Medinah Park District

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

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by President Scafidi.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call
Commissioners Present:
Jaclyn Scafidi, President
Matt McAlevy, Vice President
Alyssa Neitzke, Commissioner
Irene Jarocinski, Commissioner (Entered Meeting at 6:38PM)

Commissioners Absent:
Gokhan Cukurova, Commissioner

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

Public in Attendance
Peggy Ott
Mike Harris
Al Kubalewski
Vince DeGrado Jr.
Robert Zoltek

Quorum
President Scafidi recognized a quorum.

Approval of Agenda
President Scafidi 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 motioned by Commissioner McAlevy and seconded by President Scafidi to approve the agenda as presented. President Scafidi asked for discussion. There was none.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

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

Commissioner Jarocinski entered the meeting at 6:38PM

Staff Reports

A. **Recreation Report (Recreation Supervisor, Brooks Wogelius) –** Each staff member read highlights of their report.

B. **Recreation Report (Recreation Supervisor, Laura Reilly)** – Each staff member read highlights of their report.
Commissioner Jarocinski asked if church mass can use the gymnasium on Sundays if needed. Recreation Supervisor Laura Riley said that it could be available if scheduled.
President Scafidi asked if the group "Hoops for Hope" is a non-profit group. Recreation Supervisor Laura Riley said the group was not a non-profit and is a rental group utilizing our gymnasium
President Scafidi asked if a cricket pitch had been discussed for potential cricket field use. Recreation Supervisor Laura Riley said she and Deputy Director Touzios have been looking into it and explained there is some interest in the sport.
President Scafidi said the sticker event Recreation Supervisor Laura Rilley had hosted was great and successful event.

C. **Risk Management Report/Deputy Report –** Each staff member read highlights of their report.
Commissioner McAlevy asked Deputy Director Touzios questions regarding both parking lot projects regarding pitch and drainage. Deputy Director Touzios explained.
Commissioner Jarocinski asked if the Goodenough tennis courts were lit courts. Deputy Director Touzios replied no, they are not lit.
President Scafidi had good comments about the new gymnasium flooring but did say we may need new basketballs. She also had good comments regarding the Goodenough Park parking lot but did want to mention to keep up with any maintenance over time.
President Scafidi congratulated staff on the new projects and programs.
The board discussed tennis courts and renovation prioritizations.
The board discussed Nordic Park and its potential for commercial zoning.

Deputy Director Touzios explained the new signs purchased that contain park hours as well as no e-bike indicators.

D. **Parks/Maintenance Report –** Each staff member read highlights of their report.
Commissioner Jarocinski asked a question in regards to the butterfly garden.
President Scafidi asked how old the gymnasium roof was. Superintendent DeGrado explained the roof is a newer roof and gave the ages of all the other remaining roofs in the building. Commissioner McAlevy asked about the leaks in the gymnasium during the gymnasium renovation project. Superintendent Degrado explained it was due to clogging drains with debris around them.

Attorney's Report
None.

Citizen Comments
Mike Harris – Wanted to come say hello and support the Medinah Park District and the relationship with RMSBO.
Vincent DeGrado – Discussed RMSBO and how they are growing.

Written/Verbal Communication from Public to Staff/Commissioners
Executive Director Piworski had communication from Larry and Mary Zoltek regarding rogue soccer league playing at Manary Park as well as some fireworks set off at the park. There was discussion.
Recreation Supervisor Laura Rielly explained she also had communication with Mary Zoltek regarding the rogue soccer group and asked her to report to her if they return again.
Commissioner Neitzke recalled the group also appearing at the middle school soccer field.
Deputy Director Touzios received communications from Susan Heely regarding the districts summer camp program.
Deputy Director Touzios received contact with a Nordic Park resident regarding the potential progress on the tennis court.

Director's Report

NEDRSA – No mid-summer meeting scheduled.

2026 President Cup – Payment for parking lot use has been received.

Semi-annual review of executive minutes – Will be conducted next month. Commissioners are encouraged to come review the minutes at their leisure.

ADP Digital Payroll System – Will be implemented as soon as possible. Cost of change will remain the same as we currently pay. Training will be conducted to all employees upon implementation.

