

MIDWEST INSTITUTE OF PARK EXECUTIVES

April 9, 2026

LOCATION:

Aurora Park District

PROGRAM:

They discussed the diverse operations and rich history of Phillips Park. The greenhouse production was discussed – from cultivating landscape plugs to growing off-season animal fodder and the management of the iconic Sunken Garden tulips. Zoo manager also provided insights into daily facility operations and the future vision for the zoo.

BUSINESS MEETING:

President Ken Kerfoot thanked the Aurora Park District and staff for hosting the meeting, the presentation and the tour.

- Steve Kulesza – Superintendent of Parks and Recreation
- Anna Borozerets – Zoo Manager
- Jason Henry – Horticulturalist 2

Ken also thanked Lavin Companies for sponsoring the newsletter and the website for the month of April

Guests were introduced.

REPORTS:

- **Minutes:** March meeting minutes were approved.
- **Treasurer's Report:** March report was approved.
- **Membership:** Tom Shimko of Bolingbrook Park District was introduced

PROGRAM:

Program Chair Jonathan Cudzewicz said the next meeting in May will be held at

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

None.

FUNDRAISER & ADJOURNMENT:

Fundraiser was held, and the business meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm.