

Morton Grove Park District

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MORTON GROVE PARK DISTRICT
Prairie View Community Center
6834 Dempster, Morton Grove, IL 60053
Minutes of the Committee of the Whole
Held on September 2, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioner Staackmann called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Eileen Coursey, Dan Ashta, Mark Manno, Dominick Burdi, and Dan Staackmann

Staff Present: Jeff Wait, Executive Director; Marty O'Brien, Finance Manager; 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; Michael Joyce, The Pioneer Press; Erin Kuhn, Lauterbach & Amen, and the following Morton Grove residents: John Thill, Katie Bertaglio, Irene Groebner, Janice and James Cha, Sharon Collier, Carol Nachowicz, Janine Witko, Joan Goldstein, Denyse & Casey Pashup, Mary Ward, Jamie Betke, Jim Betke, Tim Brunner, Carolyn Zembron, Leah Kintner, G. & S. Vail, Joyce Rudd and Brenda Glenn.

Public Comment: Janice Cha with her husband encouraged the Board to consider an off-leash area for dogs, she thought it would provide a great service for Morton Grove residents, is a revenue generator and said she had names of individuals who may be eager to help support a dog park. Mary Ward, agrees it would be a benefit to the people and would be a positive aspect to Morton Grove. George Vail agrees with what had been said and thought a dog park brings a sense of community. He thought the Deerfield dog park was a good example. Irene Grobener thought it would be a real winner to get a dog park in Morton Grove. Janine Witko suggested a Pooch Park such as the park which the Skokie and Evanston Park Districts share, she thought it would be easy to run and could be a revenue generator. John Thill reiterated this was the most important issue on Morton Grove residents mind, he feels people pay taxes and they should get something they want for their taxes. Carol Nachowitz said she has taken advantage of the park district dog training programs and wonders why the park district doesn't offer dog activities. Brenda Glenn explained she does not have a path to walk her dog because every direction she walks her dog, she encounters commotion. Also Buffalo Grove has a dog park within the Com-Ed right of way and thinks Com-Ed is eager to provide goodwill. Joan Goldstein commented on the fact that not one park within Morton Grove is dog friendly. At this point Commissioner Staackmann explained the Board will take into consideration all that was said, however, we first need to get staff to begin the research. Resident Leah Kintner

wondered why the vote didn't pass at the last meeting. Commissioner Staackmann explained there was a Commissioner absent and that he thought the Board now *gets the message*. Jim Betke said there are 14 parks in Morton Grove that he passes by each weekend and they are always empty.

Administration and Finance Committee – Commissioner Ashta, Chair

Lauterbach & Amen – Audit Review: Erin Kuhn of Lauterbach and Amen gave a summary of 2014-2015 audit report. Kuhn reported the park district has a total net position of \$16.8M of which \$4.4M is unrestricted. The MGPD net position increased by \$110,000 year over year due to an increase in property tax collections and programming income. The fund balance in capital projects experienced a large decrease due to Oriole Pool construction expenditures using bond proceeds from the previous year. Kuhn's pointed out that the park district owes the IMRF a net pension obligation of approximately \$50,000. Kuhn suggested that the MGPD pay this obligation off because of the 7% interest being charged on the balance due. Staackmann recommended that O'Brien contact IMRF to determine the exact amount in arrears and remit payment. Kuhn also noted there was a negative fund balance in both the police protection fund and the special recreation fund. Kuhn suggested the MGPD could collapse several funds into one to avoid displaying the deficit.

Statement of Receipts & Disbursements-Resolution #R-04-15: The Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2015 was included in the Board packet for review. Upon approval the document will be filed with the Cook County Clerk's office.

Closed Session Minutes Review-Resolution #R-05-15: Executive Director Wait said he reviewed the minutes and for confidentiality reasons it was best to keep the written minutes closed. It was further agreed that the recorded minutes, which occurred more than 18 months ago, could be destroyed because the district maintains the written copies.

