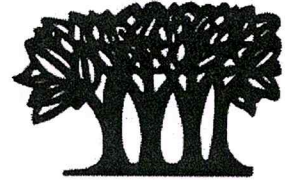


Morton Grove Park District

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**MORTON GROVE
PARK DISTRICT**

Minutes of the 833th Board Meeting
March 17, 2021
Held at Prairie View Community Center

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

Commissioners Present: Paul Minx, Mazhar Khan, Steve Schmidt.

Absent: Erica Epperson, and Keith White

Staff Present: Jeffrey Wait, Executive Director; Marty O'Brien, Superintendent of Finance; Sue Braubach, Superintendent of Recreation; and Luisa Gonzalez, Recording Secretary.

Guest present: Rita Minx, Village Trustee

II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

III. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** None

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

V. **Consent Agenda:**

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

a. The minutes of the Board Meeting held on February 17, 2021

b. The Financial Reports:

1. The Cash Summary and Revenue and Expenditure Report dated February 28, 2021

2. The Invoice Distribution Report ending February 28, 2021 in the amount of \$758,072.05

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

VI. **Director's Report:** Director Wait noted that the District has special events coming up including Eggstravaganza, the Doggy Egg Hunt, and Color the Park Day at Harrer Park. More information about these and other events can be found on our website at mortongroveparks.com. Wait mentioned that Harrer Pool is progressing. The exterior walls to the bathhouse and office are almost complete, the plunge pool concrete has been poured, and the deep-water pools have been formed. Wait explained that Austin Park is almost done. The District is waiting for warmer weather to do some landscaping to finish it. Wait also mentioned that Trevor Stibbe, athletic supervisor submitted his two weeks' notice and the District is in the process of finding his replacement.

VII. **Attorney Report:** Director Wait noted that Steve Adams submitted his report electronically to each Board member's email account.

VIII. **Village Liaison Report:** None

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IX. Department Head Reports: Superintendent O'Brien explained that the finance department is in the process of completing the District's audit. Once the audit is completed, the finance department will approach the Board with a final report in June for approval. O'Brien stated that the District has received a partial payment of \$111,850 from OSLAD which is an Illinois Department of Natural Resource grant the District is using to pay for half of the construction cost for Austin Park. O'Brien explained that the district will receive the other half once Austin Park is fully completed and has been audited by an outside firm.

Superintendent Braubach stated that staff has been working on the summer guide which will be reviewed and sent to residents in late April. Registration for summer programs starts the first Monday in May for residents. Braubach noted the District had its Clover Hunt event this month with 25 kids in attendance. Braubach mentioned that fitness has been busy reinstating memberships, and hiring a new personal trainer. Braubach explained that softball league registration is now open, and the leagues will start the first week in May. Lastly Braubach indicated that the Annual Dance Recital will be held at Prairie View this year.

X. New Business:

a. Administration and Finance Committee – Commissioner Minx, Chair

Harrer Pool Landscaping Bid: Director Wait explained that back in October of 2020 the Board approved bid for landscaping for Harrer Pool. However the lowest bidder Breezy Hill Nursery made an error in their proposal bid amount. Based on WB Olson's recommendation, the District rebid it. Wait noted that Breezy Hill Nursery remained the lowest bidder even with their corrected amount. The Board needs to approve the difference between the two bids.

Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt that the Morton Grove Park Board approve the landscaping rebid from Breezy Hill Nursery Inc in the amount of \$19,349. **Ayes: Commissioner Khan, Schmidt, and Minx. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

James Haddon Resolution: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt that the Morton Grove Park Board of Commissioners approve Resolution R-03-21 accepting a donation in the amount of \$25,941.71 for the purpose of naming the north ballfield at Mansfield Park after James Haddon a resident of Morton Grove and avid softball player at Mansfield Park who passed away from COVID for a period of not less than twenty-five years . **Ayes: Commissioner Schmidt, Khan, and Minx. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

IAPD Accreditation letter: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Khan that the Morton Grove Park Board of Commissioners approve filing the application for the District to go through the renewal process for its Distinguished Agency Accreditation status. **Ayes: Commissioner Schmidt, Khan, and Minx. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

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

XII. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Khan: Thanked Director Wait for his leadership and thanked the department heads for an outstanding job.

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Commissioner Schmidt: Thanked entire staff and said he can't wait until the summer and to get back to a sense of normalcy.

Commissioner Minx: Commented he is excited that people are getting COVID shots and that the District is getting programs running again.

- XIII. Closed Session:** At approximately 6:50pm Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Khan for the Board to go into closed session in accordance with the Open Meeting Act section 120/2/c/(1) and for section 120/2(c)(21). **Ayes: Commissioner Khan, Schmidt, and Minx. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

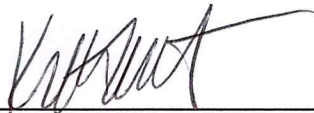
The meeting reconvened at approximately 7:00pm

No action was taken during closed session.

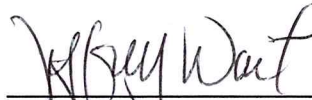
Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt to approve the minutes of the closed session meeting held on February 17, 2021 **Ayes: Commissioner Schmidt, Khan, and Minx. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

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

Meeting ended at approximately 7:09pm.



Board President, Keith White



Board Secretary, Jeffrey Wait