

MIDWEST INSTITUTE OF PARK EXECUTIVES
April 10, 2025

LOCATION:

Fox Valley Park District
Prisco Community Center
150 W. Illinois Ave.
Aurora, IL 60506

PROGRAM:

This interactive session, led by professional comedian Ethan Blumenthal, combined humor with practical leadership insights. Participants engaged in fun, laughter-filled activities designed to enhance communication, collaboration, and team dynamics. Through storytelling and group exercises, attendees discovered how to use humor as a tool for effective leadership and team building.

BUSINESS MEETING:

President Paul Rogus called the meeting to order at 12:24 p.m. Approximately 40 members and guests attended. Guests were introduced, and Paul thanked Fox Valley Park District for hosting.

REPORTS:

- **Minutes:** The March minutes were approved.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The March report was approved.
- **Membership:** No new members were introduced.

PROGRAM:

Program Chair Kate Perez announced the May meeting will be in West Chicago, hosted by West Chicago Park District. We will tour their disc golf course and a Chicago Bears-themed playground. There will be a second location for the meeting which will be about a 10-minute drive. Details will be in the newsletter.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

- President Rogus thanked Lavin Companies for sponsoring the April newsletter.
- Paul reminded everyone to visit the new and improved website for information; Dima will keep it updated as much as possible.
- Paul encouraged everyone to RSVP through the website or the newsletter and pay ahead for the monthly meetings when possible.
- Paul said the Board discussed the posting of jobs on the website and agreed to do it for a small fee, go to the website for more information.

FUNDRAISER & ADJOURNMENT:

A fundraiser was held, and the business meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.