Dog Park Discussion: Executive Director asked for permission to conduct a feasibility study. We would research the legal requirements, the insurance required and look at other dog parks to determine what is needed to do to build a dog park. We would look into a possible partnerships and determine the best location. Commissioner Ashta stated he agrees with the statements made by the public, he wants to do it right to benefit everybody in the community.

Board Secretary: Executive Director Wait explained this was just a housekeeping procedure. The Morton Grove Park District has traditionally assigned the Executive Director as Board Secretary.

Recreation and Facility Program Committee – Commissioner Coursey, Chair

PVCC/Club Fitness Hours: Director Wait recommended a compromise for the PVCC and Club Fitness hours: Memorial Day to Labor Day the club would close at 9:00 pm Monday thru Friday. After Labor Day the club would stay open to 10:00 pm, an hour later Monday thru Thursday and on weekends (Friday the Club would still close at 9:00 pm). Everyone agreed it was a good compromise. It was clarified that there was never a plan to change the morning hours.

2016 Junior Day Camp Location: The Recreation Department would like to consider moving the Junior Day Camp from National Park to the Oriole Park Palm Room. They think it is safer for the children and would eliminate some transportation needs which would make the program more cost efficient. The Park Board agreed it was a good move.

Parks and Facilities Maintenance Committee – Commissioner Manno, Chair

Prairie View Community Center Paint Project: Superintendent Jayne received three quotes to paint the PVCC lobby entrance, stairway and 2nd floor lobby. Based upon the prices received it was recommended to accept the bid from Allied Painting Contractors of Elgin, IL in the amount of \$4,035.35. Commissioner Ashta asked what color they would be choosing. It was agreed to use the current lobby colors.

Museum Basement Door Replacement: Director Wait explained the door at the museum is difficult to open and doesn't have a panic bar. Three quotes were received for a new fiberglass door. Anderson Lock submitted the lowest bid at \$4,257.67. Superintendent Jayne explained it takes 7 weeks for the door to be delivered and therefore was given permission to order the door now.

National Park Tennis Courts: Director Wait explained that tennis courts typically have a life span of 5 to 7 years. The National Park tennis courts are faded and should be resurfaced. Olson Brothers Recreations Surfaces, Inc. was the lowest of 3 bids received at \$8,180.00. It was agreed to move forward with resurfacing the courts.

Shermer Park Basketball Court: The basketball courts at Shermer Park are cracking and need a new asphalt surface. Director Wait said that once again Olson Brothers submitted the lowest bid at \$13,200.00. It was agreed to proceed with the project.

Oriole Park: Parking-Lot Bid Results: Director Wait asked to pull this discussion. He thinks the Park District should consider other options before spending \$172,000. He would like some time to research the option of using the current parking lot. It was noted that the playground which is next to the parking lot may offer another option. Commissioner Staackmann asked if there was a possibility of bidding out the asphalt project with the Village to save some money. Commissioner Ashta noted that we would not gain any equity on any improvements we made to the land if we build on the easement.

PVCC Accessibility Bid Results: Director Wait explained that according to the accessibility audit the Prairie View Community Center sidewalks and walking path have issues which need to be corrected to be ADA compliant. Out of the five quotes received A Lamp Concrete, of Schaumburg submitted the lowest bid \$127,586.30.

Harrer Park Ballfield Fence Paint Prices: Five companies were contacted to quote this project and one submitted a bid. Superintendent Jayne explained it is a specialty item. It was agreed to

move forward with the painting with New Finish Electrostatic Refinishing of Glencoe, IL in the amount of \$19,650.00.

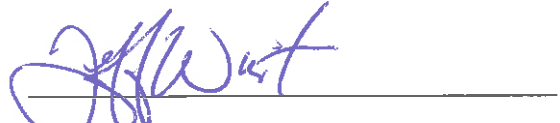
Adjournment:

Commissioner Ashta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Manno to adjourn the Committee of the Whole. Motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting ended at approximately 7:30 p.m.



Daniel J. Staackmann, President



Jeff Wait, Board Secretary