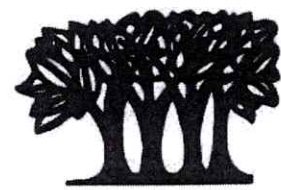


Morton Grove Park District

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**MORTON GROVE
PARK DISTRICT**

Minutes of the 867th Board Meeting
February 21, 2024
Held at Prairie View Community Center

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

Commissioners Present: Mazhar Khan, John Pietron, Steve Schmidt, John Liston, and Paul Minx.

Commissioners Absent: None

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

Attorney Present: None

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

- III. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** Only a presentation regarding the 2024 aquatics programming will be given. A presentation on the BASE program will be given at another Board meeting.

- IV. **Citizens Comments on Agenda Items/Correspondence:** A resident voiced his concerns about how the park district will help the Friends of Illinois Nature Preserves to maintain the prairie.

- V. **Consent Agenda:**

Commissioner Pietron made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt to approve:

- a. The minutes from the Board Meeting held on January 17, 2024.
- b. The Financial Reports:
 1. The Cash Summary and Revenue and Expenditure Report dated January 31, 2024,
 2. The Invoice Distribution Report for the period ending January 31, 2024 in the amount of \$151,703.11,
 3. Monthly Budget to Actual report dated January 31, 2024, and
 4. Card Service Report dated January 31, 2024.

Ayes: Commissioner Minx, Pietron, Schmidt, and Khan. Abstain: Commissioner Liston.

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

- VI. **Director's Report:** Director Wait stated that summer camp registration opened at the beginning of the month. The District is providing a variety of one week camps this year, some of them include golf, flag football, track and field, cheerleading, basketball, dance, musical theater, robot engineers, and a ninja warrior camp. Wait mentioned that pool memberships are still being sold at the 2023 rate until the end of March.

- VII. **Attorney's Report:** Submitted electronically

- VIII. **Village Liaison Report:** The Village of Morton Grove is looking for volunteers for Morton Grove Days. Anyone interested can email mortongrovedays@gmail.com to get more information.

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IX. Department Heads' Report: Superintendent Braubach mentioned that the District had its Little Sweethearts Dance in the beginning of February, and it was a success with 85 participants. Braubach stated that the fitness center hired a new personal trainer which brings the District to three. The trainers have been running free equipment sessions on the fitness floor to get to know the patrons. Braubach also mentioned that the District has been offering pickleball four times a week during the winter, which has been well received. May 19th is the park district's spring dance recital and tickets will be on sale soon. Lastly, Braubach stated that preschool registration has opened, and spots are still available.

Superintendent Gorczyca stated that the maintenance department had its Oketo Park bid opening last week and its approval is on tonight's agenda. Gorczyca mentioned that the park district was able to send members of the maintenance department to the ILandscape tradeshow where they learned a lot. Gorczyca continued by telling the board that, thanks to good weather, the maintenance department has been able to get projects done that they usually start in the spring such as putting down playground mulch.

Superintendent O'Brien stated that the finance department has settled its grant with the State of Illinois involving Membership Initiative funds. O'Brien mentioned that the District has sent out proposals for its banking services. The District will evaluate them when they come back and present it to the board later. Lastly, O'Brien stated the auditors will be in towards the end of February to finalize the review of the 2023 financial year.

X. New Business:

a. Administration and Finance Committee – Commissioner Pietron, Chair

Aquatics Programming Presentation: Recreation Supervisor David Torres gave a presentation regarding the upcoming 2024 aquatic season.

Transfer of Line-Item Appropriations Between Funds: Commissioner Pietron made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Khan, to approve the transfer of appropriations between the listed line items.

Ayes: Commissioners Khan, Minx, Liston, Schmidt, and Pietron. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#R-01-24: Commissioner Pietron made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Liston, to approve Resolution #R-01-24 to authorize the transfer of appropriations between funds.

Ayes: Commissioners Liston, Pietron, Schmidt, Minx, and Khan. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#R-02-24: Commissioner Pietron made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Khan, to approve resolution #R-02-24 to authorize the transfer of appropriations to the capital project fund.

Ayes: Commissioners Schmidt, Minx, Liston, Pietron, and Khan. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Oketo Park Redevelopment Bid Approval: Commissioner Pietron made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Khan, to approve the lowest, responsible bidder, Innovation Landscape Inc., in the amount of \$554,670.96.

Ayes: Commissioners Khan, Liston, Minx, Schmidt, and Pietron. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Oketo Park Equipment Purchase Approval: Commissioner Pietron made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Liston, to approve the purchase of playground equipment for Oketo Park from Game Time c/o Cunningham Recreation in the amount of \$115,138.36.

Ayes: Commissioners Liston, Khan, Schmidt, Pietron, and Minx. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Oketo Park Site Amenities Purchase Approval: Commissioner Pietron made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Khan, to approve the purchase of site amenities for Oketo Park through NuToys in the amount of \$129,712.50.

Ayes: Commissioners Khan, Minx, Liston, Schmidt, and Pietron. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Memorandum of Understanding with Friends of Illinois Nature Preserves Approval:

Commissioner Pietron made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Liston, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends of Illinois Nature Preserves to maintain the prairie at Prairie View Park.

Ayes: Commissioners Liston, Pietron, Schmidt, Minx, and Khan. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Lobbyist Discussion: The Board of Park Commissioners had an open discussion regarding the pros and cons of hiring a lobbyist. The Board decided not to pursue hiring a lobbyist until such a time as an issue arises in which the District needs assistance rectifying it.

XI. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

XII. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Pietron: Thanked the staff for doing outstanding work.

Commissioner Liston: Thanked Recreation Supervisor Torres for his presentation and thanked the staff.

Commissioner Khan: Thanked the staff and Superintendents for their great work.

Commissioner Schmidt: Thanked the staff for their continued good work.

Commissioner Minx: Thanked everyone for their continued hard work and thanked Recreation Supervisor Torres for his presentation.

XIII. Closed Session: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Khan, to go into closed session.

Ayes: Commissioners Schmidt, Khan, Liston, Minx, and Pietron. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

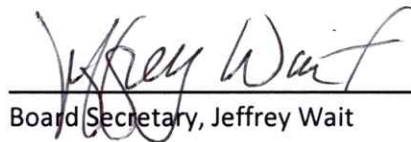
The Board re-entered open session at approximately 7:55pm

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

The meeting ended at approximately 8:00pm.



Board President Pro Tem, Mazhar Khan



Board Secretary, Jeffrey Wait