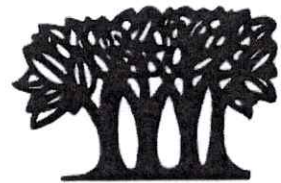


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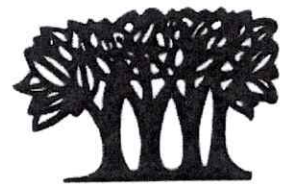
**MORTON GROVE**  
PARK DISTRICT

Minutes of the 2026 Budget Workshop meeting  
November 12, 2025  
Held at Prairie View Community Center

- I. **Budget workshop called to order at 6:00 pm.**
- II. **Budget workshop roll call:**  
  
**Commissioners Present:** John Liston, Lisa Rathunde, Bill Polyak, Kelly Russell, and Paul Minx.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited
- IV. **Budget Presentation:** Sue Braubach, Superintendent of Recreation; Martin O'Brien, Superintendent of Finance; and Kieth Gorczyca, Superintendent of Parks and Maintenance presented the 2026 budget to the board.
- V. **Public Comment:** None.
- VI. **Adjournment of BINA Hearing:** Commissioner Polyak made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Russell, to adjourn the budget workshop.  
**The motion was carried by voice vote.**

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**MORTON GROVE  
PARK DISTRICT**

Minutes of the 887<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting  
November 12, 2025  
Held at Prairie View Community Center

- I. **Roll Call:** Commissioner Liston called the regular board meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

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

**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.

**Attorney Present:** None.

- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the budget workshop meeting.

- III. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** A closed session was added to the agenda.

- 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 October 15, 2025.
- b. The Financial Reports:
  1. The Cash Summary and Revenue and Expenditure Report dated October 31, 2025.
  2. The Invoice Distribution Report for the period ending October 31, 2025, in the amount of \$520,640.76.
  3. Monthly Budget to Actual report dated October 31, 2025.
  4. Card Service Report dated October 31, 2025.

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

- VI. **Director's Report:** Director Wait stated that on Friday December 5<sup>th</sup> the park district will be holding its annual "Light up the Park" event. Entries for the essay contest are due by Tuesday November 25<sup>th</sup>, the winners will read their essay at the "Light up the Park" event. Wait announced that on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> Santa will be riding around the village starting at 11 am and from 1:00-3:30 pm Santa can be found at PVCC for meet and greet visits.

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

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

- IX. **Department Heads' Report:** Superintendent Braubach stated that the recreation department has hired a new fitness recreation supervisor and facilities manager by the name of Mary Kate Welch. On November 28<sup>th</sup> the fitness center will be holding a Black Friday deal for six-month membership for \$160. Braubach mentioned that during thanksgiving break two of the districts preschool field houses will have new flooring installed. Lastly Braubach mentioned that registration is now open for Thanksgiving and winter break school day off programs.

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Superintendent Gorczyca stated that the maintenance department had final inspection with the village engineering department for the court projects. Gorczyca announced that the maintenance department has bid out the National Park revision project which will be an agenda item at the November board meeting. Gorczyca mentioned that the maintenance department has finished winterizing both Harrer and Oriole pool.

Superintendent O'Brien stated that the finance department is in the process of completing the 2026 budget and tax levy. The budget will be on display for the next 30 days and will be brought in front of the board at the December meeting for their approval.

**X. New Business:**

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

**Tax Levy Hearing Date:** Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polyak, to set December 17, 2025, at 6:30 pm as the date for the Tax Levy Public Hearing.

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

**Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Adoption:** Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polyak, to set the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance public hearing for the December 17, 2025 and for the staff to have a copy of the ordinance available for public inspection.

**2026 Board Meeting Calendar Approval:** Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polyak, to approve the 2026 Regular Board meeting calendar.

**General Obligation Bond Ordinance:** Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polyak, to approve Ordinance #O-04-25 for the issuance of \$1,172,680 in General Obligation Bonds to Wintrust Bank, Chicago, Illinois.

**IAPD Delegate Selection:** Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polyak, to nominate Commissioner Liston as the MGPD delegate and Commissioner Minx, and Commissioner Rathunde as alternates to attend the IAPD Annual Business Meeting.

**Closed Session Review R-07-25:** Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polyak, to approve Resolution #R-07-25 outlining in what manner to address written minutes and verbatim closed session recordings.

**National Park Redevelopment Bid:** Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polyak, to award the lowest responsible bid to ARS Landscaping Corp in the amount of \$680,495.15.

**National Park Redevelopment Purchase Approval:** Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polyak, to approve the purchase of the playground equipment and site amenities for National Park from Sourcewell and NuToys Leisure Products in the amount of \$332,410.60.

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



**XII. Commissioner Comments:**

**Commissioner Minx:** Thanked everyone who helped at the Halloween Family Fest. Minx stated that it was a great time, and families seemed to really enjoy it.

**Commissioner Polyak:** Thanked everyone for their budget presentation and thanked everyone who helped at the Halloween Family Fest.

**Commissioner Rathunde:** Thanked everyone for their budget presentation and thanked everyone who helped at the Halloween Family Fest. Rathunde also stated she had a great time at MNASR's bingo event.

**Commissioner Russell:** Thanked everyone for their budget presentation. Russell also commended the school day off program.

**Commissioner Liston:** Echoed all the other commissioners' comments. Liston that the Family Fun Fest and the Pumpkin Smash event were great successes.

- VII. 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)(1) and section 120/2(c)(21).

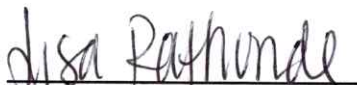
**Ayes: Commissioners Rathunde, Polyak, Minx, Russell, and Liston. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

The board exited closed session at 7:25 pm.

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

**The motion was carried by voice vote.**

The meeting ended at approximately 7:26 pm.

  
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Board President Pro Tempore, Lisa Rathunde

  
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Board Secretary, Jeffrey Wait