Elk Grove Park District
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2019

Vice President O’Malley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

In attendance: Vice President O’Malley, Commissioner Biedke (arrived at 6:41pm), Commissioner Cooke, Commissioner Souder
Absent: President Walz
Staff: Ben Curcio, Tammy Miller, Brad Sholes, Tim White, Kelly Carbon

DISCUSSION ON FOX RUN BONDS

Director Sholes asked the Board if they would like to have a separate BINA Hearing for the Fox Run Golf Course bonds or combine it with the annual one we do in January. He stated either way would be fine, but two would probably be more transparent. Director Curcio added getting the hearing out of the way allows us to be ready while the rates are low. The consensus of the Board was to have a separate BINA Hearing for the Fox Run bonds.

DISCUSSION ON NWSRA MEMBER DISTRICT ASSESSMENT AMOUNT

Director Curcio shared data on the NWSRA Member District assessment for 2020. The amount is around $5,900 higher than last year and is based on population and EAV. 1% was also added in for minimum wage increase. Director Curcio also shared how the proposed minimum wage will impact the NWSRA from 2021-2026, and a comparison of annual assessments for surrounding park districts. Commissioner Cooke would like more information on the NWSRA budget in the future. Director Curcio replied he will start to share more of their annual report.

DISCUSSION ON FEE INCREASES FOR PIRATES COVE AND RAINBOW FALLS

Director Miller shared the proposed admission fee increases for Pirates’ Cove, Carousel and Aquatics beginning January 2020 due to the minimum wage increases. She added the biggest impact will be seen at Pirates’ Cove and Carousel since those employees are paid the minimum wage. After discussion with the Board, the consensus was to increase the Pirates’ Cove admission fees by $1.00 for the daily, twilight and group admissions with the exception of resident daily fees that will remain the same. VIP passes will increase $2.00 for residents and $5.00 for non-residents. Carousel admission fee will increase by $1.00 for both residents and non-residents. In addition, the early bird pricing for a Rainbow Falls membership will increase by $10.00.
Commissioner Souder moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Commissioner O’Malley seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners Biedke, Cooke, Souder and Vice President O’Malley
Nays: None

Motion Carried