## **Morton Grove Park District**

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Minutes of the Special **Board Meeting** April 29, 2020 Held via Zoom

١. Roll Call: Commissioner Minx called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

> Commissioners Present: Steve Schmidt, Erica Epperson, Mazhar Khan, Keith White and Paul Minx

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

Attorney Present: Steve Adams, Robbins Schwartz

- H. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Additions/Changes to the Agenda: Director Wait asked to add a closed session to the agenda. III.
- IV. Citizens Comments on Agenda Items/Correspondence: None.
- V. **New Business:** 
  - Administrative and Finance Committee Commissioner Minx, Chair

Construction Manager Approval: Director Wait explained the District sent out an RFQ for construction management firms for the Harrer Pool Project. Director Wait, Superintendents O'Brien and Gorczyca and Commissioner Minx reviewed the five responses and went on to interview two firms. It was agreed that W. B. Olson, Inc. was the best fit for the District.

Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Khan, that the Park District approve the Owner-Construction Manager Agreement with W.B. Olson, Inc., for Construction Management services on the Harrer Pool Project, in the following amounts:

A. Preconstruction Phase: \$9,800.00;

B. Construction Phase:

2% of the cost of the work; and

C. General Conditions:

\$364,453,

subject to attorneys' final review and approval of the Agreement.

Ayes: Commissioner Epperson, Khan, White, Minx and Schmidt. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

b. 2020 Aquatic Season: The Commissioners and staff discussed the 2020 aquatic season under the current COVID-19 conditions. The amount of time needed for staff to prepare i.e., get the pumps and mechanicals running, get the chemicals balanced, add the water and train lifeguards is approximately 30 days. No one is even sure if people will go to the pool. Due to the COVID-19 guidelines, including social distancing, and the amount of money it takes to open the pool it is difficult to decide. Everyone agreed It would not be wise to spend thousands of dollars in preparation only to find we can't open the pool, and/or is it worth it to spend so much money for a shortened season. Attorney Adams noted they have not received any official notice from IDPH. The Commissioners feel a social responsibility to the community however, safety issues always should be their priority. Superintendent Gorczyca noted that because other activities have been cancelled the Parks Department is not multi-tasking this season and could possibly open the pool with less than 30 days' notice. Therefore, it was decided to continue to take a wait and see approach.

VI. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None.

VII. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner White: Thanked the staff for all their projections regarding the COVID-19

pandemic.

**Commissioner Schmidt:** Thanked everyone. **Commissioner Epperson:** No comment.

Commissioner Khan: Thanked the staff and attorney for the information presented.

Commissioner Minx: Thanked the park staff for doing a great job in these crazy, troubled times.

At this time Commissioner White made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Epperson to move into closed session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act section 120/2(c)(1). Ayes: Commissioner Schmidt, Epperson, Khan, White and Minx. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

VIII. Adjournment: Commissioner White made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Epperson to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimous by voice vote.

Meeting ended at approximately 7:28pm.

Board President, Paul Minx

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Board Secretary, Jeffrey Wait