

Mt. Hope-Funks Grove Park District
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026 6:00PM

Members present: Jenny Denham, Kristin Anderson, Linda Hawker, Charles Denham Jr.
Others present: Stacey Reinhardt, Sandy Sheldon, Jay Meyer, Ashley Bender

Meeting called to order 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Minutes

Minutes were reviewed and approved. Moved to accept by Member Anderson. Second by Member Hawker. Motion passed.

Financial Reports

Financial reports were reviewed and approved. Moved to accept by Member Hawker. Second by Member Anderson. Motion passed.

Maintenance Hours Change

The park district's maintenance employee, Jay Meyer, will begin drawing social security in April 2026. He needs reduced hours to maintain his social security. Jay's hours will be reduced to 23 hours a week. Jay can choose when he works those hours. Moved to accept by Member Anderson. Second by Member Hawker. Motion passed.

Executive Session

Executive session is not necessary. The board only had one applicant for the vacant board seat. The board spoke with Ashley Bender.

Vote and Installation of New Board Member

Ashley Bender will fill the vacant board seat. Moved to accept by Member Anderson. Second by Member Denham. Motion passed.

Daycare Lease

Sonshine Daycare Center's lease renewal is May 1, 2026. Rental fees have not been increased since 2017. The daycare currently pays \$4/sq. ft. The board discussed a rent increase of one dollar per square foot. The daycare's rent will increase to \$5/sq. ft. beginning May 1st, 2026. Moved to accept by Member Denham. Second by Member Anderson. Motion passed.

Old/New Business

-Director Reinhardt discussed a quote from XCell to add a chemical pot to the boilers. Jay Meyer and Member Denham discussed the need and significance of the new chemical pot. The quote will be voted on at the next board meeting in April.

-President Denham suggested more activities at the Independence Day Celebration to recognize America's 250th anniversary. Suggestions included a magician, balloon artist, hot dog eating contest, petting zoo, firetruck rides, bossy bingo, etc. Members of the board will gather information on possible additions and they will be discussed at the next board meeting in April.

-Member Bender shared her idea about decorating Christmas trees at the park district and having a small event with hot chocolate and caroling. President Denham suggested having it when the village has their Christmas event. This will be discussed further at a later board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39pm