



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

A Regular scheduled meeting of the Elk Grove Park District, Cook County, State of Illinois was held on June 27, 2024 in the Administration Building of said Park District. President Walz called the meeting to order at 7:05 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
Kelly Carbon, Director of Marketing and Communications
Mark Kosbab, Director of Parks and Planning
Tiffany Greene, Director of Leisure Services
Brad Sholes, Director of Business Services

Visitors: Bill Hlavin, Resident	Cameron McCorry, Scholarship Winner
Helen Hlavin, Resident	Jenna Kolcz, Scholarship Winner
Cornelia Marceau Cundiff, Resident	Scott Saxe, Parks Foundation Scholarship
Frank Czarnik, FJC Scholarship	Natalie Auyeung, Scholarship Winner
Ariana Trausch, Scholarship Winner	Maggie Maher, Scholarship Winner
Jeff Snyder, Resident	Nicholas Romano, Scholarship Winner
Mary Lynn Jellison, Resident	Lia Kim, Scholarship Winner
Chuck Jellison, Resident	Reese Gbur, Scholarship Winner
John McCorry, Resident	Michelle McCorry, Resident
Kahnishga Solaidurairaj, Scholarship Winner	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Walz questioned if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the June 13, 2024 Pavilion Committee Meeting and the June 13, 2024 Regular Meeting.

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

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Scott Saxe, President of the Elk Grove Parks Foundation introduced himself and announced the 2024 Youth Scholarship winners. The Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides

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scholarships to local residents. This year the foundation awarded two scholarships to Elk Grove Village high school seniors based upon community service. The scholarship was open to any high school graduating Senior who resides in Elk Grove Village. Twenty-one students applied. The Foundation awarded 2 scholarships from the pool of applicants while the Village chose an additional five students for their scholarships.

Lia Kim was introduced as one of the Parks Foundation Youth Scholarship recipients. Ms. Kim has previously volunteered with the Special Events Department at the park district. She will be attending the University of Iowa and plans to major in Biology. Ms. Kim is interested in pursuing cancer research.

Frank Czarnik, Jr. then introduced himself. Mr. Czarnik's organization awarded 11 students this year with the Frank J. Czarnik/Jim Heffern Memorial Scholarship. The group has been awarding scholarships for 18 years. The scholarships are entirely funded by an annual golf outing. This year the golf outing will be held on August 9th. Recipients of the scholarships were required to be residents of the Village and to submit an essay detailing how they have given back to their communities. Since its inception, the organization has awarded \$106,000 in scholarships to Elk Grove Village high school graduating seniors.

The Frank J. Czarnik/Jim Heffern Memorial Scholarship winners were introduced and provided a short commentary. The recipients in attendance were:

- Natalie Auyeung - Natalie will be attending the University of Illinois in Urbana/Champaign and will be majoring in Mechanical Engineering. She began an engineering group for District 54 5th and 6th grade girls to introduce them to engineering concepts. Through this group she hoped to inspire, improve her leadership skills and become a role model.
- Maggie Maher - Maggie will be attending Lewis University where she plans on playing soccer and majoring in Sports Management. She gave back to her community through her LTS class at Elk Grove High school. Ms. Maher wants to continue to inspire and be involved.
- Ariana Traush - Ariana will be attending Lewis University where she will be playing softball and majoring in Digital Media/Journalism/Radio-TV-Broadcast. She became involved with her community through her LTS class and by being a photojournalist at school.
- Nicholas Romano - Nick was a patrol officer at Link and a member of the Conant Cougar pep club. He has also been a junior camp counselor and taught swim lessons. Mr. Romano will be attending university in the fall and majoring in accounting.
- Lia Kim - Lia was also awarded the Parks Foundation Scholarship tonight. Another accomplishment of note is that Lia obtained her CNA license while in high school.
- Kahnishga Solaidurairaj - Kahnishga will be attending the University of Illinois at Chicago where she will be majoring in Computer Science. She was inspired by Girls Who Code and organized her own online group. Each season the group chose a different coding language to learn.

