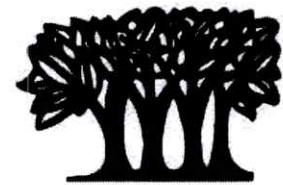


Morton Grove Park District

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**MORTON GROVE
PARK DISTRICT**

Minutes of the 876th Board Meeting
November 13, 2024
Held at Prairie View Community Center

- I. **Roll Call:** Commissioner Khan called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

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

Commissioners Absent: John Liston was absent with notice.

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

Guests: Rita Minx, Trustee, Village of Morton Grove; and Michael Lukich, Director of Public Work, Village of Morton Grove.

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 Pietron, to approve:

- a. The minutes from the Board Meeting held on October 16, 2024.
- b. The Financial Reports:
 1. The Cash Summary and Revenue and Expenditure Report dated October 31, 2024
 2. The Invoice Distribution Report for the period ending October 31, 2024 in the amount of \$980,385.25
 3. Card Service Report dated October 31, 2024
 4. Monthly Budget to Actual report dated October 31, 2024

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

- VI. **Director's Report:** Director Wait stated that Morton Grove Park District is still accepting entries for the essay contest. The deadline to submit an essay is November 25th at 5pm. Wait continued by mentioning the district's "Light Up the Park" event December 6th starting at 6:30pm. December 7th the district will be hosting its "Santa Comes to Town" event which will start with a parade through Morton Grove which starts at 11am.

- VII. **Attorney's Report:** The report was not submitted. Wait stated he would contact our Corporate Council for their update.

- VIII. **Department Heads' Report:** Superintendent O'Brien stated that after the budget presentation earlier it will now be on display for the next 30 days and be approved at the December meeting. O'Brien also mentioned that there will be a tax levy public hearing at the meeting as well.

Superintendent Gorczyca stated that the maintenance department has gotten the last piece of playground equipment installed at Oketo Park and has done a final walkthrough with the contractors. Gorczyca mentioned that Palma Lane Park is currently out for bid.

Superintendent Braubach stated that the winter brochure will be available to residents at the beginning of the month and registration for residents will start December 2nd. Braubach announced that the fitness center will be running a Black Friday deal on November 29th. The deal is a six-month fitness membership for \$155.

IX. Village Liaison Report: None

X. New Business:

a. Administration and Finance Committee

Guest Presenter: Michael Lukich, Director of Public Work, Village of Morton Grove: Presenter Michael Lukich had a discussion with the board about the structure of the Morton Grove Village's Public Works Department, its functions, and its relationship with the park district.

Tax Levy: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rathunde, to set December 18, 2024 at 6:30pm as the date for the Tax Levy Public Hearing.

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

Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Public Hearing: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pietron, to set the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance public hearing for December 18, 2024 and for staff to have a copy of the ordinance available for public inspection.

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

2025 Board Meeting Calendar: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rathunde, to approve the 2025 Regular Board Meeting Calendar.

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

Bond Ordinance: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pietron, to approve Ordinance #O-03-24 for the issuance of \$1,090,315 in General Obligation Bonds to Wintrust Bank, Chicago, Illinois.

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

IAPD Delegates: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pietron, for the Board of Park Commissioners to nominate Mazhar Khan as our delegate, and Paul Minx and Lisa Rathunde as alternates to attend the IAPD Annual Business Meeting.

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

Dress Code Policy Update: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pietron, for the Board of Park Commissioners to approve the updated Dress Code Policy.

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

XI. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

XII. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Minx: Thanked Superintendent O'Brien, Braubach, and Gorczyca for their budget presentation.

Commissioner Pietron: Thanked Superintendent O'Brien, Braubach, and Gorczyca for their budget presentation and for having the answers to all the questions the Board had.

Commissioner Rathunde: Thanked the staff for the wonderful Halloween family fest and thanked the staff for the budget presentation.

Commissioner Khan: Thanked staff for all the services they provided over the summer. Also thanked Superintendent O'Brien, Braubach, and Gorczyca for their budget presentation.

XIII. Closed Session: Commissioner Pietron 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, Minx, Pietron, and Khan. Nays: 0. Motion carried.


XIV. Approval of Closed Session Minutes: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pietron, to approve the October 16, 2024 closed session minutes.

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

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting ended at approximately 7:20pm.



President Pro Tempore, Board of Park Commissioners
Morton Grove Park District



Board Secretary, Jeffrey Wait