

MIDWEST INSTITUTE OF PARK EXECUTIVES
AWARDS MEETING
January 9, 2025

LOCATION:

Chandler's Chophouse – Schaumburg Park District

PROGRAM:

Awards Program and Announcement of Election Results

BUSINESS MEETING:

President Dan Payne called the meeting to order at 1:07 P.M. Approximately 70 members and guests were present.

REPORTS:

Minutes – December minutes were approved.

The treasurer's report for December was approved.

Membership - Membership chair Glenn Nance introduced Josh Junger, Hanover Park Park District, George Mellos, Deerfield Park District, Daryl Beard, Burris Equipment and Jim Taylor from Revenue Task Force. Josh, George, Daryl and Jim were accepted into membership. Welcome all!

OLD BUSINESS:

President Payne asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of members who passed away during 2024.

AWARDS:

CONTINUING EDUCATION AWARDS

Dani Hoefle - Buffalo Gove Park District

Chris Pollack - Woodridge Park District

MARVIN WOLF CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Steven Paterkiewicz, Elmhurst Park District

PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARD – No members this year

OUTSTANDING PARK EMPLOYEE – Dan Payne announced the recipients:

Filemon Sanchez – Community Park District of LaGrange Park

Scott Dohnal – Elmhurst Park District

Jim Polster – Park District of Highland Park

Byron Baker – Park District of Highland Park

RALPH VORIS COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AWARD

Filemon Sanchez – Community Park District of LaGrange Park

OUTSTANDING ASSOCIATE AWARD – Dan Payne announced the selection for award to:

Jon Carlson – Great Lakes Urban Forestry

PARK PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD – Paul Rogus stormed the stage and took the microphone from Dan and then announced Dan Payne, Assistant Director/Director of Parks of Elmhurst Park District as the winner of the Park Professional of the Year award.

2024 PRESIDENT'S AWARD.

Dan Payne thanked all for their assistance during his presidency and announced his selection for the 2024 President's Awards to John Ohrlund, Executive Secretary. John was not present and Dan talked about all the wonderful things John did and his dedication and contribution to MIPE.

ELECTION RESULTS:

President Dan Payne announced the results of the election, with Jonathan Cudzewicz of Dundee Township Park District as 2nd year director and Christopher Pollack of Woodridge Park District as 1st Year. This year's officers and board are:

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

NEW PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

President Paul Rogus was introduced and commented on goals for 2025 including updating the MIPE website, it will be new and revamped by the end of February. We will no longer be doing mailings, instead, we will receive announcements and news via a monthly newsletter. The sponsors will be featured in the newsletter as well as the website. At the end of the month will be the first time that MIPE will have a booth at the 2025 IPRA conference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Norm reminded all members to stop by his booth or the MIPE booth to receive information about his hospitality suite. All are welcome.

The fund raiser was held, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:31 P.M.