Medinah Park District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
October 15, 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, October 15, 2025 at the Connolly Recreation Center, 22W130 Thorndale Avenue, Medinah, IL.

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 6:33PM by President Neitzke.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call
Commissioners Present:
Alyssa Neitzke, President
Irene Jarocinski, Vice President
Jaclyn Scafidi, Commissioner
Gokhan Cukurova, Commissioner
Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present:
Steven Muenz, Executive Director, Board Secretary
Maria Piworski, Superintendent of Finance/HR
Vince DeGrado, Superintendent of Parks
Dan Touzios, Asst. Superintendent of Parks
Jim Huetson, Superintendent of Recreation

Public in Attendance
Jean Ott, Stuart Boughton, John Keeley, Bev Anderson, Jill McElroy, Jessica Kight, Matt McAlevy, Mary McMann, Hanna Bierman, Antonia Laurean

Quorum
Commissioner Neitzke recognized a quorum.

Approval of Agenda
President Neitzke asked if there were any additions, corrections, or deletions to the agenda. Director Muenz stated the agenda could move forward as amended. It was moved by Commissioner Scafidi, and seconded by President Neitzke to approved the agenda as presented. President Neitzke asked for discussion. There was none.

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Aye: AN, IJ, JS, GC
Nay: None.
Absent: None.
Motion Carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda
President Neitzke asked if there were any requests to remove items from the consent agenda. Hearing none, President Neitzke asked for a motion. It was moved by President Neitzke and seconded by Commissioner Jarocinski to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. President Neitzke asked for discussion. There was none.

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Aye: IJ, JS, GC, AN
Nay: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Motion Carried.

Staff Reports
A. **Financial Report –** Commissioner Jarocinski asked about the budget draft for 2026, Ex. Director Muenz stated is in the Board packet. Commissioner Jarocinski then asked about the parking lot resurfacing we would like done and if the Medinah Country Club would be providing that for us. Ex. Director Muenz said that he has contacted the Medinah Country Club and they have passed our information along to the PGA regarding the use of the parking lot, they would be more likely to use the parking lot but not necessarily to resurface it.

B. **Recreation Report** – Commissioner Scafidi - Great job with Harvest Fest. So impressed it was amazing. Last year 2024 we lost $455.00 on Harvest Fest this year with the changes made by the Recreation Department we made $4,950.00 in 2025. Commissioner Scafidi asked if we can work with Roselle Main Street Merchants Association, Village of Roselle doesn't want to work with anyone. Ex. Director Muenz said he would like to work with Roselle Merchants Association in the future. President Neitzke – Harvest Fest was great kids loved it. Spoke to Brooks about it and everyone missed the Pierogi Food Truck. Can we look into a Food Truck vendor agreement in case they cancel we can keep the deposit? Ex. Director Muenz said a lot of trucks actually charge us if they don't make enough money. President Neitzke also asked if staff can we look into having the Boy Scouts sell concessions hot dogs, chips etc. Commissioner Jarocinski – Asked if we have started the volunteer committee yet? Ex. Director Muenz said no we haven't. Also, she works with the Sister City with Poland and Montrose Deli.

C. **Risk Management Report –** None

D. **Parks/Maintenance Report –** Commissioner Scafidi asked if they were able to remove the graffiti at Riha Park Gazebo Asst. Supt. Of Parks Touzios said they were unable to clean it off and will paint over it with brown paint. Manary Park completely redoing the parking lot and maintaining it by having it resealed in 2 years. Also completing the walkway so it goes around in the park and will no longer cut through the parking lot making it much safer. It should be done in one day. Commissioner Jarocinski asked about the upcoming HVAC project and Ex. Director Muenz said the Board will be voting on this later in the meeting. The Heat is working but the air conditioner is where the work will be done. Commissioner Jarocinski asked about the elevator and the overpayment. Ex. Director Muenz said he has reached out to another elevator company and after 2 attempts he still has not heard back from them.

Attorney's Report - None

Citizen Comments 6:57 pm

Jean Ott stated – She would be interested in reading the emails that were discussed last meeting. Is this something she needs to FOIA? Last month she mentioned the TIF money. Has the survey been done to see whose property it actually is? Are we going to add the additional time for residents to speak? Has there been a survey to see if people actually want to change the name back to Goodenough Park? People said they wanted the park to be changed to Commissioners Park. Also, the Medinah Park District is part of the Roselle Chamber of Commerce and an event was held here several years ago by the chamber and maybe we could do something like that again to get people to come to the district. The PTO could sell items from the window.

Stuart Boughton – What is being done regarding the open seat on the Board? President Neitzke said they are not going to interview anyone new for the position, they have people in mind already who have showed an interest and ideally would like to have someone in place by the next meeting. Is there an update on the FOIA request for last month. Ex. Director Muenz said the FOIA request has been addressed and answered. Asked if a theater program can be provided for residents. The district can work with the school district. Supt. Huetson said we have offered a few programs the past couple of years but they have not run due to low enrollment.

