Medinah Park District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
September 16 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, September 16, 2026 at the Connolly Recreation Center, 22W130 Thorndale Avenue, Medinah, IL.

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

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
Laura Reilly, Recreation Supervisor
Vince DeGrado, Superintendent of Parks

Public in Attendance
Dirk Smith
Jean Ott
Robert Zoltek
Ray (Al) Kubalewski
Denny Burge

Quorum
Vice President McAlevy recognized a quorum.

Approval of Agenda
Vice President McAlevy 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 Jarocinski to approve the agenda as presented. Vice President McAlevy asked for discussion. There was none.

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

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

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

Staff Reports

A. **Recreation Report (Recreation Supervisor, Brooks Wogelius) –** Each staff member read highlights of their report.
- President Scafidi commented on increased enrollment numbers.

B. **Recreation Report (Recreation Supervisor, Laura Reilly)** – Each staff member read highlights of their report.
- President Scafidi commented about great soccer numbers and asked to continue marketing and growing other programs just as soccer has been done. President Scafidi explained she has seen less marketing in other programs and would like to see more marketing in other programs as well.

C. **Risk Management Report/Deputy Report –** Each staff member read highlights of their report.
- President Scafidi asked to acquire pricing for a potential basketball hoop to be installed at the Thorndale South Parking lot.

D. **Parks/Maintenance Report –** Each staff member read highlights of their report.
- Vice President McAlevy asked about the age of the scrubbing machine. Superintendent DeGrado said it was a new machine.

Attorney's Report
None.

Citizen Comments
Jean Ott – Enjoyed the recent concert in the park event.
Dirk Smith – Commented about seeing dogs off leash around Thorndale Park and suggested to place no dog off leash signage. Asked about the upcoming Presidents Cup event and Parking lot usage during that time.
President Scafidi asked staff to make sure scheduled program contacts are notified of PGA Tour and limited

parking at the CRC building during those times. There was discussion on the previous PGA Tour and its operations then.

Written/Verbal Communication from Public to Staff/Commissioners

Executive Director Piworski had received communication from two residences in regards to Stuart Goodenough Park. The first resident had an issue with the size of the parking blocks in the new parking lot; explaining the gap between the adjacent blocks is two narrow and would like the middle bumper removed. The second resident disliked the portlet in the parking lot location.
President Scafidi had received communications from a resident at Thorndale South about parks staff mowing over trash and not picking it up.
President Scafidi also received communications from a resident in regards to the T-Ball program not running and would like to see similar marketing for t-ball as was so in soccer and other athletic programs.
Commissioner Jarocinski – Discussed about her visit around Thorndale Park and the positive feedback she had heard from patrons using the tennis courts and shelter.

Director's Report

NEDSRA: There was no NEDSRA meeting in September. The next NEDSRA meeting is scheduled for October 7th. It is not too late to register for the November 6th Rise Awards if anyone would like to attend, please let me know.

President's Cup: Medinah Park District will be renting its parking lots to the PGA for the President's Cup from Tuesday September 22nd through Saturday September 27th.

Thorndale South Parking Lot: The district is scheduled for the repaving of the Thorndale South Parking Lot on Tuesday, September 29th. The pipes from Bloomingdale Township will be delivered that Monday.

Professional Development School Scholarship: I was awarded a scholarship from the Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA) to finish off the second year of Professional Development School. This will take place in the second week of November.

Estimate of the FY 26 Tax Levy: The October board meeting will include the FY 26 estimate of the tax levy for FY 27.

Items for Discussion

Roselle Right-of-Way Acquisition of Manary Park:

We recently received communications from the Village of Roselle regarding their request to acquire ownership of the right-of-way property located in front of the Manary Park main entrance, which is currently owned by the Medinah Park District. For the Village to conduct federally funded roadway improvement projects on that roadway, they must own all roadway properties and rights of way.
They are asking for ownership of the property extending from the sidewalk to the roadway.
We feel it is not in the best interest of the Medinah Park District to release any of its owned land. We are also concerned about the reason for this request since this area is the sole access point to our parcel. We expressed this to the village, and they requested a team's meeting for discussion. Although we agreed to the meeting we still do not agree or are considering in any way the release of any MPD lands.
President Scafidi explained given recent history with the Village of Roselle in regards not being forthcoming on their development project within Medinah, she does not see it fit to give Roselle this land, it was agreed upon by Commissioner Jarocinski and by Vice President McAlevy. Commissioner Neitzke asked what would the

consequences be of the district not agreeing to this proposal. Executive Director Piworski explained the entire project would not be funded without this approval. Commissioner Neitzke explained that residents of Medinah do use this roadway and the project would benefit them as well. Deputy Director Touzios explained that he had proposed options to Roselle as alternates such as a lease agreement or temporary ownership vs a complete acquisition. Roselle did not agree to this and needed complete ownership. Further information will be presented at the next meeting.

