

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 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
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: Phyllis Schmidt-Bensenville Park District
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 Barb Keselica, the new Director of Parks and Recreation from the Village of Glendale Heights.

4. **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 Elsey 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 Elsey-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.

5. Reconvene to Open Meeting

The board returned to open session at 2:56pm and no action was taken during closed session.

Executive Director Contract

Trustee Leno made the motion to extend the Executive Director's contract by one year so it continues for three years and increase the base salary by \$20,000 for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Trustee Eley 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 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. Trustee Piworski-Medinah Park District abstained from the vote. Motion passed with 8 ayes and 0 nays.

6. Public Comments-None

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Chairman Knautz requested a motion to approve the Board of Trustees regular meeting minutes from 4/8/2026. Trustee Leno motioned to approve, and Trustee McCann made a second. Without further discussion the motion passed unanimously on a voice vote with 9 ayes and 0 nays.

8. Consent Agenda – Financial Reports

Chairman Knautz requested a motion to approve the NEDSRA Disbursements and Financial Statements as presented for the period ending 3/31/2026. Trustee Leno made the motion, and Trustee Eley 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.

9. Comments and Communications

Director Barton shared information about the upcoming events including the TREC Art Show, Touch-a-Truck, Huskie Color Run and Flippin' into Summer.

10. Agency Report

- a. Director Barton shared that Huskies Golf team recently completed their Spring session at Medinah Country Club with a banquet dinner in partnership with CDGA. He also shared a possible fundraising opportunity with the upcoming Presidents Cup.

Superintendent Goode provided an update with summer registration and some programs that have an extended deadline. She also provided an update on inclusion summers requests and summer staff training.

Manager Marroquin shared that he recently attended the Prairie Path-100+ Woman Who Care meeting and thanked them for their recent donation. He also provided an update on the upcoming Huskie Color Run and the Golf Classic scheduled for September.

11. Unfinished Business

a. Gymnasium Projects

Director Barton shared that gymnasium projects are underway, and the project is expected to be completed by mid-July.

12. New Business

a. Election of Officers

i. Office of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary

The motion to appoint Joe McCann as Chairman of NEDSRA's Board of Trustees, Shannon Eelsey as Vice Chairman and Brian Kaspar as Secretary for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Trustee Leno made the motion and Trustee Marquardt made the second. 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 Eelsey-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.

ii. Executive Committee

The motion to retain the following as the NEDSRA Board of Trustees Executive Committee, Chairman-Joe McCann, Vice-Chairman-Shannon Eelsey, Secretary-Brian Kaspar and Trustee Leno as most recent chairman for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Trustee Leno made the motion and Trustee Howe made the second. 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 Eelsey-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.

iii. Appointed Positions

The motion to appoint Executive Director Barton as Treasurer and Office Manager Marissa Jimenez as Recording Secretary for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Trustee Leno made the motion and Trustee Howe made the second. 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 Eelsey-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.

b. Bank Signatories Resolution

The motion to update the Bank Signatories based on the current Board of Trustees. Trustee Leno

made the motion and Trustee McCann made the second. 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.

13. Board of Trustees Comments

Trustee Marquardt shared they recently hosted a TREC event at Salt Creek and they are looking forward to hosting Prom. Trustee Howe shared they the Summer Concert series will be starting soon at a new location. Trustee McCann shared that the lilacs have bloomed at Lilacia Park and they have 5k Mutt Strut and Pancake Breakfast coming up. Trustee Leno shared that they goats have arrived at the Nature Center and they several full-time staff openings. Trustee Bond shared they are working on their Master Plan process and the Centennial Park grand opening is scheduled for May 19th. They also have a POW 5k Race scheduled for June 20th. Trustee Eley thanked NEDSRA for sharing a table at Parks Day. They have an upcoming Touch-a-Truck and NEDSRA will be bringing the Mobile Sensory Station. Trustee Kaspar shared they are working on the five-year Parks Plan. They also recently hosted the first T-ball game, and they had an increase in T-ball registrations. Trustee Piworski shared Medinah recently redid their fields for baseball and soccer.

14. Chairman of the Board Comments.

Chairman Knautz shared that Americana Park was recently completed and they have other various projects that will be starting soon.

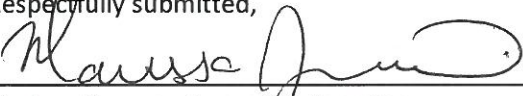
15. Recognition of Chairman Knautz

Director Barton thanked Chairman Knautz for his tenure as Board Chairman.

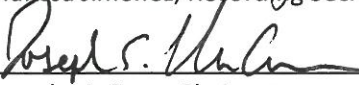
16. Next Meeting Date. Wednesday, June 3, at 1:30pm at NEDSRA

17. 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 Piworski. Without further discussion, the motion passed unanimously on a voice vote with 9 ayes and 0 nays. The meeting adjourned at 3:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Marissa Jimenez, Recording Secretary



Joseph McCann, Chairman



Brian Kaspar, Board Secretary