

# Morton Grove Park District

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**MORTON GROVE  
PARK DISTRICT**

**Minutes of the 891st Board Meeting  
March 18, 2026  
Held at Prairie View Community Center**

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

**Attorney Present:** None

**Residents Present:** Sue Brady, Donna Schiller, Bob Raccuglia, Mary Elsner, Debra Ditkowsky, Karine Marin, Judy Aronson, Dianne Weinand, and Margret Grau.

II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** Public comments on Non-Agenda Items have been moved up to Item V on the agenda.

IV. **Citizens' Comments on Agenda Items/Correspondence:** None

V. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** Each resident took a turn requesting that the board pass an ordinance regarding banning Immigration and Custom Enforcement activity on Park District property. They asked for the ordinance to include signage, giving residents legal notice of the ban, and making sure staff are prohibited from helping agents.

VI. **Consent Agenda:**

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

- a. The minutes from the Board Meeting held on February 18, 2026.
- b. The Financial Reports:
  1. The Cash Summary and Revenue and Expenditure Report dated February 28, 2026.
  2. The Invoice Distribution Report for the period ending February 28, 2026, in the amount of \$159,202.18.
  3. Monthly Budget to Actual report dated February 28, 2026.
  4. Card Service Report dated February 28, 2026.

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

VII. **Director's Report:** Director Wait reminded the Board that if they want to attend MNASR's Participant Recognition Night on April 22<sup>nd</sup> to let him know before April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Wait stated that on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, the District will be hosting its annual Eggtravaganza Egg Hunt in the morning followed by its Doggy Egg Hunt in the afternoon. Both events require registration. To register, those interested need to visit [mortongroveparks.com](http://mortongroveparks.com). Lastly, Wait mentioned that the Village sent a request for the Board to submit to Illinois Senator Tammy Duckworth's office a letter supporting federal funds be allocated to renovate the 5/3rd bank, which will eventually become the city hall.

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

IX. **Village Liaison Report:** Commissioner Minx stated the Dempster Street Corridor Steering Committee workshop is March 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm.

X. **Department Heads' Report:** Superintendent Braubach stated the fitness center has been busy acquiring new equipment as well as new staff. Braubach announced that the annual dance recital will be held on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. She also mentioned that most of the District's camp programs are full already. However, the recreation supervisor in charge of camps is working on hiring more staff which will allow more kids off the waitlist. Lastly, Braubach introduced the new Recreation Supervisor for Aquatics, Liz Bautch, to the Board.

Superintendent Gorczyca stated that the National Park Project is underway. Kids Around the World removed the old equipment. Gorczyca mentioned that he and Director Wait met with Perry Weather to discuss possible alternatives to the Thor Guard Lighting Prediction System. New shade structures for the pool and new windscreens for Prairie View and Oriole Park Tennis courts have been ordered. Lastly, Gorczyca announced that the entire maintenance staff attended the ILandscape show.

Superintendent O'Brien stated that the Finance Department is currently working with the auditors to finalize the District's financial audit for 2025. The District is hoping to get a final report back at the end of April to present to the board at the May board meeting. O'Brien mentioned that the District is working with OSLAD, the state side of it, to close out the grant for Palma Lane.

XI. **New Business:**

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

**Vacation and Sick Time Donation Policy:** Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Russell, to approve the Vacation and Sick Time Donation Policy.

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

**Intergovernmental Agreement with Golf School District #67:** Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polyak, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Golf School District #67.

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

**Distinguish Agency Accreditation Renewal:** Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polyak, to approve filing the application for the District to renew its Distinguished Agency Accreditation status.

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

XII. **Commissioner Comments:**

**Commissioner Minx:** Welcomed new Recreation Supervisor Liz Bautch. Minx thanked Superintendent Gorczyca for doing a great job with snow removal around the parks.

**Commissioner Polyak:** Stated he appreciated the residents for coming out and providing input on behalf of the community. He also thanked the staff for all their hard work.

**Commissioner Rathunde:** Welcomed Recreation Supervisor Liz Bautch. Rathunde stated she's looking forward to spring and summer.

**Commissioner Russell:** Welcomed the Recreation Supervisor. She thanked all the department heads for all they do. She also thanked the residents for coming and sharing their thoughts with the board.

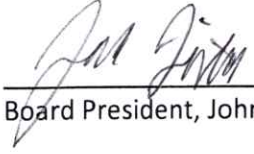
**Commissioner Liston:** Echoed all the other commissioners' comments. Liston welcomed the residents and assured them that the board would talk and see what they could do to keep the parks safe.


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**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 7:18 pm.

  
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Board President, John Liston

  
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Board Secretary, Jeffrey Wait