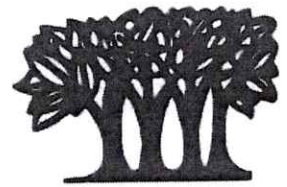


Morton Grove Park District

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**MORTON GROVE
PARK DISTRICT**

Minutes of the 885th Board Meeting
September 10, 2025
Held at Prairie View Community Center

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

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

Staff Present: Jeffrey Wait, Executive Director; Sue Braubach, Superintendent of Recreation; Martin O'Brien, Superintendent of Finance; Kieth 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 Polyak, to approve:

- a. The minutes from the Board Meeting held on August 20, 2025.
- b. The Financial Reports:
 1. The Cash Summary and Revenue and Expenditure Report dated August 31, 2025.
 2. The Invoice Distribution Report for the period ending August 31, 2025, in the amount of \$843,383.75.
 3. Monthly Budget to Actual report dated August 31, 2025.
 4. Card Service Report dated August 31, 2025.

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

- VI. **Director's Report:** Director Wait stated that the community survey has been sent out, and responses have been trickling in. The goal is to collect surveys from 400 residents. Kathy Herrmann the District's Marketing Manager will be sending out additional announcements in the coming week to encourage residents to complete the survey. Wait announced that the 5th Annual Morton Grove Sustainability Expo will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2025. Lastly, Wait reminded the Board of the Village's Neighborhood Outreach Meeting is on September 18, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

- VII. **Attorney's Report:** Was sent electronically.

- VIII. **Village Liaison Report:** Neighborhood outreach meeting September 18th at 6:00 pm, and Touch-A-Truck event September 23rd at 5:00 pm.

- IX. Department Heads' Report:** Superintendent Braubach stated that the grand opening of Prairie View's tennis/ pickleball courts is on Saturday, September 6th, at 9 am. Braubach mentioned that recreation staff have been busy planning winter and early spring programs and events. Lastly, Braubach announced that the base program is doing well with a larger number of registered kids than last year.

Superintendent O'Brien stated that the finance department will request approval from the board to conduct a BINA hearing on October 15th. This meeting is necessary to sell bonds in November. O'Brien mentioned that the finance department has updated the 2026 capital plan and will present the final plan to the board in October.

Superintendent Gorczyca stated the Palma Lane Park Project is now complete, and new floors have been installed at National Park. Gorczyca announced that the shade structures at Mansfield Park dugouts are complete. Lastly, Gorczyca mentioned that Oriole and Harrer pool closing procedures are now underway.

a. Administration and Finance Committee – Commissioner Minx, Chair

Setting a BINA Hearing Date: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polyak, to approve the date of October 15, 2025, at 6:30 pm for a BINA hearing.

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

Replacement of Roof Top Units at PVCC: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Russell, to approve the purchase of two HVAC units from Carrier and two units from York in an amount not to exceed \$183,000. Commissioner Liston amended the motion, seconded by Commissioner Rathunde, to approve the purchase of **one** HVAC unit from Carrier and **three** from York in an amount not to exceed \$183,000.

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

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

XI. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Minx: Stated that August 29th was the lunch in for the park district full-time staff to celebrate the great job they did during the summer. It was great to show appreciation to them.

Commissioner Polyak: Thanked Superintendent Braubach and her staff. He stated he has had wonderful experiences with both BASE and B4 school programs. He also thanked Superintendent Gorczyca and his staff for putting up the shade structures at Mansfield Park.

Commissioner Rathunde: Thanked the superintendents for their reports. Rathunde stated she is really excited for both the NRPA conference and the upcoming winter activities.

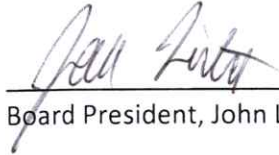
Commissioner Russell: Thanked the superintendents for their reports. Russell stated she's excited about the upcoming cooking class and dance programs.

Commissioner Liston: Echoed all the other commissioners' comments and thanked Jeff for all his hard work. Liston stated that the opening of the tennis and pickleball courts was a great and successful event.

XII. Adjournment: Commissioner Polyak made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Russell, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was carried by voice vote.

The meeting ended at approximately 6:56 pm.


Board President, John Liston


Board Secretary, Jeffrey Wait