

**MINUTES OF THE
719th REGULAR MEETING
MORTON GROVE PARK DISTRICT
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.
PRAIRIE VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER
6834 DEMPSTER STREET**

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

I. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Betty Fergus, Eileen Coursey, Dominick Burdi; Kevin Lochner, Jerry Coursey

II. Staff Present:

Sue Braubach, Marketing and Public Information Manager; Laurie Larson, HR Generalist; Les Preuss, Finance Manager; Kelly Smith; Recreation and Facilities Manager; Jen Tiltges, Recreation Supervisor; Joseph Mazur, Fitness Attendant

Guests Present:

Adeshina Emmanuel; Better Government Association, Pauline Mazur

III. Pledge of Allegiance:

Betty Fergus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Consent Agenda:

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Dominick Burdi, seconded by Commissioner Eileen Coursey to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on July 28, 2011 and dispense with the reading thereof, since all commissioners had previously received a copy. *Eileen Coursey: Aye, Dominick Burdi: Aye, Kevin Lochner: Jerry Coursey; Betty Fergus: Aye MOTION CARRIED.*

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

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Dominick Burdi, seconded by Commissioner Eileen Coursey to approve the bills dated August 11, 2011 subject to audit. *Eileen Coursey: Aye, Dominick Burdi: Aye, Kevin Lochner: Jerry Coursey; Betty Fergus: Aye MOTION CARRIED.*

V. Correspondence:

Plaques were presented to two of the Commissioners who were unable to attend the July 14 Committee Meeting. The plaques were from a homeowners group in recognition of the commissioner's leadership in saving Frank Hren Park.

A thank you note was received by Jan Wear to Liz Goodwin thanking her for the prize she had won and all the hard work she had put into the car show.

We received a letter that was written by two seniors complimenting our camp and museum programs. Their grandchildren came home from camp very happy and excited after attending an event at the museum.

A thank you letter was written by the MNASR staff thanking the Board/District for the use of Austin Park for one of their summer camps.

On August 16, we received a copy of an anonymous letter addressed to President Staackmann. The letter was postmarked in Carol Stream, and was dated August 8th. The letter questioned the need for the Park District's Police.

VI. Visitors Comments:

Adeshina Emmanuel addressed the Board regarding the letter sent to the Village President. He asked the Board how they felt about the letter and how they would justify the Park Police force.

President Betty Fergus commented that the Park District has a security force for many years and has not had any opposition from anyone. She stated that the District has expedited his FOIA request and will be giving him the requested information as soon as possible.

VII. Golden Pickle Award:

This month's Golden Pickle award was presented to Joe Mazur. He was nominated by a patron of the fitness center. She stated that he takes time to know everyone's first name, and remembers what you tell him. He is friendly and always has a smile on his face. If you need help with a machine, you just need to call out his name and he will be there to help. To

top all that, he keeps a clean house! Way to go Joe, thank you for your service to the Park District.

VIII. Staff Reports:

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Laurie Larson, Human Resources Generalist reported that a BASE Supervisor was hired, and has current openings in for BASE team players.

Laurie Larson, Human Resources Generalist reported that the District is moving forward with our safety audit, the human resources area will be reviewed next week.

Laurie Larson, Human Resources Generalist reported that the seasonal surveys have been returned and will be presented at the next committee meeting.

Marketing and Information Manager, Sue Braubach reported that the new website has been up for six months and is working with staff to keep it current.

Marketing and Information Manager, Sue Braubach reported that she is working with Liz Goodwin on sponsorship activity to be promoted on the website.

Park Board President, Betty Fergus asked what the plans were for the 9-11 commemorative event?

Director, Brian Sullivan reported that the Village will be holding the 9-11 memorial service; so we won't be competing with the Village the District will not be holding a separate event. The Park District will be raising a special commemorative flag, with the name of those who died on 9-11, to half mast on September 9th at noon, and will continue the tradition in the years to come.

