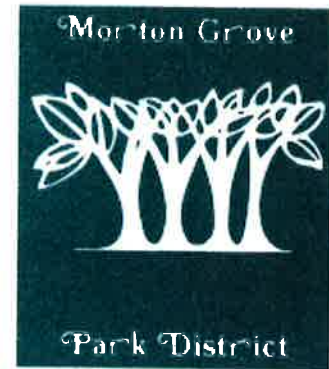


Morton Grove Park District

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Minutes of the 805th
Board Meeting
November 14, 2018

- I. **Roll Call:** Commissioner Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

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

Commissioners Absent: Dorothy Coletta

Staff Present: Jeffrey Wait, Executive Director; Marty O'Brien, Superintendent of Finance and Claudia Marren, Administrative Assistant.

Guests Present: Rita Minx, Village Trustee and resident

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

- III. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** Director Wait pointed out that changes were made to the Citizens Comments on Agenda Items and Public Comment on Non-Agenda items.

- IV. **Citizens Comments on Agenda Items/Correspondence:** None.

- V. **Consent Agenda:**

Commissioner White made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Minx, to approve the minutes of the BINA Hearing and Board Meeting held on October 17, 2018.

The Financial Reports:

1. The Cash Summary and Revenue Report dated October 31, 2018 and
2. The Invoice Distribution Report ending October 31, in the amount of \$139,620.10. **Ayes: Commissioner Minx, Schmidt, White and Manno. Nays: 0. Absent: Coletta. Motion carried.**

- VI. **Director's Report:** Director Wait noted that Club Fitness is having a one-day only Black Friday special of 30% off a 6-month membership. December 6th at National Fieldhouse will be the Santa's Paw Pals free event. The Silver Bells Express event is sold out. Wait also noted the annual Holly Days Festival will be Saturday, December 1st from 3 until 6:30. This year the tree lighting ceremony will be held on Saturday in conjunction with the festival. This community event is a cooperative effort by the Park District, Village, Chamber, Library, District 67 and 70. The Farmers Market will be in attendance along with ice sculpture demonstrations, school choirs, storytelling, pickle hunt, dog sled demo's, tractor rides and visits with Santa. There are estimated times of Santa's route on the Park District and Village websites. The essay contest theme this year is "What I love about Morton Grove" which is open to 4th graders, 5th and 6th and 7th and 8th graders. The winner will receive a 2019 family pool pass.

VII. New Business:

a. Administration and Finance Committee – Commissioner White, Chair

Set the date for the Tax Levy Public Hearing for December 19, 2018: Superintendent O'Brien prepared the 2018 tax levy detailing the amount of taxes to be collected in 2019 and gave a Power Point presentation reviewing the tax caps, descriptions and the necessary steps to pass a levy. O'Brien also explained that all funds will retain a minimum 25% fund balance.

Commissioner White made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Minx to accept the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Committee to set the date for the Tax Levy Public Hearing for December 19, 2018 at 6:30pm. **Ayes: Commissioner White, Manno, Minx and Schmidt. Nays: 0. Absent: Coletta. Motion carried.**

Truth in Taxation Public Hearing: Superintendent O'Brien explained that although the Park District is not required to hold a Truth in Taxation Public Hearing because the levy is not expected to increase 105% from last year, the District will hold a public hearing for transparency.

Commissioner White made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Manno to accept the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Committee to set the date for the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing for December 19, 2018. **Ayes: Commissioner Manno, Minx, Schmidt and White. Nays: 0. Absent: Coletta. Motion carried.**

Budget & Appropriation Ordinance: Superintendent O'Brien reviewed the \$6,800,000 budget. O'Brien explained that because this is the first calendar year budget, it is somewhat difficult to compare to previous years. In the future, the budget will now be aligned with the tax levy. O'Brien reviewed the revenue and expenses of each of the nine District funds noting the Bond and Special Recreation Funds are exempt from the tax cap legislation.

Commissioner White made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Minx, to accept the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Committee to set the date for the Budget & Appropriation Public Hearing for December 19, 2018. **Ayes: Commissioner Minx, Schmidt, White and Manno. Nays: 0. Absent: Coletta. Motion carried.**

Capital Improvement Plan: Superintendent O'Brien explained that although the Capital Improvement Plan is part of the budget, the District approves it separately.

Commissioner White made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Minx to accept the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Committee to approve the 2019 Capital Improvement plan. Commissioner Manno asked if the van to be purchased was a 15-passenger van. Director Wait, confirmed the new van will be a 15-passenger van. **Ayes: Commissioner Schmidt, White, Manno and Minx. Nays: 0. Absent: Coletta. Motion carried.**

Bond Ordinance: Superintendent O'Brien noted that the District already conducted a Bond Issuance Notification Hearing and now seeks approval to issue \$925,000 in general obligation bonds.

Commissioner White made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Minx to approve Bond Ordinance #O-07-18. **Ayes: Commissioner White, Manno, Minx and Schmidt. Nays: 0. Absent: Coletta. Motion carried.**

Board Meeting Calendar: Commissioner White made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Minx to accept the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Committee to approve the 2019 Board Meeting Calendar and for staff to then post and publicize the calendar pursuant to Park District Code, Paragraph 120/2.02a. **Ayes: Commissioner Manno, Minx, Schmidt and White. Nays: 0. Absent: Coletta. Motion carried.**

Disbandment of Park Police: Commissioner White made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Minx to accept the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Committee to approve Ordinance #O-08-18, to disband the Park Police. **Ayes: Commissioner Minx, Schmidt, White and Manno. Nays: 0. Absent: Coletta. Motion carried.**

Harrer Pool Project: The Commissioners discussed the importance of communicating the plans for Harrer Pool among themselves, the community and the staff. The Commissioners want to ensure they have accurate information, information which reflects the goals of the community and how best to achieve the goals. The Commissioners also asked Director Wait to reach out to George Baum to inquire if they would be willing to work with three concepts.

VIII. Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.

IX. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Manno: No comment.

Commissioner Minx: Noted that he received comments that it was great that MGPD was actively soliciting community feedback on the future of the parks. He also noted residents praised the MGPD pre-school program.

Commissioner Schmidt: Noted that receiving input on the park concepts was very helpful.

Commissioner White: Expressed his gratitude for soliciting public input and thanked Superintendent O'Brien for his work on the new calendar year budget.

X. Closed Session: At approximately 7:45pm Commissioner Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner White to move into closed session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act section 120/2(c)(1) and 120/2(c) (21). **Ayes: Commissioner Manno, Minx, Schmidt and White. Nays: 0. Absent: Coletta. Motion carried.**

The meeting reconvened at approximately 7:54pm.

No action was taken during closed session.

COMMITTED TO QUALITY PARK AND RECREATION SERVICES

XI. Approval of Closed Session Minutes: Commissioner White made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Manno to approve the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting held on October 17, 2018. **Ayes: Commissioner Minx, Schmidt, White and Manno. Nays: 0. Absent: Coletta. Motion carried.**

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

Meeting ended at approximately 7:55pm.



Steve Schmidt, Board President



Jeffrey Wait, Board Secretary