Morton Grove Park District

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Minutes of the Committee of the Whole
Held July 12, 2017 at 6:30pm

Commissioner Manno called the meeting to order at 6:31pm

Commissioners Present: Paul Minx, Steve Schmidt and Mark Manno
Commissioners Absent: Dan Staackmann and Keith White

Staff Present: Jeff Wait, Executive Director; Marty O'Brien, Superintendent of Finance; Joe Bruntmyer, Superintendent of Recreation; Keith Gorczyca, Superintendent of Parks & Facilities and Claudia Marren, Executive Administrative Assistant

Guests Present: None

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: None

Administration and Finance Committee – Commissioner White, Chair

Museum Agreement: Director Wait explained the updates to the agreement approved in 2016. The Park District will hire a museum attendant but the Historical Society will be responsible for supervising them. Wait explained the Park District owns the building and the Historical Society owns the artifacts. The Historical Society should have control over individuals handling the artifacts. Additionally, both parties agreed to budget a maximum of $12,000 per year for personnel costs.

Policy Statement Standards: Director Wait would like the Park District to adopt the National Park and Recreation standards. Wait believes that following one set of standards will provide the Park District guidance and consistency. The new policy would be incorporated into the General Practices Manual.

2017-2022 Strategic Plan Update: Director Wait gave a strategic plan update. Some of the highlights were: Completion of the dog park study with a final decision to allow dogs in the parks, conducting a Harrer Pool study, acquiring more indoor space within District 70, also the Recreation Department continues to survey programs, the website is now managed internally, a new front sign was purchased, the Park District has reached out to the Community to offer support and has become more involved, i.e. formed a Village Administrators Meeting which Wait will head in the coming year, the Commissioners participated in training and the staff continues to offer updates on new legislation.

Recreation and Facility Program Committee – Steve Schmidt, Chair

Teaching Permit: Director Wait has frequently noticed Park District property being used for private lessons. Wait would like to implement a teaching permit to give the District the opportunity to charge for the use of the park or courts or fields. It was agreed to move this item to the August Committee of the Whole.

Parks and Facilities Maintenance Committee – Paul Minx, Chair

Equipment Purchase – Lawn Mowers: Superintendent Gorczyca noted there is money in the Capital budget to purchase lawn equipment. Gorczyca solicited several companies for a price on two Scag Cheetah Riding Mowers. Both quotes were at $9,791 per mower, however Russo Power Equipment offered a $2500 trade in credit.

Park Tours: The Commissioners, Director Wait and Superintendent Gorczyca proceeded to tour the following parks: Prairie View, Harrer, Pioneer, Austin, Mansfield and Palma Lane.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment:

Commissioner Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Minx to adjourn the Committee of the Whole. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting ended at approximately 8:53pm

Mark Manno, Board President

Jeffrey Wait, Board Secretary