Commissioner Neitzke asked if the new ADP software implementation will save the executive director time in payroll processing. Executive Director Piworski said that it would.

Items for Discussion

HR Position – Commissioner Neitzke wanted to ensure the Executive Director is able to balance all of her required duties and if she is looking into additional assistance, either contracted or hired. Discussion ensued. Executive Director Piworski explained that over time positions may change if needed to balance workloads. Commissioner Neitzke just wanted to consider having another employee as HR. District attorney Mellissa Hall explained that the executive director can be the HR representative for the district and that all employees can come to either the Executive Director or the Deputy Director in an HR matter. The Attorney said, this should also be reflected in the districts personal policy manual.

Personnel Policy Manual updates – Nepotism and Merit awards have been updated and pending board approval. Commissioner Neitzke asked when staff updates the personnel policy manual. Executive Director Piworski explained that as best practice, the district updates if needed when new legalities arise as well as annually reviewed for potential updates.
President Scafidi asked for some additional language to be included in the updates prior to approval.

Park's Naming – Executive Director Piworski is awaiting responses from additional board members. President Scafidi asked for the remaining Board Members to please send their suggestions to Executive Director Piworski for further discussion.
Commissioner McAlevy explained that naming should represent everyone in a fair way. Not taking and replacing but rather including all.
President Scafidi explained her research into the early beginnings of Medinah Park District and wants to make sure we know exactly who formed the district before making any final decisions.

Athletic Programs – President Scafidi wanted to bring the discussion of athletic program direction to the Board.
President Scafidi explained she would like more research done on maintaining fields.
Deputy Director discussed plans on field usage for 2027.
Commissioner Neitzke asked for specific field assignments for Fall 2026.
Commissioner McAlevy asked the comparisons from last year's fees to RMSBO compared to the future contract fee.
There was further discussion on details of the future contract for RMSBO.
Commissioner Neitzke said she is curious to see dimensionally how we will fit all the soccer fields in the areas we have available.
President Scafidi discussed the conditions of the middle school soccer field. There was discussion.
There was further discussion on Athletic Fields.
President Scafidi asked if there were any more questions. There was none.

Commissioners Comments:

President Scafidi discussed RMSBO and hoping we can help them with what they need. President Scafidi discussed new ideas on athletic fields and making sure we support the community in what decisions we make.

Old Business/Action Items

Executive Director Piworski discussed the decision on the constellation contract and that the Board parks tour will be held on Thursday July 30th at 4:30PM.

FOIA Requests

None.

New Business/Action Items

Resolution 26-9: Personnel Nepotism Policy of the Medinah Park District.

It was motioned to approve as amended by Commissioner McAlevy and seconded by Commissioner Neitzke to approve Resolution 26-9: Personnel Nepotism Policy of the Medinah Park District. President Scafidi asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Resolution 26-10: Personnel Merit Award Policy of the Medinah Park District.

It was motioned to approve as amended by Commissioner McAlevy and seconded by Commissioner Jarocinski to approve Resolution 26-10: Personnel Merit Award Policy of the Medinah Park District. President Scafidi asked for discussion. There was none.

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)
Al Kubaleski – Discussed on the cost of fees that RMSBO had paid in the past.
Vince DeGrado Jr. – Explained that Thorndale Field #5 is still being used and expressed his concerns on park district field maintenance issues.

Executive Session
It was motioned by President Scafidi and seconded by Commissioner Neitzke to move into Executive Session at 9:01PM pursuant to section 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) – Personnel, of the Open Meetings Act. President Scafidi asked for discussion. There was none.

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

It was motioned by President Scafidi and seconded Commissioner Jarocinski by to return the regular meeting at 9:09PM. President Scafidi asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Other Business
None.

Adjournment
It was motioned by President Scafidi and seconded by Commissioner Jarocinski to adjourn the regular meeting of July15th at 9:10PM. President Scafidi asked for discussion. There was none.

VOICE VOTE
All in favor: Ayes (4) AN, JS, MM, IJ
Opposed: Nays (0)
Absent: (1) GC
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dan Touzios, Board Secretary Jaclyn Scafidi, Board President

Date: August 19th, 2026