

**MINUTES OF THE 715th REGULAR MEETING
MORTON GROVE PARK DISTRICT
THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.
PRAIRIE VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER
6834 DEMPSTER STREET**

President Jerry Coursey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and directed roll to be taken.

- I. Roll Call:** Commissioners Present: Eileen Coursey, Jerry Coursey, Betty Fergus, Kevin Lochner, and Dominick Burdi, – Absent (Director, Sullivan stated that Commissioner Burdi’s absence is due to pressing family matters.)

Staff Present: Sue Braubach, Marketing and Public Information Manager; Greg Jayne, Parks Manager; Laurie Larson, HR Generalist; Les Preuss, Finance Manager; Kelly Smith; Recreation and Facilities Manager; Brian Sullivan, Director; Attorney Frank Tennant.

Guests Present:

Karen Lochner, Kevin Jr. Lochner, Bobbie Lochner, Jack Lochner, Janet Coursey, Sean Tovey, Yvette Karp, Mary Ann Rohn.

Director Sullivan asked that the following changes be made to the meetings agenda:

- Add under new business the adoption of Resolution 2011-01 Election Canvas Certification
- Administer the oath of office to Commissioner Coursey and Commissioner Lochner
- Change the Executive Session from “to consider the purchase of lease of real property” to a general Executive Session.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Kevin Lochner, seconded by Commissioner Eileen Coursey to approve the agenda of the April 28, 2011 Board Meeting. *Betty Fergus: Aye, Eileen Coursey: Aye, Kevin Lochner: Aye, Jerry Coursey: Aye, Dominick Burdi: Absent, MOTION CARRIED.*

II. Pledge of Allegiance:

Jerry Coursey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Consent Agenda:

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Betty Fergus, seconded by Commissioner Eileen Coursey to approve the minutes of the Recreation Facility Programming Committee meeting held on March 3, 2011 and dispense with the reading thereof, since all commissioners had previously

received a copy. *Eileen Coursey: Aye, Kevin Lochner: Aye, Jerry Coursey: Aye, Betty Fergus: Aye, Dominick Burdi: Absent, MOTION CARRIED.*

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Betty Fergus, seconded by Commissioner Eileen Coursey to approve the minutes of the Parks and Facilities Maintenance Committee meeting held on March 3, 2011 and dispense with the reading thereof, since all commissioners had previously received a copy. *Eileen Coursey: Aye, Kevin Lochner: Aye, Jerry Coursey: Aye, Betty Fergus: Aye, Dominick Burdi: Absent, MOTION CARRIED.*

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Betty Fergus, seconded by Commissioner Eileen Coursey to approve the minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee meeting held on March 10, 2011 and dispense with the reading thereof, since all commissioners had previously received a copy. *Eileen Coursey: Aye, Kevin Lochner: Aye, Jerry Coursey: Aye, Betty Fergus: Aye, Dominick Burdi: Absent, MOTION CARRIED.*

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Betty Fergus, seconded by Commissioner Eileen Coursey to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 25, 2011 and dispense with the reading thereof, since all commissioners had previously received a copy. *Eileen Coursey: Aye, Kevin Lochner: Aye, Jerry Coursey: Aye, Betty Fergus: Aye, Dominick Burdi: Absent, MOTION CARRIED.*

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Betty Fergus, seconded by Commissioner Eileen Coursey to approve the minutes of an Executive Session held on March 25, 2011 and dispense with the reading thereof, since all commissioners had previously received a copy. *Eileen Coursey: Aye, Kevin Lochner: Aye, Jerry Coursey: Aye, Betty Fergus: Aye, Dominick Burdi: Absent, MOTION CARRIED.*

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Betty Fergus, seconded by Commissioner Eileen Coursey to approve the Treasurer's report for March 2011 subject to audit. *Eileen Coursey: Aye, Kevin Lochner: Aye, Jerry Coursey: Aye, Betty Fergus: Aye, Dominick Burdi: Absent, MOTION CARRIED.*

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Betty Fergus, seconded by Commissioner Eileen Coursey to approve the bills dated April 28, 2011 subject to audit. *Eileen Coursey: Aye, Kevin Lochner: Aye, Jerry Coursey: Aye, Betty Fergus: Aye, Dominick Burdi: Absent, MOTION CARRIED.*

IV. Correspondence:

The District received a letter from Mayor Staackmann, informing us that the State of Illinois is contemplating keeping, Pass Through Funds, including

income and sales tax. The letter goes on to say that if this happens there would be a loss of \$530,000 to 1.6 million. Jobs might need to be cut probably from the police and fire departments. Local tax rates would also increase 5.4% to 18%. The Park Districts agreements with the Village may also be impacted.

