Elk Grove Park District
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2018

President Souder called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

In attendance: President Souder, Commissioner Biedke, Commissioner Cooke (arrived at 6:08 p.m.), and Commissioner O’Malley

Absent: Commissioner Walz

Staff: Tom Busby, Rhonda Brewer, Ben Curcio and Tammy Miller

DISCUSSION ON SKATE PARK BID

Director Busby reported the lowest bid for this project was from Schaefges Brothers, Inc. of Wheeling, Illinois. This company has done work at the Pavilion Aquatics Center in the past. President Souder stated a pool is different from a skate park because of the heavy traffic of skateboards, bike, etc. and asked if this company has done many skate parks. Director Curcio replied they did work at Millennium Park in Chicago, but there are not a lot of skate parks in this area. He added that Valerie has received many positive comments regarding this company. Director Miller stated that Kanten from Stantec would skate the surface to make sure it is done right and will be inspecting the progress along the way. Commissioner Biedke questioned if staff has been brainstorming what to do with the indoor facility. He does not want to have two skate parks. He wants to turn the indoor facility into something the community can use. President Souder responded that it was already discussed to leave the indoor park open for one year to evaluate usage.

UPDATE OF COLONY PARK

Director Busby stated an open house meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 6 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Fox Run to present the plans to residents. Anyone with property touching Colony Park will receive a post card inviting them to this meeting. The Army Corp of Engineers now wants to call this land a wildlife habitat migration and leave some of the dead trees for birds and woodpeckers. There will still be a mowed area for walkers and dog walkers. The initial agreement was sent to Director Busby, but he requested a few changes. Jed will take the changes back to Brennan Investment Group. Director Busby is hopeful they will agree to the changes. Commissioner Cooke expressed concerns what residents will think of leaving some dead trees. Director Busby replied that this process will take a few years but he feels the residents will be pleased with the result; especially having the flood prone boardwalk fixed.
DISCUSSION ON CHELMSFORD PROPERTY TESTING

Director Busby suggested tabling this agenda item on the Committee of the Whole as well as item 9B on the Regular Meeting agenda because we did not receive the Village and attorney’s comments back in time. Part of the agreement stated we could do a site assessment to find out if there have been any issues on this property in the past. This test will cost $1,950.00. The four commissioners present were fine with this cost.

OLD BUSINESS

Director Busby spoke with Fr. Fred from Queen of the Rosary yesterday and he was informed that their finance council forwarded the agreement to the Archdiocese. They will meet in the next few weeks to discuss. The church is in the process of raising funds to pay for replacing the parking lot. They are hoping to have raised enough money for the work to be done in the spring of 2019. Fr. Fred is in favor of allowing Rainbow Falls’ patrons to use the parking lot this season, but would like us to patch the potholes. Commissioner Biedke asked if a contract would be written up stating usage of the lot for this season in case the Father leaves the parish.

Commissioner Cooke stated at the last Committee of the Whole meeting he wanted to look into providing transportation to the seniors for events and/or the Adult Center. Director Busby stated his biggest concern is not about insurance, but the availability of buses since camps use them all summer. None of the other Commissioners present supported Commissioner Cooke’s idea to provide transportation for the seniors for many reasons.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cooke moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Commissioner O’Malley seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried