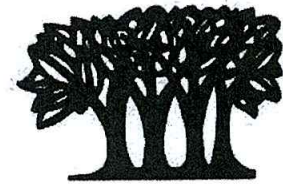


Morton Grove Park District

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**MORTON GROVE
PARK DISTRICT**

Minutes of the 841th Board Meeting
December 15, 2021
Held at Prairie View Community Center

Truth in Taxation Public Hearing

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

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

Commissioners Absent: Erica Epperson

Staff Present: Jeffrey Wait, Executive Director; Marty O'Brien, Superintendent of Finance; Sue Braubach, Superintendent of Recreation; 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. **Explanation of Hearing:** The Truth in Taxation law requires a taxing district to compare the amount of its proposed aggregate property tax levy to the amount of taxes extended for the district in the prior year. A notice must be published in a newspaper and a public hearing must be held, if the proposed aggregate tax levy is more than 5% of the previous year's tax extension. The tax extension does not include the bond and interest funds when computing the 5% increase.

- IV. **Public Comment:** None

- V. **Adjournment:** Commissioner White made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Minx to adjourn the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing. **Ayes: Commissioner Minx, Schmidt, Khan, and White. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

Budget & Appropriation Public Hearing

- I. **Explanation of Hearing:** The park district must pass and file with the Cook County Clerk a combined annual budget and appropriation ordinance in order to levy property taxes. The ordinance is first prepared in tentative form and the document is made available to the public 30 days prior to final action. The board will conduct at least one public hearing and the date and time of that hearing will be published in the local newspaper a week prior.
- II. **Public Comment:** None
- III. **Adjournment:** Commissioner White made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Minx to adjourn the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing. **Ayes: Commissioner White, Khan, Minx, and Schmidt. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

COMMITTED TO QUALITY PARK AND RECREATION SERVICES

Regular Board Meeting

- I. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** Action item: Golf School Agreement was removed from the agenda.
- II. **Citizens Comments on Agenda Items/Correspondence:** None
- III. **Consent Agenda:**
Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Khan to approve:
- a. The minutes of the Board Meeting held on November 10, 2021
 - b. The Financial Reports:
 1. The Cash Summary and Revenue and Expenditure Report dated November 30, 2021
 2. The Invoice Distribution Report for the period ending November 30, 2021 in the amount of \$2,401,194.26. **Ayes: Commissioner Minx, Schmidt, Khan, and White. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**
- IV. **Director's Report:** Director Wait stated that Harrer Pool's punch list will be completed Monday December 20th. Wait reminded everyone that the Park District will be closed December 23rd, 24th, 29th, and 30th. Wait mentioned that on January 8th the District will be hosting a Family Sports Challenge Day from 12-3pm, registration is required. Lastly, Wait explained that the Park District will be hosting a virtual job fair Monday December 20th. For more information and Zoom link visit <https://mortongroveparks.com/>.
- V. **Attorney Report:** Steve Adams submitted his report electronically to each Board member.
- VI. **Village Liaison Report:** None
- VII. **Department Head Report:** Superintendent Braubach stated that November 27th the District held a community blood drive. Another blood Drive will be held at Prairie View Community Center January 22nd. Braubach mentioned that Saturday December 11th the District had its Santa Stocking Delivery event. Santa was able to visit 32 children. Club fitness has a special going on this month \$30 dollars for 30 days.
- Superintendent O'Brien explained that the finance department has been working on compiling everything needed for the tax levy ordinance and resolution. O'Brien continued by explaining the abatement ordinance.
- VIII. **New Business:**
- a. **Administration and Finance Committee – Commissioner Minx, Chair**
Tax Levy #O-05-21: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt move that the Morton Grove Park Board approve the Property Tax Levy Ordinance #O-05-21. **Ayes: Commissioner Khan, Schmidt, Minx and White. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**
Budget and Appropriation #O-04-21: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt that the Morton Grove Park Board review and approve Ordinance #O-04-21 adopting the combined annual budget and appropriation of funds for the Morton Grove Park District for the period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. **Ayes: Commissioner White, Khan, Minx, and Schmidt. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

Tax Extension Resolution: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt that the Morton Grove Park Board approve the Tax Extension Resolution #R-09-21. **Ayes: Commissioner White, Khan, Minx, and Schmidt. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

Abatement #O-06-21: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Khan that the Board of Park Commissioners approve the Property Tax Abatement Ordinance #O-06-21. **Ayes: Commissioner Schmidt, Khan, White, and Minx. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

Strategic Plan Update: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner that the Morton Grove Park Board approve hiring Chuck Balling in the amount of \$16,200 to update its strategic plan. **Ayes: Commissioner White, Khan, Minx, and Schmidt. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

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

X. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Schmidt: Wished everyone a Happy Holidays. Thanked staff for all their hard work.

Commissioner Khan: Thanked staff and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Commissioner Minx: Wished everyone a Happy Holiday. Stated he appreciates all the hard work staff does.

Commissioner White: Stated what a great year the Park District had. Wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

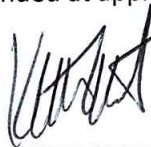
XI. Closed Session: At approximately 7:00pm, Commissioner White made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt for the Board to go into closed session in accordance with the Open Meeting Act section 120/2(c)(1), and 2(c)(21). **Ayes: Commissioner Schmidt, Khan, Epperson, White and Minx. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

The meeting reconvened at approximately 7:35pm. 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 November 10, 2021 **Ayes: Commissioner Khan, Schmidt, Epperson, Minx, and White. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

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

Meeting ended at approximately 7:37pm.



Board President, Keith White



Board Secretary, Jeffrey Wait