Recreation/Facilities Manager, Kelly Smith reported that the enrollment in the new Kindergarten program was not quite high enough to run the program, however, the school and parent wanted the program to work, so the District is running a trial program until September 9th when a final decision will be made.

Recreation/Facilities Manager, Kelly Smith reported that the District will be working with Park Ridges allowing their members to use our facility when they are shut down in September.

Recreation/Facilities Manager, Kelly Smith reported that two adult dance classes have been added to the schedule posted in the fall brochure.

Recreation/Facilities Manager, Kelly Smith reported that the movie “Toy Story 3” will be shown tomorrow at Harrer Park.

Les Preuss, Finance Manager reported that July 31st ended the first quarter of the financial year. He will have a full financial report at the Committee meeting on September the 8th.

Les Preuss, Finance Manager stated that at the September 8th Committee Meeting the yearly audit will also be presented by Knutte & Associates.

Les Preuss, Finance Manager reported that he did receive a check from District 67 for the maintenance at Frank Hren Park.

Director Sullivan reported that Avon will have their annual picnic at Hren Park this week the Park Police have been notified to keep watch.

Director Sullivan reported that we have completed fertilizing three of the parks with bio-solids. The District is moving away from pesticides to a greener solution to weeds. The District performed a trial at Hren Park last year with very good results.

Director Sullivan reported that the District started installing the new lights that were received from the energy efficiency grant. The bills will be tracked to monitor the savings.

Director Sullivan reported that he will be in Springfield over the weekend for the IPRA event at the State Fair.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Committee Reports

1. Recreation and Facility Program Committee

A. Soccer Goal Safety Policy

A motion was made by Commissioner Eileen Coursey, second by Commissioner Dominic Burdi to approve the Morton Gove Park District’s Soccer Goal Safety Policy. *Dominick Burdi: Aye, Kevin Lochner: Jerry Coursey; Betty Fergus: Aye Eileen Coursey: Aye*
MOTION CARRIED.

2. Parks and Facility Maintenance Committee

A. Prairie View Community Center’s Entry Door Replacement

A motion was made by Commissioner Kevin Lochner, second by Commissioner Eileen Coursey to accept the proposal for the replacement of the automatic entrance door at the Prairie View

Community Center to Stanley Access Technology for the amount of \$6,035.00. *Kevin Lochner: Jerry Coursey; Betty Fergus: Aye Eileen Coursey: Aye Dominick Burdi: Aye MOTION CARRIED.*

B. Harrer Pool Waterslide Intake Crib Bid Solicitation

A motion was made by Commissioner Kevin Lochner, second by Commissioner Eileen Coursey to start the solicitation of bids for Harrer Pool's waterslide intake crib to comply with the Virginia Graeme Bakers Act. *Jerry Coursey; Betty Fergus: Aye Eileen Coursey: Aye Dominick Burdi: Aye, Kevin Lochner: Aye MOTION CARRIED.*

3. Administration and Finance Committee

A. Part-Time Executive Assistant Position And Description

A motion was made by Commissioner Domonick Burdi, second by Commissioner Kevin Lochner to add a part-time Executive Assistant position. *Betty Fergus: Aye Eileen Coursey: Aye Dominick Burdi: Aye Kevin Lochner: Jerry Coursey; Aye MOTION CARRIED.*

District 67 Proposition Update

Director Sullivan stated that he has not received notification regarding the proposals for Golf School.

FOIA

Director Sullivan reported, the District received a FOIA, in regards to the letter addressed to President Staackmann, and is working on the reply. The District will keep the Commissiones aware of FOIAs and that they are being complied with.

IX. New Business

None

X. Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Kevin Lochner– none
Commissioner Jerry Coursey – none
Treasure Dominick Burdi – none
Vice President Eileen Coursey - none
President Betty Fergus – Thank you all for the great summer!

XI. Executive Session

None

XIII. Adjournment

A MOTION made by Commissioner Eileen Coursey and seconded by
Commissioner Dominick Burdi to adjourn meeting at 7:33 pm. **AYES- 5,**
NAYS – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

President: _____

Secretary: _____