



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

A Regular scheduled meeting of the Elk Grove Park District, Cook County, State of Illinois was held on April 25, 2024 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
Robert R. Biedke, Vice President and Commissioner
Scott Carlson, Secretary and Commissioner
Thomas E. Cooke, Treasurer and Commissioner
William B. O'Malley, Commissioner

Thomas G. Hoffman, Attorney

Administrative Staff:

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

Visitors: Allan Crites, Resident	Maryleigh Burnett, Resident
Vicky Frankel, Resident	Cindy Anich, Resident
John Anich, Resident	Renee Kane, Resident
Michele Krahn, Resident	Shirley Santucci, Resident
Tom Martin, Resident	Lars Lindquist, Resident
Mary Ryback, Resident	Ken Ryback, Resident
Richard Santucci, Resident	Connie Cundiff, Resident
Tom Day, Resident	Diane Day, Resident
Sue Katon, Resident	David Marofske, Resident
Tom Willert, Resident	Susan Bucz, Resident
Lori Christensen, Resident	Richard Nelson, Resident
Al Chavoen, Resident	Sharon Chavoen, Resident
Kathy Katz, Resident	Bill Hlavin, Resident

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Walz questioned if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the April 11, 2024 Regular Meeting.

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

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Commissioner O’Malley moved to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2024 Closed Session Meeting.

Commissioner Biedke seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUEST

Stacy Clift, Rental Services Supervisor and Katherine Loftus, PC/Rentals/Family Program Manager introduced themselves to the Board. The rentals department staff have a combined 40 years of experience working at the park district. They focus on facility rentals rather than athletic rentals. The department restructured in 2021 to include Special Events. With new approaches the department saw a record number of rentals in 2023. Comparing Q1 from 2023 to 2024 they booked 241 and 308 rentals respectively. Quarter two is already up 28% over Quarter two of 2023. This year the Garden Terrace patio will get a refresh as well as Pirates’ Cove. They want to thank the party hosts, bartenders, security and the grounds department for their teamwork and helping to make the department successful. On weekends the park district may have over 2000 people attending events.

Commissioner O’Malley congratulated them on the increase in revenue.

President Walz mentioned that WGN has aired a few clips about Pirates’ Cove that are now available online.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Resident Crites was concerned that he did not see residents listed on his copy of the Efficiency Committee. Executive Director Curcio verified for Resident Crites that Diane Malinowski and Ralph Souder are both residents and on the committee. An updated list will be provided to Resident Crites.

Resident Frankel spoke about promoting pickleball. Resident Frankel does not believe there is a lot of noise associated with pickleball. Children are now taking pickleball lessons so more courts are going to be needed. People enjoy the sport.

Resident Ryback asked the board about the options of courts at Marshall Park and the Pavilion. Lessons are now being taught at Rainbow Falls courts so the players are losing more courts and would like more courts added.

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Resident Martin agrees with the two prior speakers. It bothers him that he has to travel to Schaumburg to play pickleball. The courts at Rainbow Falls are great. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the United States. It has a social aspect to it. Elk Grove does not have enough courts. Resident Martin wondered if residents concerned with noise have visited Rainbow Falls to hear it for themselves.

Resident Day works during the day and wants to be able to play pickleball in the evenings. The health benefits have been wonderful. Residents pay taxes to Elk Grove and would like to be able to stay in the village and play instead of traveling outside of town to find a court. Sometimes 40 to 45 people are playing or waiting to play pickleball.

Resident Frankel stated that Marshall Park would be a perfect place for pickleball and it doesn't seem right that people are complaining about the noise and lights.

Resident Katz stated more lessons equals more players and questioned where all the players are going to go. A lot of people gave up on coming to the Pavilion on Monday nights due to the lack of courts available. Last year the pickleball players had more courts.

Resident Barb Willert asked if the indoor courts could be used for lessons during the summer.

Director Greene stated that summer camps use the indoor facilities but will look at programming for the evening to see if that is an option.

Resident Krahn said it's a supply and demand issue whether it's indoor or outdoor. The pickleball groups are warm and welcoming. She would like the park district to make a future plan to accommodate the growing numbers.

Resident Mary Liebernet stated that she cannot believe how pickleball has expanded over the last several years. She is fully supportive of pickleball.

Resident Lindquist supports pickleball and is looking forward to the courts being built at the WGN site. He does not support pickleball replacing any lighted tennis courts since they are so hard to come by.

