Medinah Park District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
April 15, 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, April 15, 2026 at the Connolly Recreation Center, 22W130 Thorndale Avenue, Medinah, IL.

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 6:31PM by President Neitzke.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call
Commissioners Present:
Alyssa Neitzke, President
Jaclyn Scafidi, Commissioner
Matt McAlevy, Commissioner
Irene Jarocinski, Vice President

Commissioners Absent:
Commissioner Cukurova

Staff Present:
Maria Piworski, Executive Director
Dan Touzios, Deputy Director
Brooks Wogelius, Recreation Supervisor
Laura Reilly, Recreation Supervisor
Vince DeGrado, Superintendent of Parks

Public in Attendance
Jean Ott
Al Kubalewski
Robert Zoltek
Maria Ameneiro
Jonathan Acevedo
Mary Zoltek
Joe Ferlong
Philip Delaney
Carol Kooken
Justyna Sobota
Thomas Keene
Jessica Kight
Anthony DeGrado
Marlene O'Malley

Quorum
Commissioner Neitzke recognized a quorum.

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

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

Approval of Consent Agenda
President Neitzke asked if there were any requests to change or remove items from the consent agenda. President Neitzke said the Consent Agenda could move forward as presented. It was moved by President Neitzke and seconded by Commissioner McAlevy to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. President Neitzke asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Staff Reports

A. **Deputy Director –** Commissioner Jarocinski said she would like to congratulate Deputy Director Touzios on his recent completion and certification in OMA and FOIA trainings.

B. **Recreation Report** – Commissioner Scafidi asked for clarification on bringing more programs in house and making sure it won't affect our relationship with RMSBO. Recreation Supervisor Wogelius said we would like to do more in house instead of using programs like Hot Shots which is an outside Vendor with Roselle Park District.

C. **Risk Management Report –** No questions

D. **Parks/Maintenance Report –** Commissioner Jarocinski asked if the wood chipper was new. Supt. DeGrado said no we purchased it used in 2014, it was 2 or 3 years old at time of purchase. This is the first time it has required maintenance. Commissioner Scafidi asked if the Parks/Maintenance Department needs more help. Supt. DeGrado said the help we have lined up aren't available until school gets out for the season. One is a student and the other is a teacher. Executive Director Piworski said this has been budgeted for. Commissioner Jarocinski asked what is the plan for the flowers this year then she asked if anyone here is an expert and would like to help us out. Supt. DeGrado said we have built the new wildflower garden and it is coming up and looking very colorful. Commissioner Jarocinski said she has heard complaints that the Park District doesn't look so nice because of the weeds.

President Neitzke asked public to please not speak out of turn and only speak during citizen comments.

Commissioner Scafidi asked if we were able to reallocate funds for more help if needed. Supt. DeGrado said maybe next year. They have enough staff for day to day but sometimes need help on big projects.

Attorney's Report – None

Citizen Comments

Justyna Sobota said her and her husband have been coaching soccer for several years and is in favor of another field. And asked about the field at the school and the shape it is in.

Robert Zoltek thanked the Executive Director, and the Commissioners for their consideration for allowing him and his family to express their wishes for a dedication for my father. Robert asked what is the protocol for following up? President Neitzke said we can put it on the agenda and thanked Robert for the information he provided regarding the history of Medinah Park District. President Neitzke stated it will be a discussion item on the next meeting.

Phillip Delaney – Longtime resident and member of RMSBO. Philip stated, "This is a baseball area". He said he would hate to see ballfields go away for a soccer program that is not currently established when there are so many other districts in the area already offering soccer.

Jessica Kight– Asked about the proposed construction project and what the district's stance is on this. President Neitzke explained that it will be discussed further in tonight's meeting.

Al Kubalewski – spoke of the good relationship between the district and RMSBO. Explained about the misinterpretation of information that may have been brought out of perspective and asked that if anyone has questions on anything to please ask him or park district staff for correct information.

Mike Aguirre - Long time soccer coach, can see potential for growth in soccer at Medinah and would like to see additional and better soccer fields within the park district.

Vince DeGrado Jr. – Manary field is very nostalgic to him as it holds his family's name. Don't remove any ballfields from Medinah as they have been here for a long time. Don't tear down a program to build a new one. Very happy on how his voice was heard from commissioners. Invited board members to the RSMBO open house at Clause Recreation Area on April 26th.

Written/Verbal Communication from Public to Staff/Commissioners

Executive Director Piworski received a visit from Carol Kooken who notified the park district of current possible illegal dumping occurring around the Natasha Brandt Park area and how the county is aware of it.

Deputy Director Touzios received a suggestion from a fitness member, Vesela Sokolarska asking to possibly extend the fitness center hours on Saturdays until 2:00pm. Deputy Director Touzios explained staff is looking into this.

Recreation Supervisor Wogeilius received a letter from Samantha Dravilas. She was excited to hear of soccer fields potentially coming to Thorndale Park.

President Neitzke explained on Manary ballfield and its use. She explained how the Park District does not intend on removing baseball or Manary baseball field in anyway. She explained how poor the soccer fields are on off district property and is very happy that we now have safer fields to play on at Manary Park. There was discussion.

