Medinah Park District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
January 21, 2026 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, January 21, 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: Matt McAlevy, Commissioner

Staff Present:
Steven Muenz, Ex. Director
Maria Piworski, Superintendent of Finance/HR and Assistant Secretary
Vince DeGrado, Superintendent of Parks
Dan Touzios, Asst. Superintendent of Parks

Public in Attendance
Jean Ott
Anna Rakowski
Robert Zoltek
Catherine Zachary
Jerry Barton, NEDSRA

Quorum
Commissioner Neitzke recognized a quorum.

Approval of Agenda
President Neitzke asked if there were any additions, corrections, or deletions to the agenda. 13A New Business - NEDSRA Ex. Director Jerry Barton is in attendance and moved to follow Consent Agenda. Director Muenz stated the agenda could move forward as amended. It was moved by President Neitzke, and seconded by Commissioner Scafidi to approve the agenda as amended. President Neitzke asked for discussion. There was none.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: AN, IJ, JS, GC
Nay: None.
Absent: MM
Motion Carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda
President Neitzke asked if there were any requests to remove items from the consent agenda. 6A, 6B and 6C. President Neitzke asked for a motion. It was moved by President Neitzke and seconded by Commissioner Scafidi to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. President Neitzke asked for discussion. There was none.

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

New Business
A. Jerry Barton, Executive Director of NEDSRA – Gave informational presentation to the board regarding NEDSRA. Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association. The Board had some questions that Jerry addressed.
The following items were discussed.
Would like to see training for front desk staff for learning more about NEDSRA programming.
NEDSRA marketing to reach out to MPD staff regarding this. Medinah Park District will look into a permanent informational item at front desk.
Jerry Barton said NEDSRA provides inclusion services no cost, Medinah Park District has 13 individuals resulting in 62 registrations.
Commissioner Scafidi asked for clarification about the number of individuals and registrations. Commissioner Scafidi said the district has free events and would like to network and to be more involved with NEDSRA and would love to invite NEDSRA participants to our free events.
President Neitzke said we can look at putting a NEDSRA booth at events.

Staff Reports
A. **Financial Report** – No questions

B. **Recreation Report** – No questions

C. **Risk Management Report** – Commissioner Scafidi said she asked for information regarding the differences for grading for last year verses this year, and she has not received this information yet. Asst. Supt. Touzios said he will provide information for board to review differences.

D. **Parks/Maintenance Report** – No questions

Attorney's Report - None

Citizen Comments 7:04 PM
No comments

Written/Verbal Communication from Public to Staff/Commissioners

No communications to staff.

President Neitzke – Copied on email with Vince regarding A&A Paving that they were nice, polite and informative to citizen.

Commissioner Jarocinski -None

Commissioner Cukurova – Said he received a compliment on the walking path extension at Manary Park, and she also appreciated the park.

Commissioner Scafidi – Heard from residents that the survey wasn't that accessible if you didn't have a Google account and there was only one choice for age range. She shared survey on Facebook. The due date has been expanded to February 9, 2026 per Ex. Director Muenz. Also, some discussion about last months meeting in regards to changing signs and pricing concerns. The board has not discussed any new signs or name changes to parks. The Goodenough sign cost $222.71 not $3,000.00

President Neitzke – Board agrees they are listening to community. Another future survey could be a possibility and to be sent as survey only in email.

Director's Report – Notes

DECO Grant – Has been approved. Waiting for our representative to get back to us to see about grant being in 2025 when the billing took place as opposed to 2026. District has received information on documentation required and will move on that ASAP.

Statement of Economic Interest – Provided fact sheet for those who haven't done it before about how to fill it out. You should see it in the beginning of March.

2026 IAPD/IPRA Conference Luncheon – January 30, 2026- Have not received table numbers yet but wanted to let everyone know who the Representatives will be at their table. President Neitzke will be sitting Senator Seth Lewis's table and Commissioners Cukurova will be sitting at Representative Jennifer Sanalitro's table.

Community Survey – 64 responses as of today and 1 hard copy.

Items for Discussion

Under Action Items: Ordinance 26-1 Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for approval.

Metra – Reached out to Metra and let them the district is interested in managing the Metra Parking again, when the contract with their current vendor runs out. Not heard from attorney for Metra yet and will let the board know as soon as something is heard.

2026 Presidents Cup – Ex. Director Muenz and Supt. Piworski had meeting with representative from the PGA today. Will look into raising the fees paid to the district for the use of lots.

Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Final Approval – February 24, 2026 at 5:30 pm.

Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Jarocinski – The spelling of Wayne Domkey name needs to be corrected. It is spelled Domke.

President Neitzke – question about the minutes. Since those three were struck from the agenda for any changes or adjustments can they be sent to Supt. Muenz to be updated? Ex. Director Muenz said yes and he would make

the changes and send them back out. 10 year Capital Plan. Requested update for the Capital Plan. Asst. Supt. Touzios capital items plan was updated.

Commissioner Scafidi – Budget changes to Capital Plan. Can changes be made? Supt. Piworski answered question regarding budget and the changes made to the Capital Plan.
Thorndale South parking lot 2032 $171,000.00. Can it be moved? Change 2026 list to include the Thorndale South Park, and move Meacham Creek play feature to 2027. And remove Goodenough. Potential to do all main projects.

Commissioner Cukurova – 10 year Capital Plan. Elevator replacement. Is it necessary to replace? Supt. DeGrado said it is getting difficult to find replacement parts due to the age of the elevator, replacement will be necessary. Can staff/district go without any items?

Old Business/Action Items

A. Items removed from Consent agenda. These items have been discussed.

B. FOIA Requests – Bill Meyer regarding burglar alarm, fire alarm and video surveillance systems. Met with staff and collecting required information.

C. Resolution 26-1: Memo of Understanding with School District #11. It was moved by President Neitzke and seconded by Commissioner Cukurova to approve Resolution 26-1 MOU with School District #11. President Neitzke asked for discussion. There was none.

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

D. Resolution 26-2: Roselle Pool IGA – Tabled for February 2026 meeting. Staff will provide the Board information regarding fees the Roselle Park District will charge for resident and non-resident rates in 2026.

E. Resolution 26-3: Meacham Creek Park Delineation Contract – Tabled.
How long will county take for approval?
What will PDRMA allow in terms of playground materials?

F. Resolution 26-1: Budget and Appropriation - Tentative. It was moved by President Neitzke and seconded by Commissioner Jarocinski to tentatively approve Resolution 26-1 Budget and Appropriation for 2026.

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

Citizen Comments started 8:08PM
Jean Ott
November 19, 2025 minutes should be approved in tentative form. Have corrections done.
Discussed brochure dates re: Roselle PD.
Letter from Executive Director should not have been made public.
Springhill and Nordic Park can be renamed.
Stuart added to sign at Goodenough Park. This shouldn't be done.

Anna Rakowski-
Fighting for Meacham Creek Park for 10 years.
Commissioner Scafidi – Feels frustration. Meacham Creek must be done.
President Neitzke – Meacham Creek has been a priority of this board.
Commissioner Cukurova – Rezoning must be done and something will be done this year. This board will make it happen.

Executive Session
It was moved by President Neitzke and seconded by Commissioner Scafidi to move to Executive Session regarding personnel at 9:03PM. President Neitzke asked for discussion. There was none.

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

It was moved by President Neitzke and seconded Commissioner Scafidi by to return the regular meeting at 9:18PM. President Neitzke asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Staff Safety and Longevity

It was moved by Commissioner Scafidi and seconded by President Neitzke to approve Staff Safety and Longevity awards. President Neitzke asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Adjournment