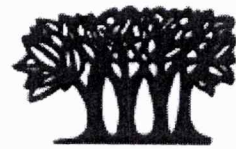


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MORTON GROVE
PARK DISTRICT

Minutes of the 895th Board Meeting
July 15, 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.

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Jeffrey Wait, Executive Director; Sue Braubach, Superintendent of Recreation; Martin O'Brien, Superintendent of Finance; Patrick Manieri, Superintendent of Parks and Maintenance; Claire Baumgartner, Recreation Supervisor; 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:** None

- V. **Consent Agenda:**

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

- a. The minutes from the Board Meeting held on June 15, 2026.
- b. The Financial Reports:
 1. The Cash Summary and Revenue and Expenditure Report dated June 30, 2026.
 2. The Invoice Distribution Report for the period ending June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$382,999.16.
 3. Monthly Budget to Actual report dated June 30, 2026.
 4. Card Service Report dated June 30, 2026.

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

- VI. **Director's Report:**

Director Wait reminded the Board that the "Back to School Bash" event is August 11th from 5-8 pm at Harrer Park. Wait asked the Board to spread the word about the "Family Camp Out" event on Saturday, August 8th. Lastly, Wait announced that Oriole Pool's last day of the season is Sunday, August 9th. Harrer Pool's post-season hours begin August 14th through Labor Day. Harrer Pool's post-season hours are Fridays 4:30-8:30 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 am- 7 pm.

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

- VIII. **Village Liaison Report:** On August 4th, the Village will be hosting its National Night Out event from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at the Civic Center.

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IX. **Department Heads' Report:**

Superintendent Baumgartner stated that Brook Leucht will be starting her role as a Recreation Supervisor this month. Baumgartner mentioned that there will be an upcoming "Movie in the Park" event on Friday, July 24th. The District will be showing Alice in Wonderland at Oriole Pool. Baumgartner announced that Ellis visited both Harrer and Oriole pools on July 9th; both pools received a score of "Exceeds" expectations.

Superintendent Manieri stated that the Maintenance Department has been busy the last few weeks cleaning the parks after the 4th of July holiday. Manieri mentioned that National Park's ballfield renovations are nearing completion. Manieri announced that the District has hired Alex Hayes as its new Horticulturist. He has been hard at work improving the conditions at all parks, including the flowerbeds, the entrances, and pulling weeds. Manieri stated that Oriole Park had a problem with its A/C unit, but the Maintenance Department quickly resolved the issue.

X. **New Business:**

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

Approval of Travel, Lodging, and Meals: Commissioner Russell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polyak, to approve the travel, lodging, and meals for three commissioners and three staff members to attend NRPA's annual conference in the amount, not to exceed, \$2,136.85 for each attendee.

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

Disposal Ordinance #O – 01 – 26: Commissioner Russell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Minx, to approve Ordinance #O – 01 – 26 for the disposal, donation, trade-in, or sale of listed items and authorizes staff to execute said ordinance.

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

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

XII. **Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioner Minx: Thanked Executive Director Wait and the staff for their participation in Morton Grove Days.

Commissioner Polyak: Thanked all staff for their participation in the 4th of July parade and Morton Grove Days. Also thanked the Maintenance Department for their quick clean-up on July 5th.

Commissioner Russell: Thanked everyone for everything they have done this summer.

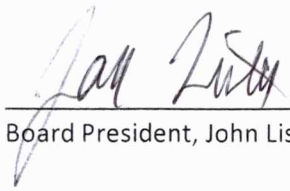
Commissioner Rathunde: Thanked everyone for everything they have done this summer. Rathunde also took a moment to thank Charles Conkle, the District's Media Specialist, for all his hard work this summer. She stated he has been doing a phenomenal job.

Commissioner Liston: Echoed all the other Commissioners' comments.

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- XIII. **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 7:01 pm.



Board President, John Liston



Board Secretary, Jeffrey Wait

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