

# MIDWEST INSTITUTE OF PARK EXECUTIVES

## October 9, 2025

### LOCATION:

Park District of Highland Park  
1201 Park Avenue  
West Highland Park, IL 60035

### PROGRAM:

Located in the Skokie River watershed, the Preserve of Highland Park was a nature-based redevelopment project that opened to the public in June of 2022. Once a 100+ acre golf course, this parcel of land provided its community with over 5 miles of hiking and biking trails, natural play areas, green space for passive recreation, and habitat for many native plant and animal species. We joined a tour of this preserve, led by Natural Areas Manager Liz Ricketts and staff, to learn how the Park District of Highland Park had transformed this area into the perfect mixture of nature and non-athletic outdoor recreation.

### BUSINESS MEETING:

Paul Rogus thanked The Park District of Highland Park for hosting and the speakers and staff for the great presentation and tour.

Paul also thanked Midwest Mechanical for sponsoring the newsletters and website for the month of October.

### REPORTS:

- **Minutes:** September meeting minutes were approved.
- **Treasurer's Report:** September report was approved.
- **Membership:** None introduced

### PROGRAM:

Program Chair Kate Perez announced that the November meeting will be at the Morton Arboretum, and the December Holiday luncheon will be at the Chevy Chase Country Club. Dima will send out information in the monthly newsletters.

### NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

None

### FUNDRAISER & ADJOURNMENT:

A fundraiser was held, and the business meeting adjourned 12:22