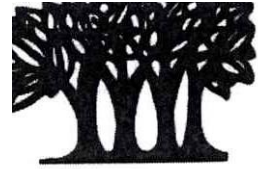


Morton Grove Park District

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**MORTON GROVE
PARK DISTRICT**

Minutes of the 882nd Board Meeting
May 21, 2025
Held at Prairie View Community Center

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

Commissioners Present: John Liston, Lisa Rathunde, and Paul Minx
Commissioners Absent: Kelly Russell, with notice.

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

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 April 16, 2025.
- b. The Financial Reports:
 1. The Cash Summary and Revenue and Expenditure Report dated April 30, 2025.
 2. The Invoice Distribution Report for the period ending April 30, 2025, in the amount of \$553,159.69.
 3. Monthly Budget to Actual report dated April 30, 2025.
 4. Card Service Report dated April 30, 2025.

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

- VI. **Director's Report:** Director Wait stated that Harrer Pool's opening day is Saturday, May 24th, and Oriole Pool will open May 31st. Wait acknowledged and thanked Superintendent Braubach, Recreation Supervisor Shorten, and the maintenance department for getting the pools up and running for the summer. Wait discussed postponing the opening day of Harrer Pool due to the weather and using the day as a training day for lifeguards. Wait announced that on June 13th, the Park District, the Library, the Village, and the Morton Grove Pride community group will be hosting a Wizard of Oz sing-along movie in the park. Lastly, Wait explained that on Sunday, May 24th, the American Legion is having their Memorial Day celebration.

- VII. **Attorney's Report:** None

VIII. Village liaison Report: The American Legion will be hosting an American Warrior Initiative concert to raise money for veteran service dogs on May 30th.

IX. Department Heads' Report:

Superintendent O'Brien stated that the Finance department is working on closing the District's OSLAD grant. O'Brien also discussed that the district is looking to either partner with the Morton Grove Foundation or start its own foundation.

Superintendent Braubach stated that the fitness center is running a special for \$89 for a three-month membership. Braubach announced that the men's 16" softball league and new sports sessions have started. Braubach mentioned that Ms. Fran, the 2-year-old preschool teacher, has retired after 15 years of service with the Park District. Lastly, Braubach explained that BASE and before-school programs will come to an end once Park View and Hynes schools close for the summer.

Superintendent Gorczyca stated that Palma Lane Park renovations have started. Kids around the World organization came and removed the old playground and will refurbish it and donate it to a third-world country. Gorczyca mentioned that court projects are underway at Oriole Park. Lastly, Gorczyca explained that Director Wait and he had a meeting with Upland Designs to go over the designs for National Park.

X. New Business:

a. Administration and Finance Committee - Commissioner Minx, Chair

2025 Election Canvas Results #R-03-25: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rathunde, to adopt Resolution #R-03-25, accepting the election canvas results for the April 1, 2025, Consolidated General Election of two Morton Grove Park District Park Commissioners.

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

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

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

Oaths of Office: Director Wait swore in Commissioners Minx, Rathunde, and Polyak into office.

Board Officers Appointment and Committee Assignments: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rathunde, to approve the nominated Board Officers and appoint committee members to serve until May 2026.

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

Closed Session Resolution: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rathunde, to approve Resolution #R-02-25 outlining in what manner to address written minutes and verbatim closed session recordings.

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

Community Survey Approval: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rathunde, for the Board of Park Commissioners to approve ETC Institute's proposal to conduct a survey of the community in the amount of \$14,500.

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

PVCC North Parking Lot Repaving Approval: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polyak, for the Board of Park Commissioners to approve the quote from Obsidian Asphalt Paving in the amount not to exceed \$46,700.

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

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Approval: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polyak, to approve the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Management letter for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.

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

XI. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

XII. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Polyak: Thanked the commissioners for selecting him to serve on the Board, and thanked Director Wait for taking the time to do his orientation.

Commissioner **Minx:** Welcomed Commissioner Polyak to the Board.

Commissioner Rathunde: Welcomed Commissioner Polyak to the Board. Thanked the entire staff for their hard work on the pools and getting ready for the summer.

Commissioner Liston: Welcomed Commissioner Polyak. Thanked the staff for making the Oketo Park opening great.

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

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

The regular meeting was reconvened at 7:38 pm.

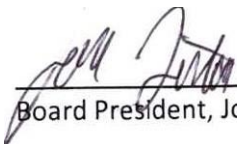
XIV. **Approval of Closed Session Minutes:** Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polyak, to approve the April 16, 2025 closed session minutes and the April 30, 2025, special meeting amended.


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

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

The motion was carried by voice vote.

The meeting ended at approximately 7:40 pm.


Board President, John Liston


Board Secretary, Jeffrey Wait