V. Visitors Comments:

None

VI. Golden Pickle Award:

Director Sullivan asked that this be deferred until the person receiving the award arrives.

When Art Teacher Laura Frisch was approached about becoming involved with the Park District's diversity mural she enthusiastically agreed. Art is one of her passions and to promote it to the community was a great opportunity. Laura is involved in many community organizations and is a devoted wife and mother, but she willingly volunteered hours to the project from design to final touches. The "Experience It Together" mural includes over thirty languages and depicts activities all families can enjoy at the Park District. The painters from various groups including preschool to older adults also represent the diversity of the community. The final product is a beautiful piece of art for the residents, patrons and guests of the park district to enjoy for years to come. Thank you Laura for all you did to make the "vision" a reality.

VII. Staff Reports:

A. Staff Reports

Les Preuss, reported that tomorrow is the last day of the fiscal year. He is in the process of getting ready for the audit. Auditors will present at the September committee meeting.

Les Preuss, Finance Manager, reported that the website registration is growing; hopefully in the future it will become the registration for everyone.

Kelly Smith, Recreation and Facilities Manager reported due to the rain this month many of the games that use our fields have been cancelled, her department is working on rescheduling the fields.

Kelly Smith, Recreation and Facilities Manager reported that last Sunday's 5K was very successful and thanked everyone that helped at the event.

Kelly Smith, Reported that the swim lessons format has been restructured to accommodate families better.

Sue Braubach, Marketing and Information Manager reported that the Summer Brochures will come out on Monday.

Greg Jayne, Parks Manager Reported that the Pavilion has been painted and new partitions added.

Greg Jayne, Parks Manager reported that his staff is working on the fields and pools and will hopefully be filling the pool in the middle of the month.

Laurie Larson, Human Resources Generalist reported that the full-time employees and some of the part-time employees are participating in the PDRMA health initiative "Route 66". The team is doing very well and is in 8th place out of 52 park districts. We have the highest number of participants, with three of our employees Jim Betke, and Ted Nester and George Kallese consistently on the top three list, leading all participants in the program in activity hours.

Laurie Larson, Human Resources Generalist reported that the Employee Newsletter will be going out with in a week.

Laurie Larson, Human Resources Generalist reported that we have two five year employees this month, Tim Brunning and Norbert Hessel both will be recognized at a full-time staff meeting.

Laurie Larson, Human Resources Generalist stated that she attended the required State Police background check training.

Director Sullivan stated he had a conversation with Dr. Reilly from School District 67 regarding Frank Hren Park. She informed him that the school will be doing their own appraisal and will have an answer back within a month.

Director Sullivan explained the overnight usage of Harrer Park by the FM Club's for their emergency training event. This event will not interfere with any other use of the park; the event could become an annual event, and the event could bring in other educational opportunities.

Director Sullivan stated that he will be attending an IAPD's Legislative Conference on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. During the event he will be meeting with our representatives to talk about our grant needs and help in following up on the IDNR grants as well as our DCSO opportunity grant. On Thursday, he will meet with the Department of Natural Resources the DCSO and the DOPH on various grant issues.

Director Sullivan reported that he received information from Johnny Rockets for the Independence Day firework display, verifying their 10

million dollar insurance policy. We have also received the permit from the fire department for the event.

Director Sullivan reported that the Morton Grove Baseball Grand Slam Classic will be taking place on May 21st in the parks, and a concert event has been coordinated with this event for a fun day in the parks.

Attorney Tennant stated that tonight the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance is on the table for adoption. It has been reviewed and all the legal requirements have been met. It was on public review for 30 days and earlier this evening a hearing was held.

