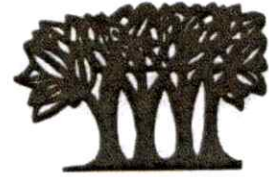


Morton Grove Park District

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**MORTON GROVE
PARK DISTRICT**

Minutes of the 883rd Board Meeting
June 18, 2025
Held at Prairie View Community Center

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

Commissioners Present: John Liston, Paul Minx, Bill Polyak, Lisa Rathunde, and Kelly Russell.

Commissioners Absent: None

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

Guests: Rita Minx, Village of Morton Grove; Peter Dubs, Morton Grove Resident

Attorney Present: Steve Adams, Robbins Schwartz

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

- III. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** None

- IV. **Public Comments on Agenda Items/Correspondence:** Peter Dubs, a Morton Grove resident, expressed his concerns regarding the safety of the parks while E-bikes are allowed.

- V. **Consent Agenda:**

Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polyak, to approve:

- a. The minutes from the Board Meeting held on May 31, 2025.
- b. The Financial Reports:
 1. The Cash Summary and Revenue and Expenditure Report dated May 31, 2025.
 2. The Invoice Distribution Report for the period ending May 31, 2025, in the amount of \$258,877.65.
 3. Monthly Budget to Actual report dated May 31, 2025.
 4. Card Service Report dated May 31, 2025.

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

- VI. **Director's Report:** Director Wait stated that Morton Grove Days event needs volunteers. Volunteers can sign up online at mortongrovedays.org.

- VII. **Attorney's Report:** Was sent electronically earlier in the day.

- VIII. **Village Liaison Report:** Commissioner Minx reported that Morton Grove Days will be held July 3rd - July 6th.

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- IX. Department Heads' Report:** Superintendent O'Brien stated that the District has received funds from the OSLAD grant for Oketo Park. O'Brien mentioned that the finance department is completing the paperwork and getting ready to file the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2024 with the Municipal Securities Rule Making board (EMMA). All governments that issue securities or bonds must complete this process to maintain their tax-exempt status. O'Brien announced that the second installment of the 2024 property taxes is delayed for at least a month.

Superintendent Gorczyca stated that all playground equipment for Palma Lane has been installed, and the court improvement project is underway. Gorczyca mentioned that on May 16th the District had its "Clean up the Park" day and had 16 volunteers come out and help. Harrer and Oriole pool are now up and running.

Superintendent Braubach mentioned that the District's concert series is now underway. Braubach stated that the District will be hosting a teen night at the pool on Friday June 20th. The fitness center has been implementing new outdoor fitness classes this summer.

X. New Business:

a. Administration and Finance Committee – Commissioner Minx, Chair

Gym Presentation: Superintendent of Recreation, Sue Braubach gave an informational presentation regarding the benefits of a second gym.

E-bike Ban: Attorney Steve Adams held a discussion with the Board about creating a new policy regarding E-bikes in the parks.

Illinois Community Solar Project: Adam Kaitlin a Vice President with Satori Energy gave a presentation about the Illinois Community Solar Project.

2024 Receipts and Disbursements Report Resolution: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polyak, to approve resolution #R-04-25 for the Morton Grove Park District Receipts and Disbursements Report for the year ending December 31, 2024.

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

XI. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

XII. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Polyak: Thanked everyone and praised the new fitness equipment in the fitness center.

Commissioner Rathunde: Thanked Superintendent Braubach for her presentation and thanked Steve Adams for his discussion regarding E-bikes.

Commissioner Russell: Welcomed Commissioner Polyak to the Board. Thanked Steve Adams for his discussion regarding E-bikes and thanked Superintendent Braubach for her presentation.

Commissioner Minx: Thanked Superintendent Braubach for her presentation and thanked Steve Adams for his discussion regarding E-bikes.

Commissioner Liston: Thanked the staff. Thanked Steve Adams for his discussion regarding the E-bikes and thanked Superintendent Braubach for her informative presentation.

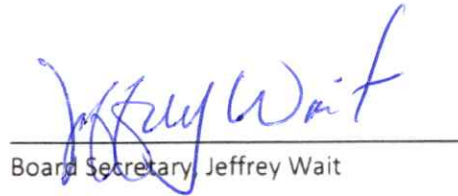
XIII. **Adjournment:** Commissioner Liston made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Minx, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was carried by voice vote.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:30 pm.



Board President, John Liston



Board Secretary, Jeffrey Wait