Commissioner Scafidi she has gotten a lot of phone calls about people upset about RMSBO and explained what was said to her. Commissioner Scafidi asked for transparency and asked that it is told that an idea was posed but was not acted upon. Deputy Director Touzios explained about the district's ideas and that ideas shouldn't be misunderstood as actions.

President Neitzke explained how happy she was to use the better fields provided by the district for soccer use. Commissioner Scafidi received a lot of concerned calls about RMSBO and hopes we can all work together.

Director's Report

DECO Grant Update- $22,500.00 check received from the State. Grant process completed.

NEDSRA- Board Meeting April 8, staff finalized the 2026-2027 budget and Trustees voted to approve. Next meeting will be May 13.

IAPD Legislative Conference- Will be held on May 5th & 6th. Executive Director Piworski, Deputy Director Touzios and Commissioner Scafidi will be attending.

Statement of Economic Interest- Are due May 1, 2026. Please complete. There are monetary fines if not done on time.

2026 PGA President's Cup - There are 2 parking lots that the Medinah Park District will be renting out in an agreement with the PGA. As well as a 50/50 shared rental between Metropolis and Medinah Park District on the one Metra Lot, Metra said they wouldn't want a share in the PGA agreement. Still waiting on final proposal from the PGA hopefully it will be received before May.

Items for Discussion

2026 Capital Timeline- A&A Paving is in the process of acquiring permits, then we will have a tentative start date. Keifer Floors sent over a packet that was reviewed by Deputy Director Touzios and Supt. DeGrado and we are on their schedule. Keifer Floors was given the verbal ok by Deputy Director Touzios and Sup. DeGrado to order the supplies. We are waiting on start date but Keifer Floors needs to know when the supplies will be in so they can schedule the floor.

Affiliate Group Agreements, BSA Troop #95, RMSBO. BSA Troop #95 has agreed to provide a Certificate of Insurance naming the Medinah Park District as additional insured. RMSBO for a 1-year term with the same agreement as last year, updated agreement with new rates will be approved next year.

Annual Park Tour Date - Will be on May 27, 2026 at 4PM.

Development Plans North and South of Medinah Intermediate School- Executive Director Piworski said the Supt. Of Schol District #11 came to see her about a concept plan a developer was looking to build. The concept plan was a trucking facility in Medinah. Executive Director Piworski explained that Roselle would have to

annex the school in order for annexation to occur within the park district. Executive Director Piworski said she had a meeting with Village of Roselle Administrator Jason Bielawski said the Village had been approached by a developer, which he didn't name. The developer would have to bring this to a public hearing then the Village who would have to bring it for a vote proposal. He doesn't know if they can go through DuPage County. North of Medinah Intermediate School would be easier because they would have to only get rid of 3 houses but if they were to develop South, they would have to annex the school into Roselle as well as the houses. The school board will have to vote if they want to annex into Roselle. In Executive Directors opinion it would be better not to annex as this in an unincorporated area with nature, schools and parks. There was discussion.
President Neitzke explained that her and the entire board are against this construction proposal. Executive Director Piworski also agreed that she is against this as well. President Neitzke said that the park district is not interested in supporting industrial parks.

Commissioners Comments:
None.

Old Business/Action Items
None.

FOIA Requests
None.

New Business/Action Items

Resolution 26-7: Affiliate Group Facility Use or Rental Agreement, BSA Troop #95 for the use of storage space on Medinah Park District property and use of Park District property.

It was moved by President Neitzke and seconded by Commissioner Scafidi to approve Resolution 26-7: Affiliate Group Facility Use or Rental Agreement, BSA Troop #95. President Neitzke asked for discussion. Commissioner Scafidi asked why pricing was not included. Deputy Director Touzios stated this contract was mainly for liability purposes in regards to storage of equipment.

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

Resolution 26-8: Affiliate Group Facility Use Rental Agreement, RMSBO for the usage of Medinah Park District Athletic Fields.

It was moved by President Neitzke and seconded by Commissioner Scafidi to approve Resolution 26-8: Affiliate Group Facility Use Rental Agreement, RMSBO. President Neitzke asked when the fall baseball season ended. It was ending in mid-November.

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Aye: AN, IJ, JS, MM

Nay: None
Absent: GC
Abstain: None
Motion Carried

Citizen Comments (3 minutes per speaker with a maximum comment period of 15 minutes)

Jean Ott – Made a comment that in the district brochure, it states that there is space for a soccer field at Riha Park and it could be potentially utilized.

Al Kubalewski – Was very thankful for the board listening to the group tonight.

Executive Session
It was moved by President Neitzke and seconded by Commissioner Jarocinski to move into Executive Session at 8:35PM pursuant to section 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) of the Open Meetings Act. President Neitzke asked for discussion. There was none.

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

It was moved by President Neitzke and seconded Commissioner Scafidi by to return the regular meeting at 9:56PM. President Neitzke asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Other Business
None.

Adjournment
It was moved by President Neitzke and seconded by Commissioner Scafidi to adjourn the regular meeting of April 15, 2026 at 10:02PM. President Neitzke asked for discussion. There was none.

VOICE VOTE
All in favor: Ayes (3) AN, JS, MM
Opposed: Nays (0)
Absent: (2) GC, IJ
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dan Touzios, Board Secretary	Alyssa Neitzke, Board President

Date: May 20, 2026