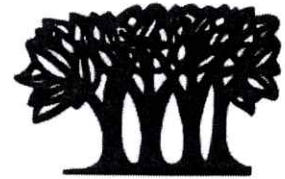


# Morton Grove Park District

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**MORTON GROVE  
PARK DISTRICT**

Minutes of the 874<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting  
September 18, 2024  
Held at Prairie View Community Center

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

**Commissioners Present:** Mazhar Khan, John Pietron, John Liston, Lisa Rathunde, and Paul Minx

**Staff Present:** Jeffrey Wait, Executive Director; Keith Gorczyca, Superintendent of Parks and Maintenance; and Luisa Brown, Recording Secretary

**Guests:** Rita Minx, Village of Morton Grove and Lou Lang, Presenter

**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 Liston made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Minx, to approve:

- a. The minutes from the Board Meeting held on August 21, 2024.
- b. The Financial Reports:
  1. The Cash Summary and Revenue and Expenditure Report dated August 31, 2024.
  2. The Invoice Distribution Report for the period ending August 31, 2024 in the amount of \$319,418.26.
  3. Monthly Budget to Actual report dated August 31, 2024.
  4. Card Service Report dated August 31, 2024.

**Ayes: Commissioner Pietron, Liston, Rathunde, Minx, and Khan. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

- VI. **Director's Report:** Director Wait stated that registration for the district's Cold Brews and Corn Hole Tournament event is still open. The event is on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 1-5pm at Harrer Park. More information about this event and other upcoming events can be found online at mgparks.com. Wait also announced that the district will be holding a Men's 16-inch softball tournament on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, and the Family Kite Day is on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Wait mentioned that Oketo Park playground is now open. Lastly, Wait updated the Board that the OSLAD application has been submitted to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the district should get a response by the beginning of next year.

- VII. **Attorney's Report:** The report was sent electronically earlier in the day.

- VIII. **Department Heads' Report:** Superintendent Gorczyca stated that the PVCC roof project is complete. Gorczyca mentioned that the maintenance department is working with WT on final changes to add additional pickleball courts to Prairieview, Oriole and National courts. Gorczyca continued by stating that the "Friends of Illinois Prairies" have been out working diligently on the prairie grounds at PVCC. Lastly, both Oriole Pool and Harrer Pool have been winterized for the season.

IX. **Village Liaison Report:** The Villages Community Outreach event will be held on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

X. **New Business:**

a. **Administration and Finance Committee – Commissioner Liston, Chair**

**Guest Presenter: Lou Lang - Advantage Government Strategies:** Presenter Lang had a discussion with the Board about the advantages of hiring a lobbyist for the park district.

**BINA Hearing:** Commissioner Liston made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pietron, for the Board of Park Commissioners to approve October 16, 2024 for a BINA hearing beginning at 6:30pm.

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

**Travel, Meals, and Lodging Approval:** Commissioner Liston made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Minx, for the Board of Park Commissioners to approve the Travel, Meals, and Lodging request for Commissioner Minx and Director Wait to attend NRPA's annual conference in Atlanta, Georgia totaling \$4,067.78.

**Ayes: Pietron, Liston, Rathunde, Minx, and Khan. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

XI. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** Rita Minx made a comment stating that the "Friends of Illinois Prairie" have been doing a fantastic job at the PVCC Prairie and have found many new species since starting.

XII. **Commissioner Comments:**

**Commissioner Liston:** Thanked the staff, and stated it was great seeing everyone at the Sustainability Expo held by the Village. Liston asked Superintendent Gorczyca how the district determines which parks get porta-potties. Gorczyca replied it depends on the size and traffic through each park but can investigate distributing more.

**Commissioner Minx:** Stated that Supervisor of Recreation Claire Baumgartner did a fantastic job running concerts in the park this summer.

**Commissioner Pietron:** Thanked everyone and stated that Morton Grove has fantastic parks.

**Commissioner Rathunde:** Thanked the staff for a great summer. Rathunde stated that the tournament held by the district was a great family event.

**Commissioner Khan:** Thanked staff for all the services they provided over the summer.

XIII. **Closed Session:** Commissioner Liston made a motion seconded by Commissioner Minx for the Board to move into closed session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act section 120/2(c)(1) and section 120/2(c)(21).

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

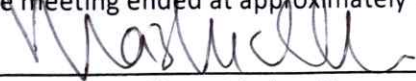
XIV. **Approval of Closed Session Minutes:** Commissioner Liston made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Minx, to approve August 21, 2024 closed session minutes.

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

XV. **Adjournment:** Commissioner Khan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rathunde, to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion carried by voice vote.**

The meeting ended at approximately 7:17pm.

  
Board President, Mazhar Khan

  
Board Secretary, Jeffrey Wait