Medinah Park District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
August 19 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

Commissioners Absent:
Gokhan Cukurova, Commissioner

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

Public in Attendance
Jean Ott
Phil Delany
Al Kubalewski
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 Neitzke and seconded by Commissioner McAlevy to approve the agenda as presented. President Scafidi asked for discussion. There was none.

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Aye: AN, JS, MM, IJ
Nay: None.
Absent: 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 Jarocinski to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. President Scafidi asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Recreation Supervisor, Laura Reilly entered the meeting at 6:35PM

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.

C. **Risk Management Report/Deputy Report –** Each staff member read highlights of their report.
Commissioner Jarocinski asked what time the safety Day Event was scheduled for. Deputy Director Touzios said it was this coming Friday, August 21st.
Commissioner McAlevy asked in regards to the districts PDRMA current status on the essentials of risk management requirements. Deputy Director Touzios explained the district has moved out form the orange category and into the yellow category. This will allow the district its incentive and does no longer pose a concern to PDRMA.
President Scafidi asked when the start date of the Thorndale South project will be. Deputy Director Touzios explained we will be first in line for scheduling. Executive Director Piworski said that due to the abundance of use on the parking lot during the upcoming PGA tour, we have decided to schedule the parking lot renovation for after the PGA event.

D. **Parks/Maintenance Report –** Each staff member read highlights of their report.

Attorney's Report
None.

Citizen Comments

Jean Ott – Jean expressed she was excited to see the district promoting itself and being more present at out-of-district events. Jean also commented on the improvement of new marketing materials and advertisements.

Written/Verbal Communication from Public to Staff/Commissioners

Recreation Supervisor, Reilly – Received communications from Mr. Patel explaining how happy he was to hear of new athletic opportunities with the district and was interested in indoor volleyball use and potential new cricket type sport/programs.

Superintendent of Parks, DeGrado – Received letter from Nordic Park Resident in regards to the tennis courts. The resident explained the tennis courts would be used by residents and that it would be great to see the tennis courts renovated with lights being added as well.

Deputy Director Touzios, received an email from a resident in regards to trash cans with chemical labels on them thorough out district parks and asked if they are safe since they all have chemical labels on them. The resident also mentioned that if they are safe then perhaps the district should consider removing the chemical labels as they may pose the perception of being hazardous. Deputy Director Touzios explained that he agreed that although the drums used for parks refuse may be safe for use, any chemical labeling should be removed for not only aesthetics but to avoid potential public concern.

Deputy Director Touzios, received communications from a resident at the Goodenough Park neighborhood. The resident was very thankful for the new parking lot but did express concern of the layout as it is difficult for wheelchairs and strollers to pass through. Deputy Director, Touzios explained that he will look into this matter and find a potential solution. The resident also explained that the playground seemed a little less challenging and hopes to see an upgrade. The resident explained he would also like to see the tennis/basketball courts renovated in the near future.

Director's Report

NEDRSA – Trustees met for a NEDSRA meeting on August 5th. The Rise Awards to celebrate participants, staff, partners and community supporters will take place on Friday November 6th, 6 p.m. till 9 p.m. at Medinah Shriners in Addison. This includes a buffet dinner and award ceremony. The cost is $50 per person. Please let me know if any commissioners would like to attend and I will respond on your behalf. The next NEDSRA meeting is scheduled for October 7th which will include an audit presentation by Sikich

Harvest Fest - Medinah Park District's annual Harvest Fest is scheduled for Saturday October 3rd from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Please save the date for a day full of fun activities for the entire family. There will be ethnic dancers and The Jolly Ringwald's band will perform.

Itasca Bank Sponsorship - The district would like to thank Itasca Bank for a very generous sponsorship for Harvest Fest in addition to an athletic sponsorship.

Election Nominating Packets - Nominating Packets will be available on August 25th for the April 2027 consolidated election. There are seats available for the completion of two-year terms and for two four-year terms. Petitions may be filed starting at 8:30 a.m. on November 16th. The last day to file petitions will be November 23rd no later than 5 p.m.

