



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

A Regular scheduled meeting of the Elk Grove Park District, Cook County, State of Illinois was held on November 9, 2023 in the Administration Building of said Park District. President Walz called the meeting to order at 7:01 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  
Scott Carlson, Secretary, and Commissioner  
Thomas E. Cooke, Treasurer, and Commissioner  
William B. O'Malley, Commissioner

Absent:

Robert R. Biedke, Vice President, and Commissioner

Administrative Staff:

Ben Curcio, Executive Director  
Brad Sholes, Director of Business Services  
Kelly Carbon, Director of Marketing and Communications  
Tiffany Greene, Director of Leisure Services

Visitors:

Allan Crites, Resident

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Walz questioned if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the October 26, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting and the October 26, 2023 Regular meeting.

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

### APPROVAL OF PROPOSED EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

Commissioner Carlson moved to approve the proposed 2024 Employee Health Insurance.

President Walz seconded the motion.

Commissioner Cooke noted that the park district is staying with BlueCrossBlueShield and the premiums increased 7.84%.

President Walz added that this will be the second year with BlueCrossBlueShield and that the new rates are for only one year.

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| <u>Roll Call Vote</u> | <u>Ayes</u> | <u>Nays</u> | <u>Abstain</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Commissioner Carlson  | X           |             |                |
| Commissioner Cooke    | X           |             |                |
| Commissioner O'Malley | X           |             |                |
| President Walz        | X           |             |                |

Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT APPLICATION FROM  
DOYLE SIGNS, INC.**

Commissioner O'Malley moved to approve payment application #1 from Doyle Signs, Inc. of Addison, IL for the Mather Park Digital Display in the amount of \$42,627.45.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

| <u>Roll Call Vote</u> | <u>Ayes</u> | <u>Nays</u> | <u>Abstain</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Commissioner Cooke    | X           |             |                |
| Commissioner O'Malley | X           |             |                |
| Commissioner Carlson  | X           |             |                |
| President Walz        | X           |             |                |

Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT APPLICATION FROM  
INNOVATION LANDSCAPE, INC.**

Commissioner Carlson moved to approve payment application #2 from Innovation Landscape, Inc. of Plainfield, IL for the Windemere Park Playground in the amount of \$127,518.94.

Commissioner Cooke seconded the motion.

Executive Director Curcio stated that the park should be opening in approximately two weeks, weather permitting.

| <u>Roll Call Vote</u> | <u>Ayes</u> | <u>Nays</u> | <u>Abstain</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Commissioner O'Malley | X           |             |                |
| Commissioner Carlson  | X           |             |                |
| Commissioner Cooke    | X           |             |                |
| President Walz        | X           |             |                |

Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT APPLICATION FROM  
HACIENDA LANDSCAPING, INC.**

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Commissioner Cooke moved to approve payment application #3 from Hacienda Landscaping, Inc. of Minooka, IL for the Marshall Park Redevelopment Project in the amount of \$170,998.29.

Commissioner O’Malley seconded the motion.

Executive Director Curcio stated that the park should be open around Memorial Day 2024.

| <u>Roll Call Vote</u> | <u>Ayes</u> | <u>Nays</u> | <u>Abstain</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Commissioner Carlson  | X           |             |                |
| Commissioner Cooke    | X           |             |                |
| Commissioner O’Malley | X           |             |                |
| President Walz        | X           |             |                |

Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER FROM  
UPLAND DESIGN, LTD.**

Commissioner Cooke read the following:

I recommend that the President find that Change Order for a total of \$32,400 is in the best interest of the Park District and otherwise authorized by law and that the President be directed to make such a determination in writing; and further authorized that upon being provided with said written determination from the President, the Executive Director be and hereby is authorized and directed to execute and deliver each such change order.

Commissioner Carlson moved to approve change order #2 from Upland Design, Ltd. for the pickleball court addition to the Marshall Park Redevelopment Project in the amount of \$32,400.00.

Commissioner O’Malley seconded the motion.

Commissioner O’Malley noted that the original scope of work did not include lights. He wants to ensure that the residents are aware of the lights and how they will add value to the park.

The park district will have to go before the Village’s Plan Commission for approval of the new site plan.

| <u>Roll Call Vote</u> | <u>Ayes</u> | <u>Nays</u> | <u>Abstain</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Commissioner Cooke    | X           |             |                |
| Commissioner O’Malley | X           |             |                |
| Commissioner Carlson  | X           |             |                |
| President Walz        | X           |             |                |

Motion carried.

