



Elk Grove Park District Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2024

6:00 p.m.

President Walz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance: President Walz, Commissioner Biedke, Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Cooke, Commissioner O'Malley

Staff: Ben Curcio, Brad Sholes, Tiffany Greene, Mark Kosbab, Kelly Carbon and Becky Cooper

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

None.

DISCUSSION ON SAFETY MANUAL

Becky Cooper provided the Board with a summary of changes to the Safety Manual as part of its five (5) year review. The manual will be reduced in size due to the updates. Employees are notified of the changes and required to sign receipt of the changes in the employee portal.

DISCUSSION ON FITNESS CENTER

Director Kosbab provided an overview of the project. The contractor will remove walls in the training and massage areas to make room for the functional fitness equipment and the relocation of the cardio equipment. Demolition will occur after hours. A temporary wall will be built to allow construction to continue during open hours. The project is expected to come in under the \$280,000.00 that was budgeted. Director Greene noted that the cardio equipment is a planned capital project. Replacement pieces will be upgraded versions of the same type of machine. As a result of member surveys some of the cardio equipment will include television screens. Trade-in values reflect the condition of the equipment. The target date for the cardio equipment to arrive is August with the functional training area due to be completed in September.

DISCUSSION ON PICKLEBALL

Executive Director Curcio shared the locations of ten (10) pickleball sites reviewed by staff in the report provided to the Commissioners. There are five (5) sites recommended in order of preference with Marshall Park at the top of the list. Included in the report are approximate costs. Director Kosbab explained that a sound study will be performed at Marshall Park and the data collected can be applicable to the other sites.

Comments from Commissioners and staff regarding various sites include:

Pavilion site - One (1) tennis court needs to remain due to programming. Four (4) to six (6) pickleball courts could be built at the location. Over a four (4) day period, twenty-three (23)

tennis players at the Pavilion courts responded to a survey with twenty-two (22) opposed to having pickleball courts at the same location.

CAF site - One of the lower fields would have to be removed and the gates left open to accommodate day and evening pickleball players. Parking would be an issue during evening and weekend times.

Mead site - The park is being considered for an OSLAD grant. Parking may be an issue during school and other busy times.

Marshall Park - According to staff, this park is the most ideal location. The park is centrally located and the only one in the area. Parking is ample and can be expanded if needed. Restrooms are on-site.

Commissioner O'Malley questioned security and how to limit non-residents using the courts. Commissioner Cooke suggested a membership program with a scan card entry system. Commissioner Carlson would like to review the results of the sound study. President Walz stated that the top three (3) choices are Marshall Park, Pavilion and Mead Park.

Executive Director Curcio and Director Greene noted that once the WGN courts are built and surrounding Park Districts continue adding pickleball courts that there will be less non-residents coming to Elk Grove Village to play.

NEW BUSINESS

With the Fitness Center undergoing renovations, Director Carbon expressed that it was an ideal time to rebrand the facility. Logo examples were provided and the consensus was for Option #2.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.