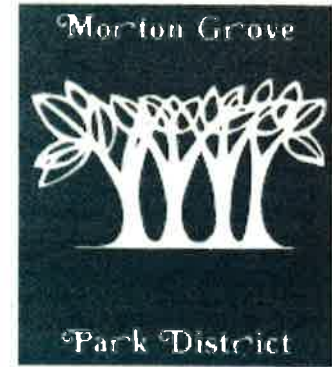


Morton Grove Park District

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Minutes of the 802nd
Board Meeting
August 15, 2018

I. Roll Call: Commissioner Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Commissioners Present: Dorothy Coletta, Mark Manno, Steve Schmidt, Paul Minx and Keith White

Staff Present: Jeffrey Wait, Executive Director; Marty O'Brien, Superintendent of Finance; Laura Kee, Superintendent of HR & Risk Management; Keith Gorczyca, Superintendent of Parks and Facilities and Claudia Marren, Administrative Assistant.

Guests Present: Rita Minx, Village Trustee and resident, Lisa Cotner, resident and Olivia Hansburg, resident

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

III. Additions/Changes to the Agenda: None

IV. Citizens Comments/Correspondence: Resident Lisa Cotner explained that she was unhappy with the cancellation of the Park District Before School Program. She stated the timing was terrible because it only left her a week and a half to find a child care solution. Although everyone sympathized with Ms. Cotner's dilemma, it is the Park District policy to cancel programs that do not meet certain attendance criteria. It would not be economically sound to run programs that lose money. Resident Olivia Hansburg echoed the same sentiments as Ms. Cotner, however stated that she thought the program could meet the minimum attendance figure if the registration was reopened. Both residents requested that the program run, if not this year then next year. Director Wait said he would consider reopening the registration and looked to the Commissioners for direction.

V. Consent Agenda:

Commissioner White made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Minx, to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held on July 18, 2018.

The Financial Reports:

1. The Cash on Hand and Budget Report dated July 31, 2018 and
2. The voucher listed dated August 15, 2018 in the amount of \$146,318.48. **Ayes:** Commissioner Coletta, Manno, Schmidt Minx and White. **Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

VI. Director's Report: Director Wait reminded everyone to complete the community survey and stressed the importance of resident feedback. The Park District will attend the next two Farmer's Markets to be available if anyone has questions about the survey. Bark in the Park is this Saturday

from 10am to noon with the first 100 dogs receiving goody bags. The last Celebration in the Park will take place at Austin Park on August 24th. The Director thanked the staff for a great summer.

- VII. **Attorney's Report:** Director Wait explained there have been two FOIA requests which the attorney advised the Park District on. Also, work is being completed on the lease agreement with the North Branch Project and the shared lease agreement with the Village of Morton Grove regarding mowing.
- VIII. **Department Head Reports:** Superintendent O'Brien said they are in the process of completing the audit and is planning for the audit presentation at the October Board Meeting. The request for the BINA Hearing will be on the September Board Meeting agenda with the bond meeting to be held in October and passed in November.

Superintendent Gorczyca noted that the Pioneer Park is 90% complete and should be completed within 2 weeks. The department finished the last application on the pine trees and it looks as if some of the trees are rebounding. Gorczyca also welcomed the new Parks Department employee, Dale Ware.

Laura Kee, Superintendent of HR and Risk Management noted they are winding down on camp and pool employees and have now started on the hiring of the Pre-school and B.A.S.E. employees. It seems most residents are registering on-line because the front desk did not see a significant increase in fall registrations. Superintendent Kee is interviewing for the position of Superintendent of Recreation and Facilities position.

IX. **New Business:**

a. **Administration and Finance Committee – Commissioner White, Chair**

Dress Code Policy: Commissioner White made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Manno to accept the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Committee to approve the updated Dress Code Policy, Section 10.15 of the Personnel Policy Manual. A discussion took place regarding the proposed changes to the policy. It was agreed to move forward with the motion. **Ayes: Commissioner Manno, Schmidt, Minx, White, and Coletta. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

Travel, Meals and Lodging: Commissioner White made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Minx, to accept the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Committee to approve the travel, meal and lodging expenses for Commissioners Manno and White and Executive Director Wait in the amount of \$1,282.32 each. Commissioner Manno made clear that this expense was to attend the NRPA Conference in Indianapolis. **Ayes: Commissioner Schmidt, Minx, White, Coletta and Manno. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

Park Police Discussion: Director Wait presented a power point presentation on the pros and cons of continuing with a Park District Police Department. Due to the resignation of Chief Stromberg, this would be the ideal time to transition to an alternative method of paroling the parks. Wait presented several options such as an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Morton Grove Police Department, staffing and training our own personnel or eliminating the Park District police and have employees check for unlocked doors, etc. and contract professional security guards or police only for events. The

Commissioners asked Director Wait to contact the Village and inquire about their overtime rate, the cost to handle an event and if they require a minimum.

X. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Minx: Noted he was happy about Pioneer Park and said the new site line is much improved.

Commissioner White: Thanked the staff and sponsors for the summer Classic Car Show event and the summer concerts. He noted Club Fitness memberships have increase. White also said the Park District did a great job at last Tuesday's National Night Out.

Commissioner Manno: Noted the summer concerts have been great and was glad that camp had a good season. He thinks the new signs and bollards look great. Extended his compliments to the pool staff and welcomed Dale Ware.

Commissioner Coletta: Enjoyed the Farmer's Market and found it interesting listening to the feedback on the community survey.

Commissioner Schmidt: Wanted to echo the same sentiments of his colleagues. Schmidt thought National Night Out was great, with the staff did a fantastic job with the games and giveaways. He wanted to also welcome Dale Ware and thanked the staff for all their hard work on the pools.

- XI. Closed Session:** At approximately 7:47pm Commissioner White made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt to move into closed session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act section 120/2(c)(1) and 120/2(c)(21). **Ayes: Commissioner Minx, White, Coletta, Manno and Schmidt. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

The meeting reconvened at approximately 7:59.

No action was taken during closed session.

- XII. Approval of Closed Session Minutes:** Commissioner White made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Minx, to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2018 closed session meeting. **Ayes: Commissioner Coletta, Minx, Schmidt, White and Manno. Nays: 0. Absent: Coletta and Schmidt. Motion carried.**

- XIII. Adjournment:**
Commissioner White made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Minx to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Meeting ended at approximately 8:55pm.



Steve Schmidt, Board President



Jeffrey Wait, Board Secretary