Metra Parking Lot:

Dan and I held a team's meeting with Metra representatives to discuss MPD taking over the parking lot operations. Other districts that manage Metra lots have moved away from Parking Permits and only do daily parking for about $2 a car due to many conflicts with double parking.
Metra inferred that the lots are not very profitable since 2020. They also told us that the arrangement they now have for the parking lot operations basically do not make a profit but rather only reimburse labor costs. The funds are all kept for Metra capital repairs. We have asked for numbers from the current operator, Metropolis, and are awaiting those numbers.
We were informed that the representatives we were speaking with would need to ask upper management if Metra would even allow us to enter into an agreement as we had in the past that might benefit MPD financially. At this point in time, we are still waiting for a response.
President Scafidi explained she would like to get more information on the MPD owned parking lots as Metropolis has been using our lots at no charge and turning a profit.

Accounting and Reporting:

The Board would like to discuss how accounting and reporting will be done moving forward.
President Scafidi wants to ensure that accounting is set up in a way to get a clearer picture on actual program revenues by breaking up accounts, rather than all programs in one account. Vice President McAlevy explained it is difficult to start a program that is very narrowed to one small age group and nothing afterward to progress to and interest is not there because of this reason. There was discussion.

Grants:

The Board would like to discuss grants. President Scafidi asked if other commissioners received the information on the potential grant opportunity the district was trying to apply for within a short deadline. Executive Director Piworski explained all commissioners but one were informed and said she had tried contacting Commissioner Neitzke to discuss but had no call back or response. Commissioner Neitzke said she had not received a call or text from the park district on this subject.
President Scafidi explained that this type of situation should have been thought through and not rushed into. Executive Director Explained about the grant and that since we did not fall under the minimum low-income service area we did not qualify for the grant.

Park Renaming for Mr. Zoltek:

The Board would like to discuss renaming a park for Mr. Zoltek.
President Scafidi said that Mr. Zoltek did more than necessary to present a renaming request and is for this decision. Commissioner Neitzke also agreed on this.
Commissioner McAlevy explained that rather than focusing a renaming on one individual or family, he would rather see a larger involvement by including all history for all individuals that participated in Medinah Park Districts up-bringing. President Neitzke explained that perhaps we can have both. Commissioner McAlevy was also concerned that others may come forward and would like a renaming as well. There was discussion.

Commissioner Neitzke would like to see a history display at one of our events for the community to see as well. President Scafidi said she would like to finalize the new park renaming policy.

Dedication Plaque for Mr. Felcan:

The Board would like to discuss ordering a dedication plaque for Mr. Felcan.
Jean Ott – Wanted to express a consideration that more families may come to ask for a park renaming for their families as well. Jean also explained to look into OSLAD requirements and regulations in case there is an issue of renaming after the grant. There was discussion.

Commissioners Comments:
None.

Old Business/Action Items
None.

FOIA Requests
None.

New Business/Action Items

Vote on Renaming Thorndale Park as Zoltek Park

It was motioned by Commissioner Neitzke and seconded by President Scafidi to approve the renaming of Thorndale Park to Zoltek Park. Vice President McAlevy asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Vote on Dedication Plaque for Mr. Felcan

It was motioned by Commissioner Neitzke and seconded by Commissioner McAlevy to approve the purchase of a dedication plaque for the Felcan family. Vice President McAlevy 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 – Expressed his gratitude for the parks renaming and wanted to express that a name does not change ownership and the district shouldn't fear name changes.
Jean Ott – discussed her prior interaction with the Village of Roselle in regards to road ownership of Lawrence and Plum Grove Rd. She asked for crosswalks and signage to be placed and Roselle explained it's a state or county road and not their road to alter. Deputy Director Touzios asked the year of that. Jean said it was in 2009. Jean also expressed her concern on the dry time of the new parking lot.

Other Business
None.

Adjournment
It was motioned by President Scafidi and seconded by Commissioner Jarocinski to adjourn the regular meeting of September 16, 2026 at 8:16PM. Vice President McAlevy 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: October 21st, 2026