

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 2026

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Knautz called the meeting to order at 1:32pm.

2. **Roll Call:** The following Roll Call was taken:

Members Present: Rob Bond-Addison Park District
Phyllis Schmidt-Bensenville Park District (1:38pm)
Maryfran Leno- Itasca Park District
Joe McCann-Lombard Park District
Maria Piworski-Medinah Park District
Shannon Elsey-Oakbrook Terrace Park District
Brian Kaspar-Village of Schiller Park
Tim Howe-Village of Villa Park
Jon Marquardt-Wood Dale Park District
Keith Knautz-Village of Glendale Heights

Members Absent: Jack Savage-Butterfield Park District

Staff Present: Jerry Barton, Executive Director
Carlos Marroquin, Marketing and Communications Manager
Maggie Goode, Superintendent of Recreation
Rosario Lopez, H.R. Generalist
Marissa Jimenez, Office Manager
Sam Crane, Accountant

3. **Introduction of Guests and Staff** Director Barton introduced Recreation Managers Karen Spandikow and Colleen Cline. He also introduced Sam Crane from Lauterbach and Amen.

4. **Public Comments** None.

5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Chairman Knautz requested a motion to approve the Board of Trustees regular meeting minutes from 3/11/2026. Trustee Leno motioned to approve, and Trustee Elsey made a second. Without further discussion the motion passed unanimously on a voice vote with 9 ayes and 0 nays.

6. **Consent Agenda – Financial Reports**
 - a. Chairman Knautz requested a motion to approve the NEDSRA Disbursements and Financial

Statements as presented for the period ending 2/28/2026. Trustee Leno made the motion, and Trustee Kaspar made the second. Chairman Knautz asked if there was any need for discussion. There being no further discussion, on a roll call vote, voting aye: Trustee Bond-Addison Park District; Trustee Leno-Itasca Park District; Trustee McCann-Lombard Park District; Trustee Piworski-Medinah Park District; Trustee Eley-Oakbrook Terrace Park District; Trustee Kaspar-Village of Schiller Park; Trustee Howe-Village of Villa Park; Trustee Marquardt-Wood Dale Park District; and Trustee Knautz-Village of Glendale Heights. Motion passed with 9 ayes and 0 nays.

7. Comments and Communications

Director Barton shared information about the upcoming events including the Huskie Color Run, Touch-a-Truck and Flippin' into Summer. He also shared the Double Good fundraiser that is currently running.

8. Agency Report

- a. Director Barton shared that NEDSRA recently received an IRS Employee Retention credit that was applied for in 2023. He provided an update on the continuous ComEd billing issues. Additionally, he shared that the agency recently applied for a grant with the Addison Township Mental Health Board and NEDSRA will be attending a workshop hosted by the Addison Township Mental Health Board.

Superintendent Goode shared the summer is gearing up and staff is working on summer hiring and training. She also shared an update about summer inclusion requests.

Manager Marroquin provided an update on the proceeds from last month's Cryo Plunge fundraiser. He shared information about the upcoming events such as the Huskie Color Run and Flippin' into Summer and Golf Classic is confirmed for September 17th.

9. Unfinished Business

- a. **Gymnasium Projects**
Director Barton shared that gymnasium projects are still being coordinated, and the projects is scheduled to begin in late April/early May and anticipated to conclude in June.

10. New Business

- a. **FY 26/27 Budget Presentation**
Director Barton reviewed the 2026-2027 budget presentation with the board. He reviewed the Fund balance and the impacts to the balance which include the member contributions, capitals, grant writing, program revenue, fund development and interest. Other items reviewed included staff wages, health insurance, IT and HVAC Inventory, IMRF rates and capital projects which include a new sensory room floor and the gymnasium project. Director Barton also reviewed Inclusion wages, historical inclusion performance and part time wages.

Superintendent Goode reviewed the recreation initiatives for the upcoming year which include the travel trips, TREC Lombard and Wood Dale Expansion, Youth Socials, V.E.T.S Special Outings

and the kickoff of the agency's 50th Anniversary Programming.

Manager Marroquin reviewed the marketing budget impacts including the upcoming Golf Classic and the projected proceeds from recent fundraisers.

Chairman Knautz thanked the NESDRA staff on detailed budget information and presentation and requested a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Budget with the discussed changes. Trustee Leno made the first motion and Trustee Schmidt made the second. Chairman Knautz asked if there was any need for discussion. There being no further discussion, on a roll call vote, voting aye: Trustee Bond-Addison Park District; Trustee Schmidt-Bensenville Park District; Trustee Leno-Itasca Park District; Trustee McCann-Lombard Park District; Trustee Piworski-Medinah Park District; Trustee Eley-Oakbrook Terrace Park District; Trustee Kaspar-Village of Schiller Park; Trustee Howe-Village of Villa Park; Trustee Marquardt-Wood Dale Park District; and Trustee Knautz-Village of Glendale Heights. Motion passed with 10 ayes and 0 nays.

11. Motion to Convene into Closed Session

Chairman Knautz requested a motion to convene into Closed Session. Trustee Leno made the motion to convene into closed session to consider compensation, performance, appointment of specific employees pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act. Trustee McCann made the second. Chairman Knautz asked if there was any need for discussion. There being no further discussion, on a roll call vote, voting aye: Trustee Bond-Addison Park District; Trustee Schmidt-Bensenville Park District; Trustee Leno-Itasca Park District; Trustee McCann-Lombard Park District; Trustee Piworski-Medinah Park District; Trustee Eley-Oakbrook Terrace Park District; Trustee Kaspar-Village of Schiller Park; Trustee Howe-Village of Villa Park; Trustee Marquardt-Wood Dale Park District and Trustee Knautz-Village of Glendale Heights. Motion passed with 10 ayes and 0 nays

12. Reconvene to Open Meeting

The board returned to open session at 2:32pm and no action was taken during closed session.

13. Board of Trustees Comments

Trustee Marquardt shared they have new flooring and furniture at 390. Trustee Howe shared they are working the budget at the Village of Villa Park. Trustee Schmidt shared thanked NEDSRA for the Inclusion training and shared they a new Superintendent of Recreation. Trustee McCann shared they are working on two playground renovations and Lilac events are underway. Trustee Leno shared the goats are returning to Nature Center and they several full-time staff openings. Trustee Bond shared they are working on their Master Plan process and several playground renovations. Trustee Eley shared they are working on the budget and a fitness center upgrade. Trustee Kaspar shared they are working on the upcoming pool season and several events including the sports parade and the Taste of Schiller Park. Trustee Piworski shared recently hosted a Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast and working on several capital projects including the parking lot and gym floor.

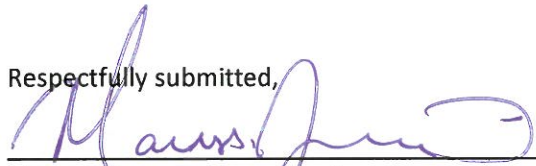
14. Chairman of the Board Comments.

Chairman Knautz shared various projects including an upcoming OSLAD project to access the Great Western Trail and other projects including a new turf field. He also shared that he is retiring from the Village in May.


15. Next Meeting Date. Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 1:30pm at NEDSRA

16. Adjournment. Chairman Knautz said he would entertain a motion to adjourn without further business before the NEDSRA Board of Trustees. The motion was made by Trustee McCann and a second by Trustee Eley. Without further discussion, the motion passed unanimously on a voice vote with 10 ayes and 0 nays. The meeting adjourned at 2:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Marissa Jimenez, Recording Secretary



Keith Knautz, Chairman



Shannon Eley, Board Secretary