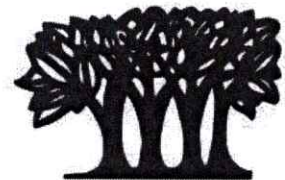


Morton Grove Park District

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**MORTON GROVE
PARK DISTRICT**

**BINA Hearing
October 15, 2025**

Held at the Prairie View Community Center

- I. BINA Hearing called to order at 6:30 pm.**
- II. BINA Hearing roll call:**

Commissioners Present: Paul Minx, Bill Polyak, Lisa Rathunde, Kelly Russell, and John Liston.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. Explanation of Hearing:** Public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Park Commissioners to sell \$1,300,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding obligations of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto.
- V. Public Comment:** None
- VI. Adjournment of BINA Hearing:** Commissioner Rathunde made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Minx, to adjourn the BINA hearing.
The motion was carried by voice vote.

Minutes of the 886th Board Meeting

October 15, 2025

Held at Prairie View Community Center

- VII. Roll Call:** Commissioner Liston called the regular board meeting to order at 6:35 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: Karen Laner, Morton Grove Park District resident.

Attorney Present: None
- VIII. Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** None
- IX. Citizens' Comments on Agenda Items/Correspondence:** Karen Laner thanked the commissioners and district for supporting Morton Grove Pride. Ms. Laner continued by acknowledging the cleanliness of the fitness center and expressing her appreciation for the fitness newsletters. Lastly, Ms. Laner requested that the district look into allowing residents to renew their fitness memberships online.

X. Consent Agenda:

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

- a. The minutes from the Board Meeting held on September 10, 2025.
- b. The Financial Reports:
 1. The Cash Summary and Revenue and Expenditure Report dated September 30, 2025.
 2. The Invoice Distribution Report for the period ending September 30, 2025, in the amount of \$733,073.26.
 3. Monthly Budget to Actual report dated September 30, 2025.
 4. Card Service Report dated September 30, 2025.

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

- XI. Director's Report:** Director Wait stated that the community survey that was sent to residents has met the 400 minimum responses. ETC has created a draft of those responses, and they have been submitted to department heads to look for errors before a final draft by ETC is submitted. Wait announced that the Autumn Market Fair will be held on November 1st at PVCC from 9 am to 2 pm. Wait mentioned that the Village of Morton Grove will be holding its annual Pumpkin Smash event on Saturday, November 8th at Harrer Park.

- XII. Attorney's Report:** None

- XIII. Village Liaison Report:** Halloween will be on October 31st with trick or treating held between 3:30 and 7 pm. The village will also have leaf pick up starting on the 20th of October and continuing until the 1st of December.

- XIV. Department Heads' Report:** Superintendent Braubach stated that the recreation staff has been working on their budgets for 2026. Braubach mentioned the recreation staff, and she has been in final interviews for the facility and fitness supervisor position and should have an offer put out by the end of the week. Braubach announced that the district's Happy Howl-oween event will be Saturday, October 18th, and the district's Family Halloween Fest will be Friday, October 24th.

Superintendent Gorczyca stated that the court projects are officially all completed. The Palma Lane project is now completed as well and open to the public. Gorczyca mentioned that the Harrer Pool painting project is now completed. Each pool got acid-washed and had two coats of paint applied. Gorczyca announced that all maintenance staff have completed confined space PDRMA training.

Superintendent O'Brien stated that the official bond ordinance will appear in front of the board at the November 12th meeting. A draft budget presentation will be given to the board at the November meeting as well. Lastly, O'Brien thanked the board and the district for all their kind words and prayers to his family.

XV. New Business:

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

2025 Capital Plan: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polyak, to approve the 2026 Capital Improvement Plan.

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

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

XVII. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Minx: Thanked all the superintendents and supervisors for a great summer. Minx stated that Morton Grove has the best park district.

Commissioner Polyak: Thanked everyone for their hard work. Polyak mentioned that a coworker told him that the new Palma Lane playground is fantastic. Commended Superintendent Braubach on the Glow Walk event and the kite event.

Commissioner Rathunde: Thanked everyone for allowing her to go to the NRPA convention in Orlando. Also mentioned how great the Glow Walk and Kite events were.

Commissioner Russell: Thanked everyone as well for allowing her to go to the convention in Orlando. Excited for all the Halloween events coming up.

Commissioner Liston: Echoed all the other Commissioners' comments and stated that the Glow Walk was a good start to all the fall events.

XVIII. 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.

XVI. Approval of Closed Session Minutes: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polyak, to approve the minutes from May 21, 2025 and from August 20, 2025 meetings.

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

XIX. 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 7:23 pm.



Board President, John Liston



Board Secretary, Jeffrey Wait