Resident Ryback stated that the district has 19 locations for tennis courts and only 1 pickleball location.

Commissioner O'Malley explained that most of the parks do not have parking. Converting tennis courts to pickleball courts could become a parking issue. Some of the tennis courts are also closer to residences than where the Marshall Park courts would be located.

Resident Frankel responded that people park all over the place for baseball games

Commissioner O'Malley noted that baseball games are for a specific time and season while pickleball could create parking issues for several hours over a longer period of time.

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Resident Hlavin stated that he lives 200 feet from the proposed pickleball court. Pickleball has a high frequency noise problem. Inside his house he can hear the construction trucks backing up. He does not want a pickleball court in a small neighborhood park. Resident Hlavin also suggested taking pickleball indoors.

Resident Nelson stated that he is the board president of the Lake Cosman Estates association. He questioned why there are three times as many pickleball supporters here tonight and could have brought more Marshall Park neighbors. Resident Nelson does not want pickleball courts in a condensed residential area. He has requested that the board include indoor pickleball court options.

Resident Martin asked the board when a decision will be made.

President Walz stated that a sound study will be performed at Marshall Park. The study will take a couple of weeks. He approximated the board could decide in four to six weeks. The plan would have to go before the Village Board for approval.

Resident Martin said he preferred to play pickleball outside.

Director Kosbab explained what the sound study will entail. Ambient noise will be measured in the area and then known sound samples from pickleball will be factored in.

Resident Kane stated the pickleball players will hardly be heard over the noise from the splash pad and the children/teenagers playing in the park.

Resident Barb Willert asked what the hold up is with the WGN site.

Commissioner Carlson stated that the project is at least 2 years out. The developer owns the land and is leasing it to the park district for \$1.00 a year for the next 50 years. Pickleball courts will be built by the developer.

Commissioner O'Malley noted that ComEd has to build a substation to supply power to the WGN property.

Resident Ryback would like the restrooms at Rainbow Falls opened before the water park is open for the season, including weekends.

Director Greene will check into the situation.

Resident Cundiff said that residents are not against pickleball. She noted that a number of suburbs are building indoor pickleball courts. Audubon Skate Park could be used. Resident Cundiff also suggested that the majority of the tennis courts at the Pavilion be converted to pickleball. She is concerned that the District is not looking seriously enough at options. Instead of spending so much money on Marshall Park, spread the money around the area more. Resident Cundiff is also concerned about pollution in the area due to vehicles traveling to the park and the

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hours that pickleball players would be present. Mead Park on the west side should also be an option.

Commissioner O’Malley noted that the park was previously a school with cars and buses traveling to the area.

Resident Frankel summarized what she has been hearing this evening stating that everyone loves pickleball but not in their neighborhood.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Cooke asked Executive Director Curcio how notification of the residents by the Village affects the timeline for Marshall Park.

Executive Director Curcio stated that the Village Board would give residents 10 days notice to attend the meeting.

President Walz approximated the last meeting of May or the first meeting of June to make a decision.

Commissioner Carlson stated that the Village would never rezone an industrial building to become pickleball courts due to the loss of tax revenue. The buildout would be approximately two million dollars. Audubon Skate Park would also cost about two million dollars to properly enclose it and the building itself is too small.

Commissioner O’Malley said that he does not want to move pickleball indoors due to costs such as obtaining a building, providing bathrooms and utilities and then staffing it. Most people want to play pickleball outside so the priority should be building courts outside before doing anything inside.

APPROVAL OF SAFETY MANUAL

Commissioner Carlson moved to approve the Safety Manual.

Commissioner Cooke seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

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**ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL FROM F.H. PASCHEN
FOR FITNESS CENTER CARDIO AREA**

Commissioner O’Malley moved to accept the proposal from F.H. Paschen of Chicago, IL through The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Cooperative Group, for the Pavilion Fitness Center Cardio Area Renovation in the amount of \$199,000.00.

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 Biedke	X		
Commissioner Carlson	X		
President Walz	X		

Motion carried.

Commissioner O’Malley requested that Director Kosbab keep the board informed if contingency issues arise.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF TWO SCOREBOARDS
FOR MEAD PARK**

Commissioner O’Malley moved to approve the purchase of two scoreboards form Sievert Electric of Forest Park, IL through Sourcewell contract #030223-DAK for Mead Park in the amount of \$53,186.00.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

Director Kosbab verified for Commissioner Cooke that the scoreboards were smart boards that can be controlled by a phone. Director Kosbab hopes to have the scoreboards installed before the season begins.

