Medinah Park District

Minutes of the Special Meeting
October 26, 2026 3:00PM
Connolly Recreation Center
22W130 Thorndale Avenue, Medinah, IL.

The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Medinah Park District, DuPage County, Illinois was held on Monday October 26, 2026 at the Connolly Recreation Center, 22W130 Thorndale Avenue, Medinah, IL.

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 3:00PM by President Scafidi

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call
Commissioners Present:
Jaclyn Scafidi, President
Matt McAlevy, Vice President
Irene Jarocinski, Commissioner
Gokahn Cukurova, Commissioner (Remote – Phone Conference)
Alyssa Neitzke, Commissioner

Commissioners Absent:
None

Staff Present:
Maria Piworski, Executive Director
Dan Touzios, Deputy Director

Quorum
President Scafidi recognized a quorum.

Public in Attendance
Denny Burge
Tania Brito
Ray Kubalewski

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 President Scafidi and seconded by Commissioner Jarocinski to approve the agenda as presented. President Scafidi asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Citizen Comments

Denny Burge – 20-year community resident and basketball coach. Denny said that the Recreation Supervisor position has seemed to be a revolving door over the past years and is confused on why this is. He explained history of the basketball program in Medinah. Denny also said that bringing people from other communities is ok and will help grow programs. Denny wants to run for the board but feels the way things have been running is sloppy.

Tania Brito – Wanted to express how much Laura did for the community and is questioning why building a big program such as she did is wrong and is disappointed. Tania discussed previous board meetings and the criticisms that Laura faced in building the soccer program. Asked to please consider these spoken comments before making a decision today.

Ray (Al) Kubalewski – Al wants to see the two programs successful and to co-exist as they have been for many years now. Al feels that recently there has been a big divide formed between athletic groups which has created conflict and that this division has to end for the sake of the community.

Executive Session

It was motioned by President Scafidi and seconded by Commissioner Jarocinski to move into Executive Session at 3:13PM pursuant to section 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) – Personnel, of the Open Meetings Act. President Scafidi asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Executive Director Piworski and Deputy Director Touzios left the meeting at 3:13PM

Executive Director Piworski and Deputy Director Touzios entered the meeting at 3:50PM

It was motioned by Commissioner Neitzke and seconded by Commissioner McAlevy to move the meeting back into open session at 3:50PM

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

New Business/Action Items

Vote on Employee Termination

It was motioned by Commissioner Neitzke and seconded by Commissioner Jarocinski to approve the employment termination of Recreation Supervisor, Laura Reilly. President Scafidi asked for discussion. There was none.

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

It was motioned by President Scafidi and seconded by Commissioner Jarocinski to adjourn the special meeting of October 26, 2026 at 3:52PM. President Scafidi asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Dan Touzios, Board Secretary Jaclyn Scafidi, Board President

Date: November 18th 2026