Items for Discussion

Change Order Thorndale South Parking Lot - After speaking with Bloomingdale Township, the district will be required to install new pipes for water drainage under both asphalt entrances of the parking lot. We are still awaiting approval of the permit from DuPage County.

Parks Tour Recap - After our parks tour, it was discussed that Nordic Park tennis courts should be a capital priority in FY 2027. Mention was also made of a walking path at Meacham Creek Park although the amount of the project would be significant. There was also discussion on removing the Riha light post to use the space for athletics. President Scafidi asked if this change order would bring the budgeted amount over budget. Executive Director Piworski explained it wouldn't. President Scafidi asked if the Capital Projects plan has been updated. Deputy Director Touzios explained that Executive Director Piworski and himself are currently reviewing the plan and making the necessary adjustments. President Scafidi asked about the deteriorating gazebo at Riah Park and the districts plans to repair it. Executive Director Piworski explained it is the current plan to remove the structure this year and replace it next year. President Scafidi asked about the new park hours signs. Superintendent DeGrado explained they have been received and are awaiting installation. President Scafidi asked if T-Ball was being played at Manary Park and if we are using it for soccer. Deputy Director Touzios explained that both sports will utilize the field and have the availability to schedule use when needed.

Intermediate School Field and T-ball Usage - The oldest T-ball field has been removed. The other field remains as it is being utilized for use.

Middle School Soccer Field Investment - The idea was brought up to potentially invest in renovations at the middle school field used for soccer. Discussion ensued. Deputy Director Touzios explained he will obtain pricing on soccer field renovations.

Parks Naming Policy - The board would like to discuss what they want to include in a park naming policy. The board discussed having feedback for the next board meeting. President Scafidi explained she would like to have more input for the next meeting.

Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner McAlevy expressed his appreciation for staff working hard on getting the districts name out there, as well as their hard work in promoting and advertising the Medinah Park District.

Old Business/Action Items

None.

FOIA Requests

Joe La Calamata - Republic Services- trash/recycling contract and invoices for trash/recycling for April/May 2026.
Sheri Reid, Smart Procure - Purchasing records from May 1, 2026, to current.
Phil Delany- All revenues and expenses for athletic programs separated from 2024 to current.

New Business/Action Items

Resolution 26-11: Change order to 2026 A&A Paving Contract.

It was motioned by Commissioner Neitzke and seconded by Commissioner McAlevy to approve Resolution 26-11: Change order to 2026 A&A Paving Contract. 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)

Robert Zoltek – Robert explained he was hoping to hear more progress for his father's recognition. Robert gave the board an example of an application for park renaming as a template for the district to potentially use.

Jean Ott – Said she called Director Piworski that morning to explain that a description should be placed after the resolution number in the agenda. Nordic Park and Riah are good candidates for tennis grants, as well as grants for an elevated board walk at Meacham Creek. Also agreed on the warning chemical labels on trash cans and that they could be painted with the district logo. Jean was also glad to hear the Harvest Fest was occurring again this year.

Phil Delany – Wanted to know if the district had mahjong classes or hobby programs and explained it might be a good interest for a class at the district. Phil also discussed the possibility for the district installing community Gardens. Superintendent DeGrado explained the district did have them in the past but no longer does but it is something we have been speaking about. Commissioner McAlevy said it would be nice to have a youth trash can painting day to invite the neighborhood to paint trash cans.

Executive Session
It was motioned by Commissioner Neitzke and seconded by Commissioner McAlevy to move into Executive Session at 7:34PM pursuant to section 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(21) –Semi-annual executive session review. President Scafidi asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Regular meeting was reconvened at 8:07PM.

Other Business

Resolution 26-12: Approving of Executive Session Minutes and determining which minutes to release or hold.

It was motioned by Commissioner Neitzke and seconded by Commissioner McAlevy to approve Resolution 26-12: Approving of Executive Session Minutes and determining which minutes to release or hold. President Scafidi asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Adjournment

It was motioned by Commissioner Neitzke and seconded by Commissioner McAlevy to adjourn the regular meeting of August 19th at 8:10PM. 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: September 16th, 2026