Attorney Tennant stated that the election results have been certified by the County Clerk and the resolution excepting the canvass results and proclamation will be up for vote tonight.

Attorney Tennant stated that he is working on an application for exempt property status for the 6210 property.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Committee Reports

1. **Recreation and Facility Program Committee**
No Action
2. **Parks and Facility Maintenance Committee**
No Action
3. **Administration and Finance Committee**

A. 2010-2011 Budget And Appropriation Ordinance

A motion was made by Commissioner Betty Fergus, seconded by Commissioner Eileen Coursey that the Boards adopt the 2011-2012 fiscal year budget and appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$5,430,188 previously placed on public review at the March 25, 2011 board meeting. ***Kevin Lochner: Aye, Jerry Coursey: Aye, Betty Fergus: Aye, Eileen Coursey: Aye, and Dominick Burdi: Absent, MOTION CARRIED.***

B. Board Calendar

A motion was made by Commissioner Betty Fergus, seconded by Commissioner Eileen Coursey that the Boards approve of the 2011-2012 Board Meeting Calendar. A copy will be posted in the prairie view center and will be sent to the local press. ***Betty Fergus: Aye, Eileen Coursey: Aye, Kevin Lochner: Aye, Jerry Coursey: Aye, Dominick Burdi: Absent, MOTION CARRIED.***

IX. New Business

A. Emergency Training Event

A motion was made by Commissioner Betty Fergus, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Lochner that the Board approve the overnight usage of Harrer Park for the FM Club's, emergency training event, held June 26th, 6 pm to June 27th, 9 pm. *Eileen Coursey: Aye, Kevin Lochner: Aye, Jerry Coursey: Aye, Betty Fergus: Aye, Dominick Burdi: Absent, MOTION CARRIED.*

B. Board Officers for Fiscal Year 2011-2012

A motion was made by Commissioner Betty Fergus, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Lochner to nominate the following individuals for Board Officers for fiscal year 2011-2012: Betty Fergus, President – Eileen Coursey, Vice President – Dominick Burdi, Treasurer – and Brian Sullivan, Secretary. *Eileen Coursey: Aye, Kevin Lochner: Aye, Jerry Coursey: Aye, Betty Fergus: Aye, Dominick Burdi: Absent, MOTION CARRIED.*

C. Resolution 2011-01 Election Canvass Certification

A motion was made by Commissioner Betty Fergus, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Lochner to adopt Resolution 2011-01, Election Canvass Certification, accepting the canvass results and proclamation for the April 5, 2011 consolidated election for the Morton Grove Park District. *Jerry Coursey: Aye, Betty Fergus: Aye, Eileen Coursey: Aye, Kevin Lochner: Aye, Dominick Burdi: Absent, MOTION CARRIED.*

X. Commissioners' Comments

- A. Commissioner Dominick Burdi – Absent
- B. Commissioner Eileen Coursey – No Comment
- C. Commissioner Kevin Lochner – No Comment
- D. Commissioner Betty Fergus - Congratulations to Kevin and Jerry on their new six year term
- E. Commissioner Jerry Coursey – No Comment

XI. The Oath of Office

Administered to Kevin Lochner and Jerry Coursey

XII. Dedication

The Diversity Mural "Experience It Together" was unveiled and dedicated. The mural illustrates the diversity of Morton Grove and the Morton Grove Park District's commitment to quality.

XII. Executive Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Betty Fergus seconded by Commissioner Eileen Coursey to go into closed executive session to consider the purchase or lease of real property pursuant to section 2 (c) (5) of the Open Meeting Act, and to consider information regarding appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of an officer, an employee or employees pursuant to section 2(c) (1) and 2(c) (2) of the Open Meetings Act. **AYES- 4, NAYS – 0, ABSENT –1. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jerry Coursey and seconded by Commissioner Eileen Coursey to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:55 pm. **AYES- 4, NAYS – 0, ABSENT –1. MOTION CARRIED.**

XIII. Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Betty Fergus and seconded by Commissioner Kevin Lochner to adjourn meeting at 8:18 pm. **AYES- 4, NAYS – 0, ABSENT –1. MOTION CARRIED.**

President: _____

Secretary: _____