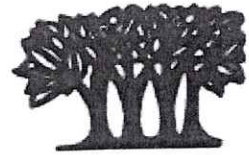


# Morton Grove Park District

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**MORTON GROVE  
PARK DISTRICT**

**Minutes of the 893<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting  
May 20, 2026  
Held at Prairie View Community Center**

I. **Call meeting to order:** The regular board 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; Claire Baumgartner, Recreation Supervisor; and Luisa Brown, Recording Secretary.

**Residents Present:** Sue Brady, Jon Cole, Bob Raccuglia, Mary Elsner, Debra Ditkowsky, Karine Marin, Akhter Sadiq, Andrea Cordes, Lisa Khabeer, and Margret Grau.

**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 meeting's attendees thanked the Park District for listening to them and for taking action by purposing signage to keep ICE off Park District property. Residents also voiced their concerns regarding vandalism of the signs and expressed their request to make the signs more permanent.

V. **Consent Agenda:**

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

- a. The minutes from the Board Meeting held on April 15, 2026.
- b. The Financial Reports:
  1. The Cash Summary and Revenue and Expenditure Report dated April 30, 2026.
  2. The Invoice Distribution Report for the period ending April 30, 2026, in the amount of \$464,414.79.
  3. Monthly Budget to Actual report dated April 30, 2026.
  4. Card Service Report dated April 30, 2026.

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

VI. **Director's Report:** Director Wait stated that National Park is about 80% complete and is expected to be completed by the second week of June when camps start. Wait announced that the Village will be having its neighborhood outreach meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 6pm at Thomas Edison Elementary School.

VII. **Attorney's Report:** Was sent electronically earlier in the week.

VIII. **Village Liaison Report:** Commissioner Minx stated that Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> the American Legion is honoring fallen soldiers for Memorial Day at the Civic Center beginning at 1:30pm.

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- IX. **Department Heads' Report:** Superintendent Braubach stated that on May 16<sup>th</sup>, the District held its annual dance recital. Braubach mentioned staff have been training for the start of summer camp, which will begin the second week of June. Softball leagues have started and Harrer Pool will be opening on May 24<sup>th</sup>, and Oriole will be opening on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent O'Brien stated that the Finance Department is working on securing a better copier machine for the main office. O'Brien mentioned that the Department has completed the District's financial statements, and once approved by the Board, they will be sent out to various agencies and online. O'Brien announced the District has made its bond payments.

Superintendent Gorczyca stated that the Maintenance Department has installed four new shade structures at Harrer Pool. Gorczyca announced the Department has also installed new wind screens for the tennis courts at Oriole Park and Prairie View.

X. **New Business:**

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

**Board Officers Appointment and Committee Assignments:** Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Russell then amended by Lisa Rathunde, to approve the nominated Board Officers and appoint committee members to serve until May 2027.  
**Ayes: Commissioners Liston, Rathunde, Minx, Polyak, and Russell. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**Resolution #R – 03 – 26 Honoring an Employee:** Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polyak, to approve Resolution #R – 03 – 26 honoring Keith Gorczyca's nine years of service to the Morton Grove Park District.  
**Ayes: Commissioners Minx, Liston, Polyak, Rathunde, and Russell. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**Closed Session Minutes Resolution #R – 02 – 26 Approval:** Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polyak, to approve Resolution #R – 02 – 26 outlining in what manner to address written minutes and verbatim closed session recordings.  
**Ayes: Commissioners Polyak, Rathunde, Russell, Liston, and Minx. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Approval:** Commissioner Minx made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polyak, to approve the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Management Letter for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025.  
**Ayes: Commissioners Rathunde, Minx, Polyak, Liston, and Russell. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**Park Signage Review:** The Board of Commissioners had a discussion regarding the vandalism of anti-ICE signage and implementing more permanent signs.

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

XII. **Commissioner Comments:**

**Commissioner Minx:** Thanked Superintendent Gorczyca for his years of service and expressed how he will miss him. Minx also congratulated Claire Baumgartner for her promotion to Superintendent of Recreation.

**Commissioner Polyak:** Thanked Superintendent Gorczyca for his years of service and expressed how he, too, will miss him. Polyak also congratulated Claire Baumgartner for her promotion. Also, thanked Baumgartner for putting on a great dance recital.

**Commissioner Rathunde:** Congratulated Gorczyca on his move to Florida and thanked him for his years of service to the park district.


**Commissioner Russell:** Congratulated Gorczyca on his tenure at the park district and also congratulated Claire Baumgartner for her promotion.

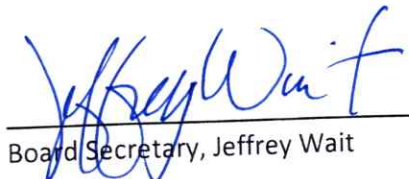
**Commissioner Liston:** Echoed all the other Commissioners' comments. Stated that the new social media video has been really great. Also, thanked all residents for coming.

**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 7:30 pm.

  
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Board President, John Liston

  
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Board Secretary, Jeffrey Wait