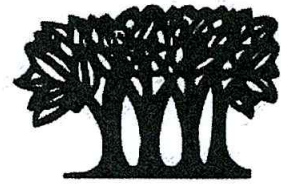


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**MORTON GROVE
PARK DISTRICT**

Minutes of the 843th Board Meeting
February 16, 2022
Held at Prairie View Community Center

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

Commissioners Present: Steve Schmidt, Keith White, 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: Constantine and Digna Limjoco, Residents; Jamie Zaura, 845 design group; Jeff Andreasen, aQity research; Andrea Gruver, aQity research; Zoe Lutz, aQity research; Darrell Garrison, PRI; Jamie and John Pietron, Residents; Barb Cremin, GovHR; and Charles Balling, GovHR.

Attorney Present: None

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

- III. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** 2022 Aquatic Presentation moved to third non-action item.

- 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 January 19, 2022
- b. The Financial Reports:
 1. The Cash Summary and Revenue and Expenditure Report dated January 31, 2022
 2. The Invoice Distribution Report for the period ending January 31, 2022 in the amount of \$860,691.98. **Ayes: Commissioner Minx, Schmidt, Khan, and White. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

- VI. **Director's Report:** Director Wait thanked staff and patrons for their continue support of the mask mandate the Park District has in place. Wait stated that pool memberships will be going on sale beginning April 4th. The Park District will be sending out more information on memberships electronically via social media. Lastly, Wait mentioned on February 17th the District will be hosting a virtual pre-school open house.

- VII. **Attorney Report:** Steve Adams submitted his report electronically to each Board member.

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VIII. Village Liaison Report: None

- IX. Department Heads' Report:** Superintendent Gorczyca stated that important dates have been set up with W.B Olsen regarding Harrer Pool. These include meetings to discuss facility operations, pool equipment operations, and a meeting with IDPH to do a final walk through. Lastly, Gorczyca mentioned the department set up an ice rink at Prairie View Park, but weather has not been cooperating.

Superintendent Braubach mentioned on Friday February 18th we will be hosting a Hot Coco Social from 4:30pm-6:00pm. Braubach stated new flooring was installed in the fitness center's hit zone and new equipment will soon be added. Lastly, Braubach explained that hiring has begun for all camp and aquatic positions for the summer.

Superintendent O'Brien stated the Finance Department received \$12,305.99 from Illinois FEMA agency for reimbursements of the pandemic related COVID remediation costs. O'Brien explained that the district has started receiving its first installment of the property taxes for 2021. Lastly, the Finance Department is preparing all the necessary paperwork for the district's audit. The auditor is expected to come around March 8th.

X. New Business:

a. Administration and Finance Committee – Commissioner Minx, Chair

Oath of Office for New Board Member: Director Wait reminded everyone that Erica Epperson resigned from the board at the beginning of the year. The board solicited applications and interviewed six candidates. The board selected John Pietron to fill the vacancy. John Pietron was sworn into office by Director Wait.

Limjoco Donation: Director Wait explained Mr. Limjoco planted three Japanese maple trees at Harrer Park in honor of his parents and his grandchildren. However, between November 6th and November 8th the trees were taken, and a police report was issued, but they were never found. Director Wait continued saying that a resident called the district asking to purchase replacement trees for the Limjoco family. Director Wait presented the anonymous donation to Mr. Limjoco.

b. Recreation and Facility Program Committee – Commissioner Schmidt, Chair

2022 Aquatic Presentation: Recreation Supervisor David Torres gave a presentation about the upcoming pool season. Torres reviewed operations and scheduling for both Harrer and Oriole Pools.

c. Administration and Finance Committee – Commissioner Minx, Chair

2021 Comprehensive Plan: Darrell Garrison and his team gave a presentation about their findings regarding the 2021 Comprehensive Plan.

Distinguished Agency Plaque Presentation: Finance Supervisor Marty O'Brien explained that the Park District submitted an application to renew its Distinguished Agency status. A review committee reviewed the districts submittal in an in-depth meeting. At the conclusion of the meeting, the committee stated the Park District passed the audit and would receive the award at the Annual meeting in January. Due to COVID-19, the district was unable to be in attendance at the January meeting, so the committee mailed the award to the park district.

Harrer Pool Furniture Bid: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Khan that the Morton Grove Board of Park Commissioners award the purchase of pool furniture to Misfit Construction Company of Chicago, Illinois in the amount of \$103,000. **Ayes: Commissioner Pietron, Khan, Schmidt, Minx, Pietron, and White. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

XI. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

XII. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Khan: Thanked staff for all their hard work on achieving the distinguished agency award, and thanked Director wait for his weekly updates.

Commissioner Minx: Welcomed new board member John Pietron. Commended Supervisor Torres on his wonderful aquatics presentation, and thanked Superintendent O'Brien on all his hard work obtaining the Distinguished Agency Award.

Commissioner Schmidt: Welcomed new board member John Pietron.

Commissioner Pietron: Thanked everyone on the Board and the staff for welcoming him.

Commissioner White: Welcomed Commissioner Pietron. Thanked all the staff on all their hard work.

X. Closed Session: At approximately 8:32pm, Commissioner White made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Minx 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 White, Schmidt, Khan, Minx and Pietron. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

The meeting reconvened at approximately 8:33pm

No action was taken during closed session.

Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Khan to approve the minutes of the closed session meeting held on January 19, 2022. **Ayes: Commissioner Pietron, Khan, Schmidt, Minx, and White. Abstained: Pietron. Motion carried.**

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

Meeting ended at approximately 8:34pm.



Board President, Keith White



Board Secretary, Jeffrey Wait