

**MIDWEST INSTITUTE OF PARK EXECUTIVES**  
**AWARDS MEETING**  
January 8, 2026

**LOCATION:**

**Bella Napoli Restaurant**  
**Schaumburg, IL**

**PROGRAM:**

Awards Program and Announcement of Election Results

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

President Paul Rogus called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. Approximately 70 members and guests were present.

He welcomed past presidents, gold card members, associate members, committee members, present board members and guests

**REPORTS:**

- **Minutes:** December minutes were approved.
- **Treasurer's Report:** December was approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

President Rogus asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of members who passed away during 2025.

Paul announced the winners by category and asked recipients to come up and receive their awards.

**AWARDS:**

**CONTINUING EDUCATION AWARDS**

- Cody Wurst, Elmhurst Park District
- Isaiah Rodriguez, Streamwood Park District
- Matt Page, Palatine Park District

**MARVIN WOLF CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

- Zac Cline, Woodridge Park District

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARD**

- Noah Mach, Cary Park District

**OUTSTANDING MIPE PARK EMPLOYEE**

- Eric Powell, Deerfield Park District

- Julie Wodzinski, Dundee Township Park District
- Ethan Weseman, Geneva Park District
- James Roti, Palatine Park District

**OUTSTANDING MIPE PARK EMPLOYEE & RALPH VORIS AWARD**

- Rob Wantoal, Round Lake Area Park District

**OUTSTANDING ASSOCIATE AWARD**

- Kompan, Leigh Kminek, Tiffanie Sperling & Brian Redard

**PARK PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD**

- Blake Harvey, Village or Orland Park

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD**

- Dima Kirland, Skokie Park District

**ELECTION RESULTS:**

President Paul Rogus announced the results of the election, Julie Wodzinski of Dundee Township Park District as 1<sup>st</sup> Year Officer. This year's officers and board are:

President	Ken Kerfoot
President Elect	Noah Mach
Secretary/Treasurer	Glenn Nance
Past President	Paul Rogus
Board Members	Kate Perez
	Jonathan Cudzewicz
	Christopher Pollack
	Julie Wozinski

**NEW PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

President Ken Kerfoot was introduced and shared his vision and key goals for 2026. With the launch of our new website and the introduction of monthly newsletters, we have increased our visibility and reach. Our primary focus remains on growing both our membership and associate numbers. We should all actively promote the many valuable benefits of joining – particularly the outstanding networking opportunities that connect professionals.

President Kerfoot also expressed his deep appreciation for the dedicated board members, highlighting each one.

We will have a booth at the IPRA conference again, we will have fun giveaways and a chance to win free membership so we can attract new members.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

The GLPTI conference is coming up at the end of February, MIPE will sponsor again this year. Hope to see many of you there.

The fundraiser was held, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 P.M.