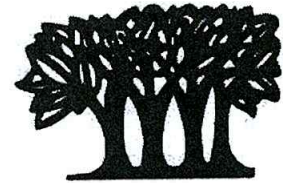


Morton Grove Park District

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**MORTON GROVE
PARK DISTRICT**

Minutes of the 840th Board Meeting
November 10, 2021
Held at Prairie View Community Center

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

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

Staff Present: Jeffrey Wait, Executive Director; Marty O'Brien, Superintendent of Finance; Sue Braubach, Superintendent of Recreation; Laura Kee, Superintendent of HR and Risk Management; Keith Gorczyca, Superintendent of Parks and Facilities and Luisa Gonzalez, Recording Secretary.

Guest present: Rita Minx, Village Trustee

Attorney Present: None

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

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 Epperson, to approve:

a. The minutes of the Board Meeting held on October 20, 2021

b. The Financial Reports:

1. The Cash Summary and Revenue and Expenditure Report dated October 31, 2021

2. The Invoice Distribution Report for the period ending October 31, 2021 in the amount of \$1,012,421.72. **Ayes: Commissioner Minx, Schmidt, Khan, White, and Epperson. Nays:**

0. Motion carried.

VI. Director's Report:

Director Wait stated the exterior of Harrer Pool is completed. The pool has been tested and is holding water. However, there have been slight delays with the interior due to obtaining materials. Wait explained that the Winter/Spring brochures continue to be delivered throughout the community. Wait mentioned that the District's community-wide survey for the comprehensive plan is still under way. If residents would like to participate, they can find the survey at <https://mortongrovetparks.com/>.

VII. Attorney Report: Done

VIII. Village Liaison Report: Amazon Store opens on November 11th at 7am.

IX. Department Head Reports:

COMMITTED TO QUALITY PARK AND RECREATION SERVICES

Superintendent Gorczyca stated that Arnum Park is 99% completed and the audit on the park is done. Gorczyca explained that after some rain delays, the District has finally started the court renovation at Austin Park. Lastly, Gorczyca noted that 30 trees have been delivered to the district for the fall planting project.

Superintendent Kee explained that the HR Department started preparing for open enrollment which starts November 15th. Kee stated she attended a Diversity Education Symposium through IAPD this week. Lastly, Kee stated that there were zero worker compensation claims.

Superintendent Braubach stated that registration for winter/spring programs begins Monday November 15th. Braubach mentioned that the fitness center has obtained two new recumbent bikes and ellipticals. Braubach explained that birthday parties are now available to book through the Park District.

Superintendent O'Brien explained that the Finance Department has a busy next couple of months starting with the BINA hearing. In addition, the tax levy and budget appropriation hearing dates will be set for next month. The Board will approve the tax ordinance in December and will close on the bond deal in November.

X. New Business:

a. Administration and Finance Committee – Commissioner Minx, Chair

Tax Levy Hearing Date: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Khan to accept the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Committee to approve December 15, 2021 at 6:30pm for the Tax Levy public hearing. **Ayes: Commissioner Epperson, Khan, Schmidt, Minx and White. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Date: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Epperson to accept the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Committee to set the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance public hearing for December 15, 2021 and for staff to have a copy of the ordinance available for public inspection. **Ayes: Commissioner White, Khan, Minx, Schmidt, and Epperson. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

2022 Board Meeting Calendar: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt that the Morton Grove Park Board approve the 2022 Morton Grove Park District Board meeting calendar in accordance with the Park District Code, Open Meetings Act, Paragraph 120/2.02a, Public Notice. **Ayes: Commissioner White, Khan, Epperson, Minx, and Schmidt. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

IAPD/IPRA 2022 Conference Travel, Lodging, and Meals Approval: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Epperson that the Board of Park Commissioners approve the travel, meals, and lodging expenses for each member of the Park Board in the amount of \$750.30. **Ayes: Commissioner Schmidt, Khan, Epperson, White, and Minx. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

2022 Bond Ordinance: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt that the Morton Grove Park Board approve Bond Ordinance #O-03-21. **Ayes: Commissioner White, Khan, Minx, Schmidt, and Epperson. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

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

XII. **Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioner Khan: Thanked Director Wait for his weekly updates and thanked all departments heads.

Commissioner Epperson: None

Commissioner Schmidt: None

Commissioner Minx: Thanked Superintendent Braubach, Director Wait and staff for all the Halloween events.

Commissioner White: Thanked staff and Superintendent O'Brien on all their hard work.

XIII. **Closed Session:** At approximately 6:55pm, Commissioner White made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt for the Board to go into closed session in accordance with the Open Meeting Act section 120/2(c)(1) , 2(c)(21) and 2(c)(5) **Ayes: Commissioner Schmidt, Khan, Epperson, White and Minx. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

The meeting reconvened at approximately 7:28pm

No action was taken during closed session.

Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Epperson to approve the minutes of the closed session meeting held on October 20, 2021 **Ayes: Commissioner Khan, Schmidt, Epperson, Minx, and White. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

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

Meeting ended at approximately 7:29pm.



Board President, Keith White



Board Secretary, Jeffrey Wait