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**ACCEPTANCE OF BID FROM  
HALLORAN & YAUCH, INC.**

Commissioner O’Malley moved to accept the bid from Halloran & Yauch, Inc. of Lake Forest, IL for the Fox Run Irrigation Pump Station Project in the amount of \$255,200.00.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

Commissioner Cooke confirmed with Executive Director Curcio that the bid came in lower than expected.

| <u>Roll Call Vote</u> | <u>Ayes</u> | <u>Nays</u> | <u>Abstain</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Commissioner O’Malley | X           |             |                |
| Commissioner Carlson  | X           |             |                |
| Commissioner Cooke    | X           |             |                |
| President Walz        | X           |             |                |

Motion carried.

**LEISURE SERVICES UPDATE**

Director Greene gave the following update:

- Sheila Ray Adult Center - Membership is currently at 310. Dancing with the Band had 41 participants. The Park District’s first out of state trip to Nashville, TN was a success and enjoyed by 23 participants. The trip to Four Winds Casino on October 25 had 40 participants, and the Sock Monkey Museum small bus trip had 12 participants. Doggie Trick or Treat was very busy with 30 dogs participating.
- Aquatics - All lesson numbers were up in October of 2023 compared to October of 2022 with Preschool Swim Lessons at 53, Private Lessons at 66, Parent/Child Lessons at 22, Youth Swim Lessons at 271, and Adult Lessons at 7. Aqua Wellness numbers were at 940 for the month which is up from 867 last year.
- Athletics, Adult - Adult Bags League is the largest league to date with 51 teams, 33 Competitive and 18 Recreational. Men’s Basketball has 12 teams for the Fall Session II, and this season runs through December 19.
- Athletics, Youth Instruction - Youth Athletics are in Fall Session II. Tennis classes are strong with 28 participants. Hot Shots Sports has 78 participants, and Tumbling Times has 126 participants. The Tumbling Team has 31 athletes for this season. On Sunday, November 19, Elk Grove will host a tumbling meet at the Pavilion. Karate has 74 participants. Volleyball Prep Clinic has 23 participants.
- Athletics, Youth Leagues - The flag and tackle football seasons are wrapping up for 2023. They have one team left in the playoffs. Cheerleading attended their first competition on October 14. Fall Baseball season has ended and Winter Training is scheduled at Elk Grove High School from January-March. Fall Recreational Soccer ended on Saturday, October 28. The Fall Travel Soccer season will wrap up on the weekend of November 4 and 5. Youth Basketball has 337 participants and will have teams at each level.

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- Audubon Skate Park - The park opened for the season on October 7. There were 7 participants for the Skateboarding Workshop and 11 private lessons in the month of October.
- Cultural Arts - Tech Week is underway for the Matilda Jr. cast and crew. Show dates are Friday, November 10 at 6:30 pm and Saturday, November 11 at 2:30 pm and 6 pm.
- Dance - Final totals for fall non-recital and recital dance classes are at 372 total dance registrations which is up 5% from last season. This year's Bring a Bestie Week was our highest attended with 15 new participants coming to experience a dance class.
- Early Childhood - There are 130 children registered for Preschool. On October 24 staff hosted families at Curriculum Open House to preview their child's learning and curriculum tools.
- Fitness Center Programs and Operations - Overall fitness class participation continues to grow in 2023. Total Group Exercise participants for October was 1,951. Personal Training was at 108 sessions for the month of October. Open Gym had 596 drop-ins for the month. The Rejuvenation Area continues to be a hit with 1,751 tracked uses for the month of October.
- Museum - The Museum had a great October with 137 visitors. This included 80 patrons that attended the German American Day event and a visit from the Northern Will County Special Recreation Association later in the month.
- Rentals - 90 rentals for the month of October compared to 81 in October 2022. On October 7 Garden Terrace hosted a Fall Gift Show that welcomed over 200 shoppers.
- School Care Programs - In the month of October Kids Club had 2,028 registrations and School Days Off had 70.
- Special Events - 661 guests attended Halloween Fest. The weather was wonderful and guests enjoyed a pumpkin patch, rides, games, performances, trick or treating and more.
- Youth/Teen Programs - Tween Halloween Night was a success with 35 tweens in attendance all dressed up in their costumes for an evening of fun.
- Upcoming Events and Important Dates:
  - November 10 and 11 - Matilda Jr Production at Forest View Education Center in Arlington Heights
  - November 17 - Parents' Night Out at the Pavilion Aquatics Center
  - November 17 - Murder Mystery Dinner at the Garden Terrace
  - November 25 - Run Fox Run 5K at Fox Run

## PARKS AND PLANNING UPDATE

Director Kosbab is absent. The Parks and Planning update will be combined with the Executive Director's update.

