# **Morton Grove Park District**

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Minutes of the 766<sup>th</sup>
Morton Grove Park District
Board Meeting Held on
July 15, 2015



- I. Roll Call: President Staackmann called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.
- II. Commissioners Present: Eileen Coursey, Dominick Burdi, Dan Ashta, Mark Manno, and Dan Staackmann

Commissioners Absent: None

**Staff Present:** Marty O'Brien, Interim Executive Director; Greg Jayne, Superintendent of Parks and Facilities; Mike Hayes, Superintendent of Recreation and Claudia Marren, Executive Administrative Assistant

Guests Present: Eric Poders, the Morton Grove Voice/resident; John Christensen, Ancel Glink; Mindy Levine and Ray Blank, Club Fitness Members, Jason Myers and Jeff Wait

- III. Additions or Deletions/Changes to the Agenda: None
- IV. Citizens Comments/Correspondence: Club Fitness members, Mindy Levine and Ray Blank expressed their disappointment in the shorter Club Fitness hours. Mindy Levine said she feels that many people want to use the club during the 9-10:00 hour on weekdays and the 5-6:00 hour on the weekends plus she said she paid dues for the longer hours. Ray Blank said the club should be careful because of all the local fitness clubs that compete for members and offer cheaper prices and asked us to consider all angles. The Board thanked them for their comments and assured them is was our intent to revisit this topic in September.

#### V. Action Items:

a. Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Ashta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Coursey to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole held on June 10, 2015. Ayes: Commissioner Coursey, Burdi, Ashta, Manno and Staackmann. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ashta made a motion seconded by Commissioner Burdi to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held on June 17, 2015. Ayes: Commissioner Burdi, Ashta, Manno, Coursey and Staackmann. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ashta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Coursey to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on June 19, 2015. Ayes: Commissioner Ashta, Manno, Coursey, Burdi, and Staackmann. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion carried. Commissioner Ashta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Manno to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on June 10, 2015. Ayes: Commissioner Manno, Coursey, Burdi, Ashta, and Staackmann. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion carried.

- b. Approval of Financial Reports:
- 1. Commissioner Ashta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Coursey to approve the Budget Report and Cash on Hand, and dated June 30, 2015.
- 2. The voucher listed dated July 15, 2015, in the amount of \$144,542.90, subject to audit. Commissioner Staackmann had a question regarding the cost for trees. Superintendent Jayne explained it was for spring replacement of trees. Ayes: Commissioner Coursey, Burdi, Ashta, Manno, and Staackmann. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion carried.
- VI. Director's Report: No report.
- VII. Attorney's Report: No report.

#### VIII. Unfinished Business:

Administration and Finance Committee: Commissioner Ashta, Chair
Ratify the Purchase of the Dodge Van: Commissioner Ashta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Coursey to accept the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Committee that the Board of Park Commissioners ratify the purchase of the Dodge Van. Ayes: Commissioner Burdi, Ashta, Manno, Coursey and Staackmann. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion carried.

Bond Record Keeping Policy – Resolution #R-03-15: Commissioner Ashta made a motion seconded by Commissioner Manno to accept the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Committee for the Board of Commissioners to approve Resolution #R-03-15, a Bond Record Keeping Policy. Ayes: Commissioner Ashta, Manno, Coursey, Burdi and Staackmann. Nays: 0 Absent: 0. Motion carried.

Board of Commissioners Meetings: Commissioner Ashta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burdi to accept the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Committee that the Commissioners approve the update to post the minutes and the packets in the building and online 48 hours in advance of every meeting. Also, a copy, for informational purposes will be emailed to the local press. Ayes: Commissioner Manno, Coursey, Burdi, Ashta, and Staackmann. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion carried.

At this point Commissioner Ashta stated he was not comfortable reading the motion. Commissioner Staackmann explained he does not have to agree with the motion his only responsibility is to read it.

Commissioner Ashta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burdi that new Citizens Comments Guidelines (which were attached) would be implemented. At this point Commissioner Ashta explained why he cannot vote for the attached guidelines. He said there were changes to the draft he received and went on to explain that he thinks there is compelling justification in many Supreme Court law cases to not limit the amount of time given to public speakers or limit when they may speak. He would be more comfortable with more precise language that cuts down on discretion. Commissioner Ashta made a motion to table the new guidelines. There was not a second. Motion failed. A vote was taken on the original motion: Ayes: Commissioner Coursey, Burdi, Manno and Staackmann. Nays: Ashta. Absent: 0. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ashta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Coursey to approve the change to the Commissioners Meetings that a Consent Agenda would be used for all future Board Meetings. Ayes: Burdi, Ashta, Manno, Coursey and Staackmann. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ashta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Manno, that as of September 1, 2015 all Committee and Board Meetings will start at 6:30 p.m. Ayes: Ashta, Manno, Coursey and Staackmann. Nays: Burdi. Absent: 0. Motion carried.

Parks and Facilities Maintenance Committee: Commissioner Manno, Chair PVCC Sidewalks and Walking Path ADA Transition Plan Discussion: Commissioner Manno made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ashta to accept the recommendation of the Parks and Facilities Maintenance Committee to approve preparing and publishing a bid for the PVCC sidewalk and walking path ADA work. Ayes: Commissioner Manno, Coursey, Burdi, Ashta and Staackmann. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion carried.

Additional Parking Lot at Oriole Pool: Commissioner Manno made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Coursey to approve putting the Oriole Parking lot project (Com-Ed easement) out to bid. Commissioner Ashta stated he would like more information and to discuss the issue further. Ayes: Commissioner Coursey, Burdi, Ashta, Manno, and Staackmann. Nays: O. Absent: O. Motion carried.

#### IX. New Business:

Schedule Special Meeting Gov/HR: It was agreed that the Board would schedule a meeting to review the Executive Director resumes on Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and that staff would post the Special Meeting.

#### X. Executive Session:

Commissioner Burdi made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ashta to move into closed session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act section 120/2. c (11) to consider litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal,

or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the bases for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. Ayes: Commissioner Burdi, Ashta, Manno, Coursey and Staackmann. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion carried.

Executive Session began at approximately 6:45 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.

The Board Meeting reconvened at approximately 7:20 p.m.

### XI. Commissioner Comments:

**Commissioner Ashta:** He was surprised nobody supported his view on Public Comments and reassured the residents that we would look into the Club Fitness Hours.

**Commissioner Manno:** The concert in the park was great and thought the staff did a nice job.

Commissioner Burdi: Absent (Commissioner Burdi departed at approximately 7:00 p.m.)

**Commissioner Coursey:** No comment

Commissioner Staackmann: Wished to clarify that the idea to move the Board meetings to Village Hall was not initiated by this chair. Interim Director agreed it was merely another idea tested out to see if it would fit.

## XII. Adjournment:

Commissioner Coursey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ashta to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting ended at approximately 7:22 p.m.

Daniel Staackmann, Board President

Martin O'Brien, Board Secretary