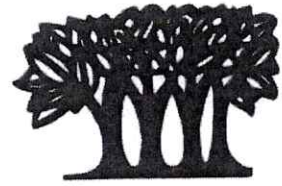


# Morton Grove Park District

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**MORTON GROVE  
PARK DISTRICT**

Minutes of the 881<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting  
April 16, 2025  
Held at Prairie View Community Center

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

**Commissioners Present:** Mazhar Khan, Kelly Russell, John Liston, Lisa Rathunde, and Paul Minx.  
**Commissioners Absent:** None

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

**Guests:** None

**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 March 19, 2025.
- b. The Financial Reports:
  1. The Cash Summary and Revenue and Expenditure Report dated March 31, 2025.
  2. The Invoice Distribution Report for the period ending March 31, 2025, in the amount of \$101,784.21.
  3. Monthly Budget to Actual report dated March 31, 2025.
  4. Card Service Report dated March 31, 2025.

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

- VI. **Director's Report:** Director Wait stated that there will be a rededication at Oketo Park on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. There will be refreshments and a giveaway. After the dedication, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., the parks department will be hosting a cleaning up the park day. Wait announced that a construction fence has been installed at Palma Lane Park. Site preparation and removal are set to start April 21<sup>st</sup>.

- VII. **Attorney's Report:** This was sent digitally before the meeting.

- VIII. **Village Liaison Report:** None

- IX. Department Heads' Report:** Superintendent Gorczyca stated that the W-T group has been out to the maintenance garage to assess the sinking foundation issue, they will report back once they have completed the assessment. Gorczyca mentioned that the maintenance department has all the soccer fields and ball fields mowed and painted, ready to go for the season.

Superintendent O'Brien reminded the Commissioners that ethics statements are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>. O'Brien stated that the finance department is working on finalizing the district's financial statements. The department is waiting for IMRF to send some specific data. Once the Finance Department has that piece of data, the financial statements will go in front of the commissioners at the May board meeting for approval.

Superintendent Braubach stated that the recreation staff has been busy prepping for summer. Harrer pool will be opening in less than six weeks. Training begins at the end of April for all seasonal employees. Braubach mentioned that the recreation staff is also preparing for fall. All marketing information for fall must be turned in by mid-May.

**X. New Business:**

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

**Athletic programming:** Recreation Supervisor Colin Jaffe gave a presentation regarding athletic programming for the year 2025.

**Disposal Ordinance:** Commissioner Liston made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rathunde, to approve Ordinance #O-01-25 for the disposal, donation, trade-in, or sale of listed items and authorizes the Park Board President and Secretary to execute said ordinance.

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

**XI. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None**

**XII. Commissioner Comments:**

**Commissioner Liston:** Congratulated everyone who was newly elected in the recent elections. Thanked the entire staff for all their hard work.

**Commissioner Minx:** Thanked Recreation Supervisor Colin Jaffe for their great presentation. Minx also thanked the recreation staff for their great job with the easter egg hunt event.

**Commissioner Rathunde:** Congratulated everyone who was newly elected in the recent elections. Rathunde stated she's excited about all the programming and pools this summer.

**Commissioner Russell:** Congratulated everyone who was newly elected in the recent elections. Thanked Recreation Supervisor Colin Jaffe for their great presentation a stated she's excited for all the offerings this summer.

**Commissioner Khan:** Thanked the entire staff for all their hard work and congratulated everyone who was newly elected in the recent elections.

**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).

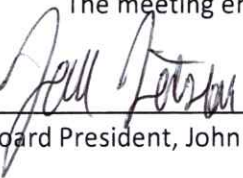
**Ayes: Commissioners Liston, Rathunde, Minx, Russell, and Khan. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

The regular meeting was reconvened at 7:39 pm.

**XIV. Approval of Closed Session Minutes:** Commissioner Liston made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Minx, to approve the March 19, 2025 closed session minutes.  
**Ayes: Commissioners Minx, Liston, Russell, Khan, and Rathunde. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**XV. Adjournment:** Commissioner Liston made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rathunde, to adjourn the meeting.  
**The motion was carried by voice vote.**

The meeting ended at approximately 7:43 pm.

  
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Board President, John Liston

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Board Secretary, Jeffrey Wait