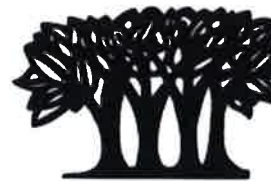


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**MORTON GROVE
PARK DISTRICT**

Minutes of the 824th

Board Meeting

June 17, 2020

Held at the Harrer Park Shelter

6250 W. Dempster, Morton Grove, IL 60053

- I. **Roll Call:** Commissioner White called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

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

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

Guest Present: Rita Minx, Village Trustee and resident and Todd Krzyskowski and Daniel Barlow from Mesirow Financial.

Attorney Present: None.

- II. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** Director Wait noted that Board President White would be reading a statement.

Commissioner White stated: "The mission of the Morton Grove Park District is to enrich the quality of community life and promote recreational activities through creative programming for people of all ages and abilities, while protecting open space and natural resources for future generations. Now more than ever, we underscore the importance of welcoming all people regardless of their age, abilities, race, sexual and gender identity, religious beliefs or disbeliefs, economic status--anything that may differentiate us in our community.

We acknowledge and respect our differences, while celebrating those very things that make us unique. We are a community that supports one another. We are stronger together and remain dedicated to promoting the freedoms that oftentimes only some are afforded. We oppose any ongoing systemic oppression of our minority community members, and are committed to an environment of peace, tolerance and understanding.

We will continue to do this because it is the right thing to do. We are better together, when we stand as one, and remain steadfast in our mission to enrich the quality of community life through recreation here in Morton Grove."

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

IV. **Consent Agenda:**

Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Epperson, to approve:

a. The Financial Reports:

1. The Cash Summary and Revenue and Expenditure Report dated May 31, 2020 and

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2. The Invoice Distribution Report ending May 31, 2020 in the amount of \$223,327.327
Ayes: Commissioner Epperson, Schmidt, Minx, White and Khan. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

V. **Director's Report:** Director Wait noted the Park District will follow state authorities when deciding the appropriate time to open Club Fitness and when programs and events will resume in full. He is anticipating Phase 4 of the State's directives will begin July 1st, and said staff is planning to start several modified programs, such as summer camps, dance and some baseball beginning July 13th. The District will be diligent in following guidelines including having participants wear face masks and maintain social distancing, noting the health and safety of the community and employees are a top priority. If residents have any questions, they may contact him personally at jwait@mgparks.com.

VI. **Attorney Report:** None.

VII. **Village Liaison Report:** None.

VIII. **Department Heads' Reports:** Superintendent O'Brien noted he has been working on the bond issue and is looking forward to completing the ordinance authorizing the District to issue bonds. All notices have been publicized and we await the 30-days which gives the public the right to petition. If no petitions are received, the District can proceed ahead with issuing bonds.

Superintendent Braubach noted the Recreation Department continues to hold drills and instruction for volleyball and softball per the Phase 3 guidelines. Staff is anticipating beginning classes mid-July and working on how best to keep participants safe. The camps will be comprised of groups of 10 or less. Club Fitness participants will be required to make a reservation and the Club will be closed every 90 minutes to be sanitized. Braubach also noted that Wellbeats, a virtual fitness class, is still available free through June.

Superintendent Gorczyca noted he is working on the Harrer Pool project. Soil boring tests have been conducted throughout the property and asbestos was found in the building and will have to be removed by a professional remediation company. There is also an issue with the trees; he must determine to if it is worth the cost of over \$12,000 to relocate the trees or to remove the trees and purchase new trees to be planted. Staff is working on Thor-Guard, and ball field renovations project.

IX. **New Business:**

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

Audit Review and Approval: Superintendent O'Brien noted that the auditors, Lauterbach & Amen issued an "unqualified opinion" meaning they found the District finances to be in order. Also, the District revenues exceeded expenditures by \$250,00 and there was a fund balance at the end of the year of \$6,500,000.

Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Epperson to approve the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019. **Ayes: Commissioner Schmidt, Khan, Minx, White, and Epperson. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements: Superintendent O'Brien completed the 2019 Statement of Receipts & Disbursements and will file it with the Cook County Clerk's office.

Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Epperson to approve the Statement of Receipts & Disbursements Resolution #R-03-20, covering the fiscal year ending

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December 31, 2019. **Ayes: Commissioner Minx, White, Khan, Epperson and Schmidt. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

IMRF Resolution: Director Wait noted the District must pass a resolution to ensure the District employees who have been furloughed due to the COVID-19 pandemic may buy back service time from the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund they are a part of.

Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Epperson to approve the IMRF Resolution #R-04-20 which allows the current furloughed employees to continue to receive service credit. **Ayes: Commissioner White, Khan, Epperson, Schmidt and Minx. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

Bond Ordinance: Director Wait noted the District is asking for authorization to issue \$19M in bonds, \$11M for Harrer Pool and \$8M to possibly refinance the Oriole Pool debt certificates. Superintendent O'Brien noted that upon Board approval the District will publish their intention to issue bonds in the local paper. If the public does not contact the Board Secretary within 30 days of publication, the District can proceed with the issuance of the bonds. Todd Krzyskowski from Mesirow Financial explained that the market conditions are good, and rates are historically low; he expects the District may receive an investment rate as low as 2.5 to 3%.

Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Epperson to approve Ordinance #O-06-20 authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$19,000,000 to pay the costs of (i) renovating, redeveloping, operating and maintaining the property and facilities known as Harrer Park Pool, (ii) refunding certain outstanding debt certificates if possible and (iii) paying expenses incident thereto. **Ayes: Commissioner Khan, Epperson, Schmidt, Minx and White. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

X. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** None.

XI. **Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioner Minx: Thanked Director Wait for maintaining the District, especially keeping the Harrer Pool project moving forward, during this difficult time.

Commissioner Epperson: Thanked the staff and noted she is looking forward to the parks opening.

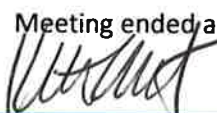
Commissioner Schmidt: No comment.

Commissioner Khan: Thanked Director Wait and the staff for all their hard work.

Commissioner White: Echoed the comments of the other Commissioners and noted that staff is doing a great job staying on point with the Harrer Pool project.

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

Meeting ended at approximately 7:04pm.



Board President, Keith White



Board Secretary, Jeffrey Wait