

MIDWEST INSTITUTE OF PARK EXECUTIVES

March 12, 2026

LOCATION:

Tech Campus
19525 W. Washington Street
Grayslake, IL 60030

PROGRAM:

During the meeting, it was shared that the Tech Campus welcomes visitors to its facility, which serves high school students from four counties. Attendees were invited to observe the various programs in action and see firsthand how hiring certified young adults can greatly benefit their school districts.

The presentation highlighted the multitude of vocational programs offered, where students earn certifications that can directly support day-to-day operations. These include Small Engine and Auto Mechanics, Construction Skills and Management, Fire Science, Certified Child Care, Culinary Arts (for golf course or banquet facility settings), Multimedia Communications, IT, Cybersecurity, Medical Assistance, Certified Welding/Fabrication, Emergency Medical Services, CNA's, and many others.

The agenda began with a short presentation showcasing the Tech Campus's history and its exciting future as it prepares for its 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2027. The evolution of the "GIVE ME TEN" initiative was also discussed. Attendees were shown the many vocational programs that each district can utilize by hiring students with strong, certified backgrounds.

A tour of the vocational programs currently in progress followed.

The group was reminded that this State of Illinois Pilot program for high school vocational students is paving the way for similar opportunities across all of Illinois. Participants were encouraged to ask themselves, "How can our district benefit from this program?"

BUSINESS MEETING:

President Ken Kerfoot thanked the Tech Campus staff for the presentations and Norm Kleber for securing the location and presentation.

He also thanked Lavin Companies for sponsoring the newsletter and the website for the month of March.

Guests were introduced.

REPORTS:

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

PROGRAM:

Program Chair Jonathan Cudzewicz said the next meeting in April will be held at Phillips Park in Aurora.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

None.

FUNDRAISER & ADJOURNMENT:

Fundraiser was held, and the business meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.