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- Cameron McCory - Cameron will be attending Augustana where he will be playing volleyball and majoring in Chemistry. While in high school, Cameron was a member of the Nation pep group and helped out at the school's annual craft fair. Cameron also volunteered with the Hometown Parade.
- Jenna Kolcz - Jenna will be attending Grinnell College and majoring in BioChemistry with an interest in neuroscience. She was a member of the Junior Teen Advisory Group at the library and began working with the Leo Club in 7th grade. Ms. Kolcz is also a violinist and performs in a number of ensembles. She plans to continue giving back to her community.
- Reese Gbur - Reese will be attending the University of Wisconsin at Madison where she will be majoring in Human Development and Family Studies with the hope of becoming a pediatric psychiatrist. She is a CNA and has worked concessions and with her LTS class while in high school. She also liked volunteering in local homeless shelters because it offered her a chance to work with and meet new people.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Resident Jeff Snyder stepped forward to compliment the park district on Marshall Park. He is impressed with the work and the layout of the park. Resident Snyder stated that more parking could be added and that he is pleased that the soccer field will have lights because not many fields in the area are lit. He believes the district has done a good job with minimizing light spillover. He added that the exercise equipment in Marshall Park is a useful amenity and believes the sound mitigation for the future pickleball courts will work. He lives by Johnson Park and requested that bike trails and a pedestrian walkway be added to the plans when the park is up for redevelopment. Resident Snyder also suggested that additional signage be installed at Johnson Park to more readily identify that the park is named after Lady Bird Johnson and that Marshall Park be renamed to honor Daniel Cook whose name originally adorned the school at that location. Resident Snyder finished his commentary by thanking the Board for placing Public Communication early in the agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

Executive Director Curcio noted that staff have received an email about buses at Marshall Park. Staff have been proactively addressing the issue and reaching out to neighboring park districts to alert them of the no bus policy. The park district and NWSRA are partners and arrangements will be made for their groups. Commissioner O'Malley requested that staff email the resident and explain the NWSRA situation.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Carlson:

- He has not experienced any parking in the streets when visiting Marshall Park and feels that parking will be fine.

Commissioner Biedke:

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- He has also visited Marshall Park and saw a number of available parking spaces.

Commissioner O'Malley:

- He would like the Daily Herald and the Elk Grove Journal to correct the number of pickleball courts currently available. The park district has only 6 full-time pickleball courts. Basketball courts in the Pavilion are converted during assigned open gym hours to create six more courts in an effort to meet demand.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Commissioner Cooke gave the following report:

- The village has approved pickleball courts with lighting.
- Staff will put together bid packets to go out in July with fencing and pickleball glass as options
- The board and staff will follow up and possibly visit the pickleball glass installation in Sycamore that is due to be completed in early August
- Approval for the sound mitigation project may be on the agenda for the 2nd board meeting in August
- Fitness Center demolition was halted due to permitting issues which should be resolved in a week or so. Demolition has been rescheduled to begin July 8th.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Carlson gave the following report:

Corporate Fund

- \$76,474 in property tax collected in May.
- \$189,712 in PPRT collected in May.
- All expense categories under budget.
- YTD of \$2,178,902 compared to a budget of \$1,656,218.

Recreation Fund

- \$34,657 in property tax collected in May.
- Fees & Admissions \$563,423 compared to a budget of \$661,953.
- Program fees were \$949,263 compared to a budget of \$1,075,046.
- All expense categories at or under budget except program contractual.
- YTD of \$350,577 compared to a budget of (\$111,346).

Golf Fund

- 6,160 rounds played in May. 12,470 rounds played compared to 10,113 last year.
- Fees & Admissions \$502,196 compared to a budget of \$343,460.
- All expense categories are at or under budget.

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- Driving Range YTD of \$41,590 compared to a budget of \$12,596.
- YTD of \$6,866 compared to a budget of (\$517,729).
- NOTE: Capital projects that have been budgeted in the golf fund are affecting overall YTD numbers with the \$380,035 budgeted year to date, but only \$104,044 spent year to date contributing a variance of \$275,992 in actual versus budget.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

President Walz gave the following update:

- Tonight the committee discussed an alternative for pickleball court sound mitigation
- Approximately 8 public meetings have been held regarding the Marshall Park project
- The pickleball glass installation in Sycamore is scheduled for August 7th at which time staff and board members can see the product in person
- Pickleball glass does seem to check all the requirements for sound mitigation, aesthetics, safety and security.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Commissioner Carlson had no report.

GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE

Commissioner O'Malley had no report.

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Commissioner Biedke announced that Rainbow Falls will host a teen night on July 19th for students in 6th through 11th grade. Hours for the event are 8:15 pm to 10:15 pm. The event is weather dependent so please watch the website and social media for updates.