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

Motion carried.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Commissioner Cooke had no report.

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Director Kosbab stated that Marshall Park is on track to finish by Memorial Day. Contractors are pouring the splash pad. Re-grading and seeding will be occurring. There is no update on the lighting for the soccer field.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Carlson gave the following report:

Corporate Fund

- \$2,384,349 in property tax was collected in March.
- \$87,978 in PPRT collected in March.
- All expense categories under budget except contractual due to timing of payments.
- YTD of \$2,665,069 compared to a budget of \$2,251,484.

Recreation Fund

- \$1,080,549 in property tax collected in March.
- Fees & Admissions \$328,227 compared to a budget of \$369,942.
- Program fees were \$562,721 compared to a budget of \$584,204.
- All expense categories at or under budget except program supplies and contractual based on timing of payments and utilities.
- YTD of \$1,005,756 compared to a budget of \$722,313.

Golf Fund

- 2,045 rounds played in March
- Fees & Admissions \$139,051 compared to a budget of \$101,362.
- All expense categories are at or near budget YTD except supplies and utilities
- YTD of (\$134,241) compared to a budget of (\$277,551).

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

President Walz gave the following update:

- At tonight's meeting the committee discussed:
 - Approval of the Safety Manual
 - New projects in the Fitness Center
 - Pickleball location sites

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Commissioner Carlson had no report.

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GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE

Commissioner O’Malley gave the following report:

- No report
- Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for next Friday.

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Commissioner Biedke announced that scholarship applications are now closed. The scholarship committee will meet this weekend to review applications. Scholarship winners will be announced at the May 28 Village Board meeting. The park district board will meet with the winners in June.

ADULT CENTER COMMITTEE

Commissioner Cooke reported that the committee met on April 16th. Future activities include trips to Potawatomi and the Chicago Botanic Gardens. The Safari trip to Lake Geneva is sold out. Dancing with the Band is on June 6th. Check out The Buzz for more information.

PAVILION COMMITTEE

Commissioner O’Malley had no report.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 24-03

Commissioner Biedke moved to adopt Resolution 24-03:

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN AUTHORIZED AGENT FOR THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND.

Commissioner Cooke seconded the motion.

Director Sholes explained that our current authorized agent, Christy King, has been in this role for 22 years. She will be retiring at the end of May. Susan McLaughlin is slated to become the new authorized agent.

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

Motion carried.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

Commissioner Biedke moved to authorize Executive Director Curcio to make payment of the bills in the amount of \$116,568.90 for March 2024 P-Cards, \$191,662.33 for April 12, 2024 and \$218,331.55 for April 19, 2024.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

ELK GROVE PARK DISTRICT			
SUMMARY LIST OF BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL ON APRIL 25, 2024			
<u>SUMMARY BY FUND:</u>	<u>March 2024 P-Cards</u>	<u>4/12/2024</u>	<u>4/19/2024</u>
CORPORATE FUND	\$ 24,103.97	\$ 29,546.57	\$ 17,874.06
AUDIT			
POLICE	\$ 3.86		
LIABILITY		\$ 93,067.44	
RECREATION FUND	\$ 60,202.61	\$ 16,245.23	\$ 63,708.61
PAVING & LIGHTING FUND			\$ 1,681.82
MUSEUM FUND	\$ 614.45	\$ 704.75	\$ 133.91
SPECIAL RECREATION			
ASSOCIATIONS	\$ 10,731.38	\$ 5,867.34	\$ 13,066.43
BOND & INTEREST FUND			
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 15,538.94	\$ 40,393.41	\$ 101,608.38
FOX RUN GOLF LINKS FUND	\$ 5,373.69	\$ 5,837.59	\$ 20,258.34
	\$ 116,568.90	\$ 191,662.33	\$ 218,331.55

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

Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Carlson moved to adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing personnel per 2(c)(1).

Commissioner Biedke 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 Biedke	X		
Commissioner Carlson	X		
President Walz	X		

Motion carried.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

After discussion regarding personnel per 2(c)(1) President Walz moved to reconvene the meeting to Open Session at 8:32 p.m.

Commissioner Biedke seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Sholes provided the Board with an update on the Golf Carts at Fox Run.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Walz moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Commissioner Biedke seconded the motion.

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

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Commissioner Biedke X
President Walz X

Motion carried.

The Regular Meeting of April 25, 2024 was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Scott Carlson, Secretary