenz know and he will RSVP.

OSLAD/Goodenough Park projects update – Ribbon cutting for the OSLAD project to take place May 10 and will include beach volleyball and bags. Food and swag will be given away. D&J Landscape has the Falcon's Nest for Goodenough Park and is waiting for warmer weather to install.

Statements of Economic Interest – They should be coming in March, either electronically or USPS.

NFC Court – Spoke with the National Fitness Court organization regarding their interest in installing a second court at another park site. Ex. Dir. Muenz stated his goal was to gather information about marketing and programming the existing court.

Items for Discussion

Meacham Creek Nature Area Management – Ex. Director Muenz said the V3 proposal is \$10,000 more expensive than Pizzo. V3 has serviced the area in the past, Pizzo has been doing so for the past 2 years. Pizzo staff planned 3 December visits, but did not notify district staff. The Pizzo proposal would keep visits within the growing season or keep Ex. Director Muenz informed of their visits. Commissioner Bean asked if Ex. Director Muenz if he has any references, he said he had not but he would if it was requested by the Board. President Ott inquired about the \$900 check that was pulled last month, Ex. Director Muenz said it was for 2 additional visits at \$450 each but he did not have the paperwork with him at this time.

Board of Commissioners Policy Manual – President Ott asked it be tabled until the March 2025 Board Meeting, Commissioner Blankenship stated he would like it tabled until the June 2025 Board Meeting. President Ott asked for some corrections to be made to the manual. The item was tabled and will be placed on the June 18, 2025 agenda for review and approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: JB, JJ, RB

Nay: JO

Absent: None

Abstain: IJ

Motion Carried

Park/Motorized Vehicles Ordinance – Ex. Director Muenz said he put ordinance together with information from other neighboring districts and well as rules governing the Medinah Park District. This is to be voted on new business Ordinance 25-2. Ex. Director Muenz said this can be tabled until it is reviewed by Ansel Glick. President Ott had some questions along with suggestions for corrections.

Park Board Rules of Order – This information was provided by President Ott and obtained from the Carol Stream Park District as a general behavior guideline. This is for discussion only at this point and can be put to a vote at a later time.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Jarosinski – None

Commissioner Bean – None

Commissioner Blankenship - None

Commissioner Jarocinski - Asked about clarification on rules regarding sick days, vacation, personal days and working remotely.

Attorney Asprooth said the terms are general and as long as the policy is being followed it is acceptable. Ex. Director Muenz said he handles each on a case-by-case basis.

President Ott – Thanked Ansel Glink for the nice dinner and enjoyed herself at conference. Questioned why Medinah Park District was not able to vote by proxy. And she represented MPD at the Scout Awards.

Old Business/Action Items

Items removed from Consent Agenda – President Ott asked check #6393 to Innovation Landscaping be reviewed.

Maria Powarski – President Ott presented a certificate of appreciation to Supt. Piworski for her 10-years of service to Medinah Park District.

New Business

It was moved by Commissioner Jarosinski and seconded by Commissioner Blankenship to adopt Resolution 25-2, Commissioners Park signage. President Ott asked for discussion. There was none.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: IJ, RB, JJ, JO, JB

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Blankenship and seconded by Commissioner Bean to approve Resolution 25-1, Budget & Appropriations Tentative Amendment. President Ott asked for discussion. President Ott questioned the raise in natural gas costs. Supt. Piworski stated staff will discuss with Nicor.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: RB, JJ, JO, JB, IJ

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

It was moved by President Ott and seconded by Commissioner Bean to adopt Ordinance 25-2; Park/Motorized Vehicles as amended. Commissioner Ott asked for discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: JJ, JO, JB, IJ, RB

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Blankenship and seconded by Commissioner Bean to adjourn the regular meeting of February 19, 2025 at 7:55 PM. President Ott asked for discussion. There was none.

VOICE VOTE:

All in favor: Ayes (5)

Opposed: Nays (0)

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Muenz, Board Secretary

Jean I. Ott, Board President

Date: February 19, 2025