

Mt. Hope-Funks Grove Park District
Special Board Meeting Minutes
Friday July 3rd, 2026 6:00PM

Members present: Jenny Denham, Kristin Anderson, Charles Denham, Ashley Bender
Others present: Stacey Reinhardt, Emily Duckett via speaker phone

Meeting called to order 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Emily Duckett sent the board an email with concerns and requests that came up at the Independence Day Celebration and for future events. She explained that her husband was called a pedophile and didn't know how to check in at the Independence Day Celebration to take photos. She requests badges to identify her and her associates at events.

Review and Possible Action on Photographer Contract

Member Denham reviews contract and email from Emily Duckett and states:

- contract is stated for Emily Duckett only, not associates.
 - her husband should have made contact with a board member upon arrival.
 - Emily Duckett Photography is an independent contractor and is responsible for their own badges and/or identifying material.
 - event marketing is on the photographer, not the park district.
 - Emily did not show up herself for the Independence Day Celebration, breeching her contract.
- Member Denham moved to terminate Emily Duckett Photography's contract effective July 3rd, 2026. A formal letter will be sent. She has 30 days to vacate the premises. Board agrees unanimously. Motion accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:09pm