



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

A Regular scheduled meeting of the Elk Grove Park District, Cook County, State of Illinois was held on March 14, 2019 in the Administration Building of said Park District. President Walz called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and upon the roll being called, President Walz, being physically present at such time and place and the following Park Commissioners, also being physically present at said time and place, answered present:

John R. Walz, President, and Commissioner  
William B. O'Malley, Vice President, and Commissioner  
Ralph C. Souder, Commissioner

Absent: Thomas E. Cooke, Treasurer, and Commissioner  
Robert R. Biedke, Secretary, and Commissioner

Administrative Staff:

Ben Curcio, Director of Parks and Planning/Executive Director  
Tom Busby, Executive Director  
Tammy Miller, Director of Leisure Services  
Tom Klaas, Manager, Fox Run Golf Links

Absent: Brad Sholes, Director of Business Services

Visitors: Jeff Collier, Superintendent of Recreation

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Walz questioned if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the February 28, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting, and the February 28, 2019 Regular Meeting.

There being none, the minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Souder moved to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2019 Closed Session Meeting.

Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion.

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Commissioner O'Malley	X		
Commissioner Souder	X		
President Walz	X		

Motion Carried.

## APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT OF BEN CURCIO

Commissioner Souder moved to approve the Agreement for Employment of Ben Curcio as the new Executive Director of the Elk Grove Park District.

Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion.

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<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Commissioner Souder	X		
Commissioner O'Malley	X		
President Walz	X		

Motion Carried.

This contract is effective as of March 1, 2019.

**APPROVAL TO TERMINATE THE  
ARTIST ASSOCIATION AFFILIATE AGREEMENT**

Commissioner Souder moved to approve the termination of the Artist Association affiliate agreement effective May 13, 2019.

Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion.

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Commissioner O'Malley	X		
Commissioner Souder	X		
President Walz	X		

Motion Carried.

The Artist Association had an affiliate agreement similar to the Athletics Associations. They will become a program just like Athletics.

**APPROVAL OF EASEMENT AGREEMENT  
WITH SCHAUMBURG COMMUNITY  
CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 54**

Commissioner Souder moved to approve the Easement Agreement with Schaumburg Community Consolidated School District 54.

Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion.

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Commissioner Souder	X		
Commissioner O'Malley	X		
President Walz	X		

Motion Carried.

Director Busby explained that this is for two easements at Link School. The first one is a temporary staging of equipment and cars during the construction there and the second is a permanent easement for underground drainage.

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President Walz announced that agenda items number 5d and 5e have been tabled.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 19-02**

Commissioner Souder moved to adopt Resolution 19-02:

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING PUBLIC DEPOSITORY AND  
AUTHORIZING WITHDRAWAL OF MUNICIPAL PUBLIC MONEYS**

Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion.

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Commissioner O'Malley	X		
Commissioner Souder	X		
President Walz	X		

Motion Carried

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 401**

Commissioner O'Malley moved to adopt Ordinance 401:

**AN ORDINANCE CODIFYING RULES AND REGULATIONS  
GOVERNING THE USE OF PARKS AND RECREATIONAL  
AREAS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE ELK GROVE PARK  
DISTRICT, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE  
VIOLATION OF SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS,  
PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF POLICE AND REPEALING  
ORDINANCE NO. 168 and ORDINANCE NO. 284 AS HERETOFORE AMENDED**

Commissioner Souder seconded the motion.

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Commissioner Souder	X		
Commissioner O'Malley	X		
President Walz	X		

Motion Carried.

**LEISURE SERVICES UPDATE**

Director Tammy Miller gave the following report:

- Peter Pan Jr performances took place at the Prairie Lakes Theatre in Des Plaines last weekend. Director Miller thanked the parents that volunteered as well as the volunteer staff that worked the ticket booth, concession and ushering. Director Miller also praised Ashley Pratscher for her first production being successful.
- Additional stroke clinic sessions have been added as well as eight additional spots in our spring break Aqua Camp.

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- Stingrays swim team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in their divisional meet recently out of five teams.
- Additional space has been opened for preschool swim lessons due to a large waitlist.
- Our Saturday Youth Group lessons are completely full as well as private swim lessons on the weekends.
- We are looking to hire ten new swim instructors for the summer as well as one or two Aqua Camp counselors.
- Upcoming spring swim events include:
  - Swim with the Bunny – April 13
  - The Mile Swim Challenge – April 27
  - Aquatics Parents Night Out – May 3
  - Water Safety Day – May 18
- We continue to hire lifeguards, as we are getting ready for summer.
- Our entire staff of Pirates’ Cove managers are returning and we have already hired ten attendants. We intend to hire approximately twenty more attendants.
- Our summer camp staff is almost complete with many of our staff returning from last year.
- We have five dance companies that competed at a local competition this past weekend. All five received gold honors and two qualified for a national competition.
- We have a new series of Ballroom dance classes: Swing and Social dancing to a Latin Sampler. No previous dance experience necessary.
- Additional upcoming events include:
  - Celebration of Cultures – April 5
  - Doggy Egg Hunt – April 6
  - Breakfast with the Bunny – April 6
  - Father Son Nerf Battle – April 12
  - Baby & Kids Garage Sale – April 13
  - Carousel Rides with the Bunny – April 17 and April 18

Commissioner Souder stated that Director Miller mentioned many job openings. The Commissioners and staff are proud that we provide many kids with their first job. He shared that Director Curcio started as an intern for the Park District and has worked his way up to the new Executive Director.

