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MORTON GROVE PARK DISTRICT
Prairie View Community
6834 Dempster, Morton Grove, IL 60053
Minutes of the Special Meeting
Held on Wednesday, August 26, 2015



I. Roll Call: Commissioner Staackmann called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Dominick Burdi, Dan Ashta, Mark Manno, Eileen Coursey (via speaker phone) and Dan Staackmann

Guests Present: Eric Poders, Morton Grove Voice; Mike Joyce, Chicago Tribune; and Jeff Wait

Staff Present: Marty O'Brien, Interim Executive Director; Greg Jayne, Superintendent of Parks & Facilities; Laura Kee, Human Resources Manager; Mike Hayes, Superintendent of Recreation; Sue Braubach, Wellness & Fitness Manager; Norm Stromberg, Morton Grove Park District Police; Kari Redmond, Recreation Supervisor; Patrick Xenakis, Parks Crew and Claudia Marren, Executive Administrative Assistant

Attorney Present: None

II. Public Comment: None

III. New Business: Appointment of Executive Director

Commissioner Burdi made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ashta to approve the contract

for the new Executive Director, Jeffrey Wait.

At this time Commissioner Staackmann thanked the Board as well as Marty, Laura and Claudia for all their hard work. He also thanked the staff for their patience. He hopes everyone will be proud of the new Executive Director, Jeff Wait, who brings a lot to the table, including a master's in Public Administration and a master's in Parks and Recreation. Staackmann noted the Board went through several rounds of interviews of the 28 candidates that applied. Commissioner Ashta thanked all the candidates that applied, which made for a competitive process. Ayes: Commissioner Ashta, Manno, Coursey, Burdi and Staackmann. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Commissioner Coursey congratulated Jeff Wait and said they worked hard to find the right man. The employment contract was signed.

IV. Adjournment: Commissioner Ashta made a motion seconded by Commissioner Manno to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting ended at approximately 6:05 pm.

Daniel J. Staackmann, Board President

Board Secretary