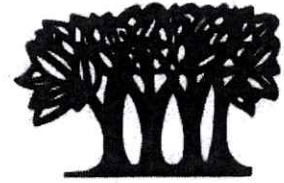


Morton Grove Park District

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**MORTON GROVE
PARK DISTRICT**

Minutes of the 879th Board Meeting
February 19, 2025
Held at Prairie View Community Center

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

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

Commissioners Absent: John Liston was absent with notice.

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

Guests: Rita Minx, 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 Rathunde to approve:

a. The minutes from the Board Meeting held on January 15, 2025.

b. The Financial Reports:

1. The Cash Summary and Revenue and Expenditure Report dated January 31, 2025.

2. The Invoice Distribution Report for the period ending January 31, 2025 in the amount of \$187,867.27.

3. Monthly Budget to Actual report dated January 31, 2025.

4. Card Service Report dated January 31, 2025.

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

- VI. **Director's Report:** Director Wait stated that on March 8th the District will be holding its Cold Brews event at the Civic Center. Wait announced that 2025 season pool passes are still available at the 2024 rate until April 1st. The District is still looking for summer help for the pools, camps, and maintenance. Those who are interested need to visit mortogroveparks.com. Lastly, Wait reminded that summer registration begins March 3rd for residents.

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

- VIII. **Village Liaison Report :** The Village has their Neighborhood Outreach meeting on February 27th at Melzer School at 6pm.

- IX. **Department Heads' Report:** Superintendent O'Brien stated the Finance Department is preparing for the auditors to come on February 24th. O'Brien mentioned that the Finance Department is working on closing some of the grants the District has, now that Oketo Park project is completed. Lastly, O'Brien

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reminded the Commissioners to complete their ethic statements.

Superintendent Gorczyca stated that Maintenance Department has been busy setting up a couple of capital projects. Gorczyca mentioned that the Maintenance Department has installed individual shut off valves on all the showers at Harrer Pool. Austin Fieldhouse cabinet painting has been completed and maintenance installed a new spreader on of the Gator utility vehicle.

X. New Business:

a. Administration and Finance Committee – Commissioner Liston, Chair

Appointment of New Commissioner: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rathunde, to approve Kelly Russell to fill the open seat on the Board of Park Commissioners.

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

Oath of Office: Director Wait inducted new commissioner Kelly Russell into office.

Tennis/Basketball Court Project Bid Approval: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rathunde, to approve the bid from Obsidian Asphalt Paving in the amount of \$1,184,255 to complete the tennis/basketball court project.

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

Turf Mowing Bid Approval: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rathunde, for the Board of Park Commissioners to award the mowing bid to The Langston Group in the amount of \$56,752.94.

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

Palma Lane Project Purchase Item Approval: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rathunde, for the Board of Park Commissioners to approve the purchase of playground equipment and site amenities for Palma Lane Park from Sourcewell and NuToys Leisure Products in the amount of \$216,088.23.

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

Transfer of Appropriations Between Line Items: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rathunde, for the Board of Park Commissioners to approve the transfer of appropriations between the listed line items.

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

XI. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

XII. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Minx: Welcomed the new Commissioner, Kelly Russell. Minx stated that the IPRA conference this year was great.

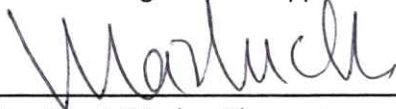
Commissioner Rathunde: Welcomed Commissioner Russell. Rathunde stated she enjoyed the classes she went to at the IPRA conference.

Commissioner Russell: Thanked the Commissioners for taking the time last week to interview her, and she's excited to get started.

Commissioner Khan: Stated he looks forward to working with Commissioner Russell.

- XIII. Closed Session:** Commissioner Khan 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, Russell, and Khan. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
- XIV. Approval of Closed Session Minutes:** Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rathunde, to approve the January 15, 2024 closed session minutes.
Ayes: Commissioners Minx, Russell, Khan, and Rathunde. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
- XV. Adjournment:** Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Russell to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting ended at approximately 7:45pm.



Board President, Mazhar Khan



Board Secretary, Jeffrey Wait