

# Morton Grove Park District

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Minutes of the 777<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting  
Held on June 15, 2016 at 6:30pm

**I. Roll Call:** President Staackmann called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

**Commissioners Present:** Dan Ashta, Mark Manno, and Dan Staackmann

**Commissioners Absent:** Eileen Coursey

**Staff Present:** Jeff Wait, Executive Director; Marty O'Brien, Superintendent of Finance; Laura Kee, Superintendent of HR and Risk Management, Joe Bruntmyer, Superintendent of Recreation; Greg Jayne, Superintendent of Parks & Facilities; and Claudia Marren, Executive Administrative Assistant

**Guests Present:** Dominick and Louise Burdi, Betty Fergus, resident, Chick Balling, Gov/HR, Eric Poders, Morton Grove Voice/resident, and Al Gordon, resident

**Attorney Present:** None.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**III. Additions or Deletions/Changes to the Agenda:** It was agreed to remove PVCC Control System from the agenda.

**IV. Citizens Comments/Correspondence:** Resident Betty Fergus thanked Dominick Burdi for his 12 years of service and many accomplishments as a Park Commissioner. Fergus noted Burdi's valuable insights regarding the park programs and facilities and wished him and his family well in their future endeavors.

**V. Consent Agenda:**

Commissioner Ashta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Manno to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes of the May 4, 2016 Committee of the Whole, May 18, 2016 Board Meeting, May 4, 2016 Executive Session and the May 18, 2016 Executive Session.

**The Financial Reports:**

1. The Budget Report and Cash on Hand dated May 31, 2016, and

2. The voucher listed dated June 15, 2016, in the amount of \$145,571.40 subject to audit. **Ayes: Commissioner Manno, Ashta and Staackmann. Nays: 0. Absent: Coursey. Motion carried.**

**VI. Director's Report:** Executive Director Wait noted that last night we had a great turn out at Harrer Park for Tunes on Tuesday with approximately 300 people in attendance, there were also baseball games, softball games and ultimate Frisbee games that night. He also thanked the MGBSA for sponsoring the band *Soda* and thanked the Dairy Queen of Niles for providing treats and food. Wait also noted the pool pass sales have increased 7.5% over last year. He addressed several issues at the pools including combining the swim lessons to one pool, the drop slide is now open at Oriole Pool, and noted the spray park at Harrer Pool is showing an increased loss of water. The staff is trying to isolate the problem of the water loss and is considering limiting the number of hours or days the spray park is in use if they can't resolve this issue. The start of summer camps on Monday went smoothly and Wait said he even had a chance to go out to see the children today.

**VII. Attorney's Report:** None

**VIII. Unfinished Business:**

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

**Resolution #R-05-16:** Commissioner Ashta made a motion seconded by Commissioner Manno to approve Resolution #R-05-16, thanking Dominick Burdi for his twelve years of service. A copy of the resolution will be made part of the official records. **Ayes: Commissioner Manno, Ashta and Staackmann. Nays: 0. Absent: Coursey. Motion carried.**

At this time the Park District presented Dominick Burdi with a framed copy of the Resolution along with a congratulatory plaque.

**Prevailing Wage Ordinance #O-05-16:** Commissioner Ashta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Manno to accept the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Committee to approve the Prevailing Wage Ordinance #O-05-16 as enacted by the State of Illinois. Director Wait noted a certified copy will be filed with the Illinois Department of Labor and published in the local paper. **Ayes: Commissioner Manno, Ashta, and Staackmann. Nays: 0. Absent: Coursey.**

**Board of Commissioners General Practices Manual Update:** Commissioner Ashta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Manno to approve the update to the Board of Commissioners General Practices Manual, Section 10.21, Americans with Disabilities Policy. **Ayes: Commissioner Ashta, Manno, and Staackmann. Nays: 0. Absent: Coursey. Motion carried.**

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

No business.

**Parks and Facilities Maintenance Committee: Commissioner Manno Chair**  
**Park Tour**

**IX. New Business: None.**

**X. Commissioner Comments:**

**Commissioner Coursey:** Absent.

**Commissioner Ashta:** Congratulated Dom on his service and wished him luck in the future.

**Commissioner Manno:** Thanked Dom, and the staff and volunteers that worked the Summer Sizzle.

**Commissioner Staackmann:** Thanked everyone that worked the weekend. He noticed a spirit of cooperation by the staff which he thought was admirable. He also noted Dominick Burdi's humility and thanked him for his service.

**XI. Executive Session:**

No executive session.

Cake was served for Dominick Burdi.

During this time a resident, Al Gordon entered the meeting wishing to make a comment. Mr. Gordon noted that he and many lap swimmers attended the community open houses prior to Oriole Pool being built. He believed the theory at that time was Oriole Pool would cater to small children and lap swimmers and four lap lanes would be available at all times. For the past two seasons there were four lap lanes at Oriole Pool. This season the lanes were reduced to 2 lanes and the ladders were removed leaving entry and exit only at the far east corner and the extreme south east corner. Also the #5 lap lane is in very deep water and the lap lanes are now in-between two open swim areas which leaves swimmers crossing through the lap lanes. He believes the new configuration of the lap lanes proposes safety and liability issues and also thinks there are not enough lifeguards for the area. Also the changes were made without community input or notice to the people who attended the open house meetings in 2013. Mr. Gordon requested the lap lanes be restored to four lanes, that the ladders are reinstalled and the Board direct the Executive Director and his staff to observe the pool and usage patterns for the remainder of the season to determine the need for adjustments and if so, to hold town hall meetings for community input. Commissioner Staackmann thanked Mr. Gordon and explained the Park District is in the process of conducting a strategic plan and will ask the staff to review what was previously discussed.

**XII. Adjournment:**

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

Meeting ended at approximately 9:20pm.



Daniel Staackmann, Board President



Jeff Wait, Board Secretary