

Medinah Park District
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
May 21, 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, May 21, 2025 at the Connolly Recreation Center, 22W130 Thorndale Avenue, Medinah, IL.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Jean Ott.

Pledge of Allegiance

Scout Presentation: Troop Leader Steve Talaga presented the board with 3 certificates one from each Troop in appreciation of the sponsor charter by Medinah Park District.

Commissioner Jarosinski and President Ott thanked the board for their time served.

The Oath of Office was taken by Commissioners Blankenship and Bean, and incoming Commissioners Scafidi and Neitzke.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

John Blankenship, Vice President

Irene Jarocinski, Treasurer

Russell Bean, Commissioner

Jaclyn Scafidi, Commissioner

Alyssa Neitzke, Commissioner

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present:

Steven Muenz, Executive Director, Board Secretary

Maria Piworski, Superintendent of Finance/HR

Vince DeGrado, Superintendent of Parks

Dan Touzious, Asst. Supervisor of Parks

Jim Huetson, Superintendent of Recreation

Guests: None

Public in Attendance

Gloria Workman, Ian Neitzke, Chris Deckert, Matt McAlevy, Stephanie Dooley, Marlene O'Mally

Quorum

Commissioner Blankenship recognized a quorum.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Blankenship asked if there were any additions, corrections, or deletions to the agenda. Director Muenz stated the agenda would be amended to remove Executive Session and could move forward as amended. It was moved by Commissioner Bean and seconded by Commissioner Scafidi to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Blankenship asked for discussion. There was none.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: JB, IJ, RB, JS, AN

Nay: None.

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Commissioner Blankenship asked if there were any requests to remove items from the consent agenda. Hearing none, Commissioner Blankenship asked for a motion. It was moved by Commissioner Bean and seconded by Commissioner Scafidi to approve the Consent Agenda as presented or if the need to remove items exists. Commissioner Blankenship asked for discussion. There was none.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: IJ, RB, JS, AN, JB

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried.

Citizen Comments

Stephanie Dooley – Question regarding use of the mailing list. Commissioner Blankenship said the board will look into, and get back to her with that information.

Written/Verbal Communication from Public to Staff/Commissioners

Multiple email communications from community members regarding Meacham Creek Park.

Commissioner Scafidi has heard from members of the community regarding multiple items including: a dog park, farmer's market, south Thorndale parking lot, basketball court, indoor pool, and the renaming of Goodenough Park.

Commissioner Neitzke-

Commissioner Bean – nothing

Commissioner Jarocinski – Community member left a picture of herself in her Polish dancing costume. Inquired about the Senior Coffee Club.

Commissioner Blankenship – nothing

Ex. Director Muenz - Responded to a gentleman regarding motor vehicles at Manary Park. He sent a thank you note to the Felcan family for donation of \$500. A letter received today about an incident at Goodenough Park which he will share with the rest of board. And also received about 15 very kind emails from families regarding future wishes for Meacham Creek.

STAFF REPORTS

A. **Financial Report** – No questions from the board.

B. **Recreation Report** – No questions from the board.

C. Risk Management Report – No questions from the board.

D. Parks/Maintenance Report – Commissioner Bean: Planting and landscaping at Old Thorndale Playground. Commissioner Jarocinski: Trees in back of maintenance. Free stuff at Medinah social media site.

Presentation –

Diligent Company representative gave a presentation regarding Diligent Community software. Commissioner Blankenship asked for discussion. There was none.

Attorneys Report

None.

Director's Report – Notes

Budget Schedule - Included the 2026 fiscal year budget schedule for information for the Board.

NEDSRA – Evaluation completed for Executive Director Jerry Barton. Salary increase will be voted on and approved at the June meeting.

June agenda item-Board/staff appointments – A reminder that Board elections and Board/staff appointments will take place at the June 18, 2025 regular Board meeting.

Meacham Creek Management Report-Pizzo and Associates – The stewardship report from the most recent Pizzo and Associates visit is included.

Items for Discussion

Annual Park Tour Update-2025: The Board was asked to review schedules and a date will be chosen for the annual tour.

Commissioners Park ribbon cutting - A ribbon cutting for the renaming of Goodenough Park was discussed. Commissioners are split on the idea and further discussions may take place.

IDNR Natural Area Stewardship Grant – Exec. Director Muenz discussed a possible grant opportunity for the property at Meacham Creek Park. Commissioner Bean asked a question regarding eligibility. Exec. Director Muenz will review.

Pizzo and Associates visit – Pizzo and Associates has offered to lead a tour of the nature area for the Board and staff. A date will have to be finalized.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Jarocinski – A senior left a picture for her. Mentioned a playground at Meacham Creek Park. Requested people visit the Itasca Park District nature center for possible ideas.

Commissioner Bean – None

Commissioner Blankenship – Discussed the possibilities of a larger fitness center and personal trainers on staff. Commissioner Scafidi-Maryann Grygiel plaque location, including a bench in front of the Connolly Recreation Center as options. Mentioned future options regarding a larger space for the fitness center and mentioned childcare for fitness users.

Commissioner Neitzke- A larger fitness center would be helpful.

Old Business/Action Items

A. Items removed from Consent Agenda – None

B. FOIA Requests –

Anna Rakowski regarding Meacham Creek Park

SmartProcure regarding purchasing records from 1/28/25 to present.

New Business

It was moved by Commissioner Bean and seconded by Commissioner Neitzke to approve Resolution 25-9, a contract between the Medinah Park District and Elite Document Solutions for the purchase of a printer/copier and service. Commissioner Blankenship asked for discussion. There was none.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: RB, JS, AN, JB

Nay: IJ

Absent: None.

Motion Carried.

Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Bean and seconded by Commissioner Scafidi to adjourn the regular meeting of May 21, 2025 at 7:35 PM. President Ott asked for discussion. There was none.

All in favor: Ayes (5) JB, IJ, RB, JS, AN

Opposed: Nays (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Muenz, Board Secretary

John Blankenship, Commissioner

Date: May 21, 2025