## BUSINESS SERVICES UPDATE

Director Sholes gave the following update:

- Upcoming Events at Fox Run
  - The 39th Annual Turkey Shoot on November 11th is sold out.
  - Guy Dominick will perform on November 22nd

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- Rob Post Band on December 23rd
- Tony Ocean on December 28th

### MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Director Carbon shared the following information:

- Fox Run has a new menu
- Marketing had a promotional table at the Preschool Open House
- Six corporate sponsors paid to attend Halloweenfest and participate in the activities
- The winter brochure has gone to print. It will be delivered to residents on November 20th with registration opening December 4th.
- A link is on the website to take the community wide survey. Hard copies are also available at Customer Service counters.
- The Rotary Club donated to the Parks Foundation. The Foundation provides scholarships to offset the cost of programming. If anyone is interested or wants to apply, please see Customer Service. The application process is confidential. Scholarships are need-based.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Executive Director Curcio gave the following report:

- The winterization of parks and seasonal facilities continues.
- Holiday lights are going up.
- Marshall Park continues to progress with a target opening in late Spring.
- Windemere Park is wrapping up and should be done in about two weeks.
- Dupage County Stormwater has been working to mitigate the flooding situation at Jensen Park North and South. Water has begun to recede.
- Joe Brown will be retiring from the park district after 42 years. His last day will be November 30th.
- Director Kosbab will meet with the residents who are concerned about the sightlines into their home from Windemere Park to discuss landscaping options.

President Walz praised Mr. Brown for his work over the years, especially at the Community Athletic Fields. Every athlete should be thankful for Mr. Brown's efforts.

### ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 23-04

Commissioner Carlson moved to adopt Resolution 23-04:

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE AMOUNTS OF MONEY EXCLUSIVE OF LEVIES FOR DEBT SERVICE AND ELECTION COSTS ESTIMATED TO BE NECESSARY TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION PURSUANT TO THE PROPOSED LEVY OF THE ELK GROVE PARK DISTRICT FOR THE LEVY YEAR 2023.

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 Carlson  | X           |             |                |
| Commissioner Cooke    | X           |             |                |
| Commissioner O’Malley | X           |             |                |
| President Walz        | X           |             |                |

Motion carried.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Commissioner Cooke moved to authorize Executive Director Curcio to make payment of the bills in the amount of \$402,849.12 for October 27, 2023 and \$1,974,862.89 for November 3, 2023.

Commissioner O’Malley seconded the motion.

| <b>ELK GROVE PARK DISTRICT</b>  |                     |                       |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>SUMMARY LIST OF BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL ON NOVEMBER 9, 2023</b> |                     |                       |
| <b>SUMMARY BY FUND:</b>   | <b>10/27/2023</b>   | <b>11/3/2023</b>      |
| CORPORATE FUND  | \$ 61,927.58        | \$1,503,379.32        |
| AUDIT   |                     |                       |
| POLICE  |                     |                       |
| LIABILITY   |                     |                       |
| RECREATION FUND   | \$ 77,710.99        | \$ 34,035.53          |
| PAVING & LIGHTING FUND  |                     | \$ 63,602.90          |
| MUSEUM FUND   | \$ 716.79           | \$ 926.33             |
| SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATIONS   | \$ 2,629.45         | \$ 36,746.76          |
| BOND & INTEREST FUND  |                     |                       |
| CAPITAL PROJECTS  | \$246,256.27        | \$ 323,946.53         |
| FOX RUN GOLF LINKS FUND   | \$ 13,608.04        | \$ 12,225.52          |
|   | <b>\$402,849.12</b> | <b>\$1,974,862.89</b> |

| <u>Roll Call Vote</u> | <u>Ayes</u> | <u>Nays</u> | <u>Abstain</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Commissioner Cooke    | X           |             |                |

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Commissioner O'Malley      X  
Commissioner Carlson      X  
President Walz      X

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cooke moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of November 9, 2023.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

| <u>Roll Call Vote</u> | <u>Ayes</u> | <u>Nays</u> | <u>Abstain</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Commissioner O'Malley | X           |             |                |
| Commissioner Carlson  | X           |             |                |
| Commissioner Cooke    | X           |             |                |
| President Walz        | X           |             |                |

Motion carried.

The Regular Meeting of November 9, 2023 was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Scott Carlson, Secretary