ADULT CENTER COMMITTEE

Commissioner Cooke met with the committee on June 18th. Upcoming events include:

- Anderson Gardens trip on July 15th
- Ice Cream Social on July 17th
- White Sox Game on July 31st
- A 4-Day Summer Adventure Camp in August

PAVILION COMMITTEE

Commissioner O'Malley met with the committee on June 13th. They discussed the Fitness Center project, the blood pressure machine, and policies and procedures with regards to assisting or removing Fitness Center patrons. Staff will follow up to ensure all cameras are working and

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verify who has access to footage. Staff will continue to make sure that all Silver Sneakers and Active Renew patrons scan in. Superintendent Collier gave an update on rentals and events.

President Walz asked which staff members have access to the cameras if an incident occurs. Executive Director Curcio verified that the IT Manager and the Risk Manager would have access to the cameras and turn over any footage necessary to the police. The recent fight at Rainbow Falls was made available to staff for training purposes. An approval process is in place if a staff member requests to see footage. The current camera system sends out a report if a camera is malfunctioning or inoperable.

NEW BUSINESS

NWSRA BOARD APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Cooke moved to appoint Executive Director Ben Curcio as the Elk Grove Park District’s Representative to the Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA) Board.

Commissioner Carlson 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.

ORDINANCE 445

Commissioner O’Malley moved to adopt Ordinance 445: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the sale, transfer and conveyance of certain used personal property.

Commissioner Biedke seconded the motion.

Director Sholes stated that this ordinance allows for the recycling of the old phone system.

<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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PAYMENT OF BILLS

Commissioner Biedke moved to authorize Executive Director Curcio to make payment of the bills in the amount of \$144,698.69 for May 2024 P-Cards, \$122,769.43 for June 14, 2024 and \$611,539.67 for June 21, 2024.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

ELK GROVE PARK DISTRICT			
SUMMARY LIST OF BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL ON JUNE 27, 2024			
<u>SUMMARY BY FUND:</u>	<u>May 2024</u> <u>P-Cards</u>	<u>6/14/2024</u>	<u>6/21/2024</u>
CORPORATE FUND	\$ 31,290.30	\$ 12,315.16	\$ 9,708.65
AUDIT			
POLICE	\$ 2.98		
LIABILITY			
RECREATION FUND	\$ 75,088.06	\$ 64,595.40	\$ 22,063.08
PAVING & LIGHTING FUND			
MUSEUM FUND	\$ 283.71	\$ 163.11	\$ 16.71
SPECIAL RECREATION			
ASSOCIATIONS	\$ 12,998.16	\$ 15,094.64	\$ 22,567.70
BOND & INTEREST FUND			
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 12,931.43	\$ 20,520.80	\$ 538,127.29
FOX RUN GOLF LINKS FUND	\$ 12,104.05	\$ 10,080.32	\$ 19,056.24
	\$ 144,698.69	\$ 122,769.43	\$ 611,539.67

<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.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

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Commissioner Biedke moved to adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing personnel per 2(c)(1) and litigation per 2(c)(11).

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

After discussion regarding personnel per 2(c)(1) and litigation per 2(c)(11) President Walz moved to reconvene the meeting to Open Session at 8:47 p.m.

Commissioner O'Malley 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

Commissioner Cooke initiated the discussion on integrating Pickleball Courts into the inline rink at Mead Park. He proposed that the Board explore this possibility to introduce Pickleball facilities to the west part of town.

Director Curcio informed the Board about an ongoing survey at the inline courts in Mead Park, gauging residents' interest in having Pickleball courts installed there. The survey results will be presented to the Board for further consideration.

Additionally, Director Curcio facilitated a conversation regarding resident feedback on installing a permanent home run fence at the softball fields in Mead Park. He mentioned that a solution has been devised to implement a custom fence that would serve as a temporary homerun barrier. This

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temporary fence would be erected during the Spring and Fall seasons, aiming to address residents' concerns effectively.

Commissioner O'Malley emphasized the importance of ensuring all Advisory Board members are up-to-date with their term years and staying informed about upcoming elections. He requested that staff provide timely recommendations to the Board regarding incumbents and potential replacements as needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Walz moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Commissioner O'Malley 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.

The Regular Meeting of June 27, 2024 was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Scott Carlson, Secretary