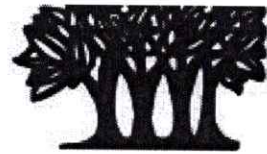


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**MORTON GROVE
PARK DISTRICT**

**Minutes of the 890th Board Meeting
February 18, 2026
Held at Prairie View Community Center**

I. **Call meeting to order:** The regular board meeting was called 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.

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

IV. **Citizens' Comments on Agenda Items/Correspondence:** The park district received correspondence from a resident who suggested the district pass an ordinance prohibiting ICE from conducting business on the park district's property.

V. **Consent Agenda:**

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

- a. The minutes from the Board Meeting held on January 21, 2026.
- b. The Financial Reports:
 1. The Cash Summary and Revenue and Expenditure Report dated January 31, 2026
 2. The Invoice Distribution Report for the period ending January 31, 2026, in the amount of \$252,892.38.
 3. Monthly Budget to Actual report dated January 31, 2026.
 4. Card Service Report dated January 31, 2026.

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

VI. **Director's Report:** Director Wait stated that on February 19th, there will be a neighborhood outreach meeting at Melzer School at 6 pm. Wait mentioned that on Friday, March 13th, 9 am-12 pm, there will be a senior expo at the Civic Center. Lastly, Wait announced that the early bird discount for pool passes will end on March 1st.

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

VIII. **Village Liaison Report:** None

IX. **Department Heads' Report:** Superintendent Braubach stated that Liz Bautch has been hired to fill the position of aquatic recreation supervisor. Braubach mentioned that on Friday, February 13th, the district held several events, including "parents' night out" and "paint and snack date night". Braubach announced that all preschool open houses will be on Saturday, February 21st. Lastly, Braubach mentioned that the recreation staff is in the process of hiring all summer staff.

Superintendent O'Brien stated that the finance department is preparing for the external auditors who will be

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coming on Monday, February 23rd. Once they complete their review, the report will be presented to the board at the May board meeting. The finance department is also working on closing out the audit for Palma Lane Park.

Superintendent Gorczyca stated that the park district is doing preventative maintenance on all maintenance equipment. Gorczyca mentioned that one of the maintenance employees, Kerrington Brown, who has previously worked as a diesel and automotive mechanic, has been beneficial to the district when it comes to maintaining equipment. Gorczyca stated that all maintenance employees will be attending the ILandscape convention at the end of February. Lastly, Gorczyca mentioned that the maintenance department is working on installing a few memorial benches.

X. New Business:

a. Administration and Finance Committee – Commissioner Minx, Chair

Aquatic Presentation: Superintendent Braubach gave a presentation regarding the upcoming pool season.

Harrer pool Shade structure: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polyak, to approve the parkcreation, Inc. bid for Harrer Pool Shade Structures.

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

XI. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

XII. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Minx: Stated he is excited for all the summer events coming up. Minx thanked the staff for all their hard work.

Commissioner Polyak: stated he had a great and educational time at the IPRA conference. Polyak praised the staff for their great job hosting the “My Little Sweetheart” dance.

Commissioner Russell: Thanked staff for planning all the events and everything that goes on behind the scenes.


Commissioner Rathunde thanked the district for the opportunity to go to the IPRA conference. Rathunde stated she is excited for the summer and its events.

Commissioner Liston: Echoed all the other commissioners’ comments. Liston stated that the National Park is in great shape. Lastly, Liston thanked Commissioner Rathunde for covering all his presidential duties in the last two meetings that he was absent from.

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

The motion was carried by voice vote.

The meeting ended at approximately 7:04 pm.



Board President, John Liston



Board Secretary, Jeffrey Wait