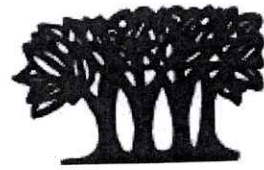


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**MORTON GROVE
PARK DISTRICT**

**Minutes of the 892nd Board Meeting
April 15, 2026
Held at Prairie View Community Center**

- I. **Call meeting to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.
- II. **Roll Call:**
Commissioners Present: John Liston, Kelly Russell, Bill Polyak, and Paul Minx.
Commissioners Absent: Lisa Rathunde, with notice.
- Staff Present:** Jeffrey Wait, Executive Director; Sue Braubach, Superintendent of Recreation; Martin O'Brien, Superintendent of Finance; Kieth Gorczyca, Superintendent of Parks and Maintenance; Collin Jaffe, Recreation Supervisor; Sarah Lindahl, Recreation Supervisor; and Luisa Brown, Recording Secretary.
- Residents Present:** Sue Brady, Donna Schiller, Bob Raccuglia, Mary Elsner, Debra Ditkowsky, Karine Marin, Judy Aronson, Dianne Weinand, and Margret Grau.
- Attorney Present:** None
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** Adding an "information only presentation on summer camp and early childhood programming under new business.
- V. **Citizens' Comments on Agenda Items/Correspondence:** The attendees thanked the Park District for listening to them and taking action by proposing signage to keep ICE off Park District property.
- VI. **Consent Agenda:**
Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polyak, to approve:
- a. The minutes from the Board Meeting held on March 18, 2026.
 - b. The Financial Reports:
 1. The Cash Summary and Revenue and Expenditure Report dated March 31, 2026.
 2. The Invoice Distribution Report for the period ending March 31, 2026, in the amount of \$212,680.44.
 3. Monthly Budget to Actual report dated March 31, 2026.
 4. Card Service Report dated March 31, 2026.
- Ayes: Commissioner Minx, Polyak, Russell, and Liston. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**
- VII. **Director's Report:** Director Wait reminded the Board that MNASR's Participant Recognition Night is April 22nd at 5 pm. Wait stated National Park is still on deadline due to be completed by June 15th. Wait mentioned that the staff and he have been planning the rededication event for June 27th.
- VIII. **Attorney's Report:** Was sent electronically.
- IX. **Village Liaison Report:** None

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- X. **Department Heads' Report:** Superintendent Braubach stated that they have added fitness membership renewals online, so residents no longer have to renew their memberships in person. Braubach stated that both the dance recital and preschool registration will be happening in the next few weeks.

Superintendent O'Brien stated that the Finance Department is working on completing the 2025 financial statements and will be put in front of the Board for approval at the May meeting. O'Brien announced that the District has started receiving the 1st installment of property taxes, and the District has also received its final payout for the OSLAD grant for Palma Lane.

Superintendent Gorczyca stated that Director Wait and he has been having meetings with Upland Design regarding the Prairie View renovation project. Gorczyca mentioned that the Harrer Pool shade structure permit was approved by the Village, and maintenance staff have been doing a lot of preventative maintenance in Harrer's pump room. Gorczyca announced that staff have been doing pesticide training through PDRMA.

XI. **New Business:**

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

Installation of anti-immigration and customs enforcement signs: Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polyak, to direct staff to install anti-ICE signs at all parks within its boundaries.

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

Ethics Training - Robbin Schwartz: A representative from Robbin Schwartz provided the board with their annual ethics training.

Athletic Programming Presentation: Recreation Supervisor Collin Jaffe gave a presentation regarding athletic programming for the summer.

Camp Programming Presentation: Recreation Supervisor Sarah Lindahl gave a presentation regarding camp programming for the upcoming summer.

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

XIII. **Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioner Minx: Thanked both Recreation Supervisor Jaffe and Lindahl for their presentations. Thanked the staff for a great easter egg hunt event.

Commissioner Polyak: Thanked both Recreation Supervisor Jaffe and Lindahl for their presentations. Thanked Sue for everything she has done for the Park District and told her she will be greatly missed when she retires in a few months.

Commissioner Russell: Thanked both Recreation Supervisors, Jaffe and Lindahl, for their presentations and their hard work.

Commissioner Liston: Echoed all the other Commissioners' comments. Stated that he appreciates the public for coming in and voicing their concerns.

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- XIV. Closed session minutes:** 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 Polyak, Minx, Russell, and Liston. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board entered closed session at 7:49 pm

The Board returned to open session at 7:58 pm. No action was taken in closed session.

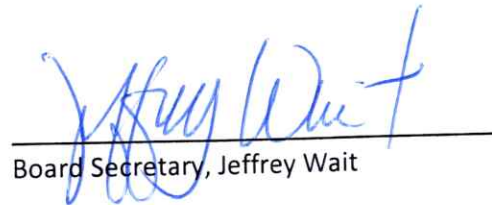
- XV. Approval of closed session minutes:** Commissioner Minx made a motion seconded by Commissioner Russell for the Board to approve the closed session minutes from October 15, 2025, and December 17, 2025.
Ayes: Commissioners Polyak, Minx, Russell, and Liston. Nays: 0. Motion carried

- XVI. 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 8:00 pm.



Board President, John Liston



Board Secretary, Jeffrey Wait

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