Written/Verbal Communication from Public to Staff/Commissioners

Ex. Director Muenz –
Commissioner Cukurova – Stated his only public communication has been regarding the sign and name change of Commissioners Park.
Commissioner Scafidi – Jean Ott discussed bonds last year. Supt. Piworski stated we wouldn't do it based on interest to be paid. Jean mentioned she received info regarding bonds from newspaper.
President Neitzke – Robert Zoltek doing something for father and what can be done for family? Ex. Dir. Muenz stated he will use the Director's letter in the brochure to present information about former Commissioner Zoltek.
Commissioner Jarocinski – Lived in Medinah 35 years. Rented room at Connelly Recreation Center. Performed in Summer. Can teach ballroom dancing classes.

Director's Report – Notes

Commissioners Park Parking – Email from Dave Bohec from Morris Engineering regarding the potential parking lot at Commissioners Park. There are options regarding location within the park as well as the size of the lot. Depending on the size, there will be mature trees that may be destroyed.

School District #11 – The paintings from the school district students is currently on display in the lobby of the Connolly Recreation Center and will be displayed until March, 2026. The school district requested photos of the paintings for their use, possibly social media as well as other uses.

2026 IAPD/IPRA Conference – The conference takes place January 29-31, 2026. Please let Ex. Dir. Muenz know if you plan to attend and he will register Commissioners for the conference.

Commissioner Cukurova left the meeting at 7:51pm

Items for Discussion

FY 2026 Budget Review – Commissioner Scafidi how much would be taken out of reserves to complete all the projects on the capital list? The Board was asked about what project will take place at Meacham Creek. Commissioner Scafidi stated there will be specific questions on a community survey to review options and discuss.

Commissioners Comments:
President Neitzke – Brought up Harvest Fest and the event was great. Thank you to the community members for coming to tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Jarocinski – Asked about Senior Friday meetings and if anyone is attending. Asked if they are still being offered. She feels the Board meetings have gotten off task and need to be brought back. Please work on a microphone system for the meetings so all can hear.

Commissioner Scafidi – Thank you to Supt. Piworski and Ex. Director Muenz for working on the MyRec situation.

Old Business/Action Items
A. Items Removed from consent agenda (if necessary)

B. FOIA Requests – Received a FOIA request September 29, 2025 from Pamela Gretza requesting all hourly and salaried employee salaries for 2024 as well as salaried employees 2025 projected annual salaries. The request was completed on October 1, 2025.

C. METRA Agreement – Commissioner Scafidi discussed the contract status with members of the community and answered questions regarding the possible changes to the property contract.

D. Commissioners Park renaming – It was moved by Commissioner Scafidi and seconded by President Neitzke to rename Commissioners Park to Goodenough Park. President Neitzke asked for discussion. There was none.

ROLE CALL VOTE:
Aye: AN, JS, IJ
Nay: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried

E. Augie Felcan Plaque – The Board requested this to be tabled and asked staff to provide additional information.

New Business

A. Resolution 25-17 Meachum Creek Park Stewardship Contract – The Board requested additional information regarding a prescribed burn and the costs associated with the service.

B. Resolution 25-18 annual Brochure Printing Contract - Tentatively approved – It was moved by President Neitzke and seconded by Commissioner Scafidi President Neitzke asked for discussion. There was none.

ROLE CALL VOTE:
Aye: AN, JS, IJ
Nay: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried

C. Resolution 25-19 – HVAC System Installation contract – It was moved by President Neitzke and seconded by Commissioner Scafidi to approve installation of the HVAC system by Ridgeway Heating & Cooling, Inc. President Neitzke asked for discussion. There was none.

ROLE CALL VOTE:
Aye: AN, JS, IJ
Nay: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried

D. Use of Funds – Manary Park Parking Lot – It was moved by President Neitzke and seconded by Commissioner Scafidi to approve the use of funds to have the Manary Park parking lot repaved. President Neitzke asked for discussion. There was none.

ROLE CALL VOTE:
Aye: AN, JS, IJ
Nay: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried

E. Ordinance 25-3: Estimate of Taxes to be Levied – It was moved by Commissioner Scafidi and seconded by President Neitzke to approve the Estimate of Taxes to be Levied with a total of $1,309,197.00. President Neitzke asked for discussion. There was none.

ROLE CALL VOTE:
Aye: AN, JS, IJ
Nay: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried

Executive Session

It was moved by President Neitzke and seconded by Commissioner Scafidi to move to Executive Session for the semi-annual review of the Executive Session Minutes at 8:51PM. President Neitzke asked for discussion. There was none.

ROLE CALL VOTE:
Aye: AN, IJ, JS
Nay: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried

It was moved by President Neitzke and seconded by Commissioner Scafidi to return the regular meeting at 10:18PM. President Neitzke asked for discussion. There was none.

ROLE CALL VOTE:
Aye: AN, IJ, JS
Nay: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried

Other Business
It was moved by Commissioner Scafidi and seconded by President Neitzke to approve the FY 2026 salary 2.7 % increase pool. President Neitzke asked for discussion. There was none.

ROLE CALL VOTE:
Aye: IJ, JS, AN
Nay: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried

Adjournment
It was moved by President Neitzke and seconded by Commissioner Scafidi to adjourn the regular meeting of October 15, 2025 at 10:19PM. President Neitzke asked for discussion. There was none.

VOICE VOTE
All in favor: Ayes (3) AN, IJ, JS,
Opposed: Nays (0)
Absent: (0)
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Steven Muenz, Board Secretary Alyssa Neitzke, Board President

Date: October 15, 2025