

# Morton Grove Park District

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## Minutes of the 767<sup>th</sup> Morton Grove Park District Board Meeting Held on August 19, 2015

- I. **Roll Call:** President Staackmann called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM
- II. **Commissioners Present:** Eileen Coursey, Dominick Burdi, Dan Ashta, and Dan Staackmann  
**Commissioners Absent:** Commissioner Manno (arrived at approximately 6:17 PM)

**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 and Jeff Wait

III. **Additions or Deletions/Changes to the Agenda:** None

IV. **Citizens Comments/Correspondence:** None

V. **Consent Agenda:**

Commissioner Ashta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Coursey to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes of the: Committee of the Whole held on July 1, 2015, Board Meeting held on July 15, 2015, Special Meeting held on July 22, Special Meeting held on July 27, and the Special Meeting held on July 28, 2015, Minutes of the Executive Session held on July 15, Executive Session held on July 22, Executive Session held on July 27, and the Executive Session held on 28, 2015. At this point Commissioner Ashta stated that in order to approve the minutes he would like to clarify what he said regarding the issue of public comment. "I just want to enter, before I approve these minutes a comment into the record, that my objection on citizens comments was not that time limits per say were unconstitutional but that the legislation that was being put to a vote gave this board too much discretion to allot particular speakers additional time and to make that decision on the basis on what the speakers are saying." Once again, Ashta reiterated he acts consistently with placing the highest priority on the constitution. **Ayes: Commissioner Burdi, Ashta, Coursey and Staackmann. Nays: 0. Absent: Manno. Motion carried.**

### **Approval of Financial Reports:**

1. Commissioner Ashta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Coursey to approve the Budget Report and Cash on Hand, dated July 31, 2015 and
2. The voucher listed dated August 19, 2015, in the amount of \$286,046.66, subject to audit. **Ayes: Commissioner Ashta, Coursey, Burdi, and Staackmann. Nays: 0. Absent: Manno. Motion carried.**

- VI. **Director's Report:** No report.
- VII. **Attorney's Report:** Attorney Rock advised the Park District that a new bill passed requiring the Truth in Taxation to be posted on the website.

VIII. **Unfinished Business:**

**Administration and Finance Committee: Commissioner Ashta, Chair**

**Dog Park:** Commissioner Ashta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Staackmann to accept the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Committee that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the staff conducting a feasibility study for a Morton Grove Park District dog park. **Ayes: Commissioner Ashta and Staackmann. Nays: Coursey and Burdi. Absent: Manno. Motion failed.**

**Goals & Objectives 2015-2016:** Commissioner Ashta made a motion seconded by Commissioner Coursey to accept the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Committee that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the employee Goals & Objectives for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. **Ayes: Commissioner Burdi, Ashta, Coursey and Staackmann. Nays: 0 Absent: Manno. Motion carried.**

**Recreation and Facility Program Committee – Commissioner Coursey, Chair**

**2016 Pool Pass Packages and Prices:** Commissioner Coursey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ashta to accept the recommendation of the Recreation and Facility Program Committee that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the 2016 pool pass packages and prices as presented. **Ayes: Commissioner Ashta, Coursey, Burdi and Staackmann. Nays: 0. Absent: Manno. Motion carried.**

**Parks and Facilities Maintenance Committee: Commissioner Manno, Chair (Burdi substituted)**

**PVCC HVAC:** Commissioner Burdi made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ashta to accept the recommendation of the Parks and Facilities Maintenance Committee to send out to bid the project to replace the existing HVAC control system and authorize payment to Trane Inc. of \$11,800.00 for the engineering report. **Ayes: Commissioner Coursey, Burdi, Ashta and Staackmann. Nays: 0. Absent: Manno. Motion carried.**

**Ballfield Fence Repair and Replacement:** Commissioner Burdi made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ashta to accept the recommendation of the Parks and Facilities Maintenance Committee to approve the bid from Dura Bilt Fence IL, Inc. of Wheeling, IL in the amount of \$10,150.00 for the repair and replacement of the Harrer Park ballfield fences (diamonds 1, 2 and 3). **Ayes: Commissioner Burdi, Ashta, Coursey and Staackmann. Nays: 0. Absent: Manno. Motion carried.**

- IX. **New Business:** None

X. **Commissioner Comments:**

**Commissioner Ashta:** Seems undeniable that there is some interest in the dog park there was a motion on the table today to for staff to do a study, it was merely a motion to collect information and explore the extent of public will for this idea and he thinks it is very unfortunate that two Commissioners on this Board put their own personal feelings before the best interest of the people of Morton Grove.

**Commissioner Coursey:** None.

**Commissioner Burdi:** Talking about the dog park, my comment was I want the Village to be a part of this, I'm not saying I don't want a dog park, I just want support from other jurisdictions from this Village.

**Commissioner Staackmann:** I was in Springfield and the scuttlebutt is that tax caps are going to be set. I think there will be a lot of belt tightening. I don't think that "Commissioners Comments" is a time to debate.

**Commissioner Manno:** Absent

**XI. Executive Session:**

Commissioner Ashta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Staackmann to move into Executive Session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act section 120/2.(c)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity, and 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 Coursey, Burdi, Ashta, and Staackmann. Nays: 0. Absent: Manno arrived at approximately 6:17 PM. Motion carried.**

Executive Session began at approximately 6:15 PM.  
No action was taken during Executive Session.

The Board Meeting reconvened at approximately 7:17 PM.

**XII. Adjournment:**

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

Meeting ended at approximately 7:22 PM

  
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Daniel Staackmann, Board President

  
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