## **PARKS AND PLANNING UPDATE**

Director Curcio gave the following update:

- The ice rinks are closed for the season. We were able to keep them open a little longer this year due to the extended cold weather.
- Kudos to Theresa Kyriazes and her staff who have done a great job pruning trees at our 43 parks. Kudos also to Joe Brown and his crew for cleaning up Devon and CAF.

When asked when the fields will be open, Director Curcio stated according to Jeremy Duncan, there is approximately 13” of frost underground, which plays a role determining when we can open the fields. With the warmer weather the past few days the frost is beginning to thaw but if we have another deep freeze it will delay the process.

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Commissioner Souder asked Director Curcio for an update on the process of hiring a new Director of Parks and Planning. Director Curcio responded that first round interviews begin next week.

### **GOLF OPERATIONS UPDATE**

Tom Klaas gave the following update:

- The nicer weather is melting the snow but the course is still very wet.
- The new golf car fleet is starting to be delivered. Sixty of them are here with another fifteen coming tomorrow. We are still on schedule to have the GPS installed at the end of the month.
- All willow trees and been removed and the stump grinding is done.
- Two new greens mowers have been delivered. This was a capitals project.
- There is a Bags tournament tomorrow night at 5:30 p.m. Registration will continue until 5:00 tomorrow.
- The Miller Shoot Out will be the first event of the season on May 3, with a 1:00 shotgun start. Registration begins on Monday.
- Junior Golf registration is open.
- The grounds crew will come back to work next week.

### **BUSINESS SERVICES UPDATE**

Director Busby gave the following update:

- The District's annual Safety Fair was yesterday. The theme was "Sweat the Small Stuff". Anita Healy did a wonderful job producing the event with the help of Pam Mazzoni.
- There are many open summer positions, please check our website for more information and to apply.
- IT is currently working on a comprehensive update project.
- Training dates are scheduled for the second phase of the Google project for staff to attend starts next week.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE**

Executive Director Ben Curcio gave the following update:

- We are very close to getting the permit from MWRD for the new outdoor skate park. Director Curcio apologized for the delay.
- Colony Park Restoration Project is going on. So far, the feedback has been positive. Right now, the park looks bare due to the removal of plants and trees but this in the first phase of a five-year project. We will introduce seeding, new flowers and wild life over the next few years.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Walz thanked Director Busby for his years of service at the Elk Grove Park District stating that on behalf of the Park Board and the community, he wishes him the best in his retirement. President Walz then shared a list of accomplishments during Director Busby's tenure as the Director of Finance and Executive Director. Commissioner O'Malley added that Director Busby has done a fantastic job as the Executive Director. Commissioner Souder added that he truly appreciates everything Director Busby has done for the Park District.

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Director Busby said he has enjoyed his fourteen years at the Elk Grove Park District adding this is a great park district, with great staff, and great volunteers who all work well together. He said the Park District is in great hands with the new Executive Director Ben Curcio.

President Walz asked Director Busby what the number one thing he was proud of accomplishing while he was here. Director Busby replied financially, he is proud to have moved up the District’s Moody’s rating to Aaa. He is also proud to have accomplished finalizing the remodeling Community Athletics Field since that was on the list for more than 10 years and finally he proud of the purchase of the property on Chelmsford. It was a long process but with the help of the Board and staff, the District will now have that land forever.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Commissioner O’Malley moved to authorize Director Curcio to make payment of the bills in the amount of \$305,740.51 for February 28, 2019, \$90,122.32 for March 7, 2019, \$695.00 for March 8, 2019 and \$93,987.45 P-cards March 8, 2019.

Commissioner Souder seconded the motion.

<b>Elk Grove Park District</b>				
<b>SUMMARY LIST OF BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL ON MARCH 14, 2019</b>				
<b><u>SUMMARY BY FUND:</u></b>	<b><u>2/28/2019</u></b>	<b><u>3/7/2019</u></b>	<b><u>3/8/2019</u></b>	<b><u>3/8/2019</u></b> <b>P-cards</b>
CORPORATE FUND	\$ 63,906.47	\$ 11,103.70	\$ 695.00	\$ 24,851.54
AUDIT				
POLICE	\$ 453.27			\$ 199.50
LIABILITY				
RECREATION FUND	\$ 59,802.63	\$ 31,100.03		\$ 44,367.52
PAVING & LIGHTING FUND				
MUSEUM FUND	\$ 408.42	\$ 114.77		\$ 345.07
SPECIAL RECREATION	\$ 154,563.40	\$ 1,450.00		
ASSOCIATIONS	\$ 2,867.12	\$ 10,170.60		\$ 579.41
BOND & INTEREST FUND				
2018 CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 1,725.00	\$ 28,355.26		
2019 CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 3,531.74	\$ 1,333.08		\$ 15,661.01
FOX RUN GOLF LINKS FUND	\$ 18,482.46	\$ 6,494.88		\$ 7,983.40
	\$ 305,740.51	\$ 90,122.32	\$ 695.00	\$ 93,987.45

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Commissioner O’Malley	X		
Commissioner Souder	X		
President Walz	X		

Motion Carried.

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**ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioner Souder moved to adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the purchase or lease of real estate for the use of the public body per 2(c)(5).

Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion.

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Commissioner Souder	X		
Commissioner O'Malley	X		
President Walz	X		

Motion Carried.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

After discussion regarding and real estate, Commissioner Souder moved to reconvene the meeting to Open Session at 7:27 p.m.

Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion.

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Commissioner O'Malley	X		
Commissioner Souder	X		
President Walz	X		

Motion Carried.

The President then re-convened the Regular meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Walz moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of March 14, 2019.

Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion.

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Commissioner Souder	X		
Commissioner O'Malley	X		
President Walz	X		

Motion Carried.

The Regular Meeting of March 14, 2019 was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Biedke, Secretary