

MIDWEST INSTITUTE OF PARK EXECUTIVES

February 13, 2025

LOCATION:

Wilder Park Mansion, Elmhurst Park District. 211 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst, IL

PROGRAM:

Kevin Goss, Golf Course Superintendent for the Elmhurst Park District spoke about the recent creek restoration project at the Sugar Creek Golf Course. Most of the work was completed over a very wet winter, which created numerous challenges. The project included removal of a dam and sheet piling, wetlands creation, streambank stabilization and planting of native plants. The district's horticulturist then discussed horticultural operations followed by a tour of their growing facilities. Followed by presentations about the history of the Wilder Park Mansion and Conservatory and overview of the horticulture operations and facility tour.

BUSINESS MEETING:

President Paul Rogus called the meeting to order at 12:21 P.M. Approximately 58 members and guests were present. Guests were introduced. Paul thanked the Elmhurst Park District for hosting and for the presentation to follow the business meeting.

REPORTS:

Minutes – The January Awards Banquet minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – The report for January was approved.

Membership - No new members to introduce.

PROGRAM: Program chair Kate Perez reported the March meeting will be held at the Wilmette Park District with a discussion on managing invasive species.

IPRA BOOTH: President Rogus reported the booth was a success and we will be doing this again next year. Ken Kerfoot thanked all those who helped out and for members who stopped by.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

President Rogus thanked Russo Power for sponsoring the February mailing.

President Robus reported the Great Lakes Park Training Institute is being held the last week of February and registration is still open. MIPE has increased its sponsorship of GLPTI this year, so we should have more of a presence.

Norm Kleber of Beary Landscape said the hospitality room at the IPRA conference was a hit.

FUNDRAISER & ADJOURNMENT:

The fund raiser was held and the business meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M. Members moved to another room for the Elmhurst Park District presentations.