



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

A Regular scheduled meeting of the Elk Grove Park District, Cook County, State of Illinois was held on August 8, 2024 in the Administration Building of said Park District. President Walz called the meeting to order at 7:06 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

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: Allan Crites, Resident	Lori Christensen, Resident
Cornelia Marceau Cundiff, Resident	Mike Griffin, Resident
Bill Hlavin, Resident	Helen Hlavin, Resident

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

There being none, the minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote, 5-0.

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Amelia Deering introduced herself. She is the park district's Farmhouse Museum Curator. Ms. Deering was hired by the park district in May of 2023. Current attendance numbers at the Museum are surpassing pre-covid numbers. Archaeology Day is this Saturday, August 10th. The event has over 200 people interested in attending on Facebook. Several families have been introduced to the museum through connections with the summer library programs. The current exhibit is History Reimagined which is a collaborative effort with the Elk Grove Artist Association. The museum hosted over 100 attendees for the Easter egg hunt. This fall the museum will host the Biergarten event. The next exhibit will open in the fall and will highlight community connections. Ms. Deering feels that the museum is now more connected to the park district. Museum employee Michael Stachnik will be retiring this October after 16 years.

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Deanna Rafidia then introduced herself. She is the Cultural Arts and Special Events Manager. Ms. Rafidia thanked Amelia for putting the Farmhouse Museum on the map. Some of the special events that occurred this summer were Play, Picnic, Party and the Art and Cultural events that were held in various parks throughout the district. The district hosted four Movie in the Park nights which included one “drive-in” type due to weather. Ms. Rafidia thanked Dustin and the IT Department for taking care of the set up for the movie nights. The Theatre Camp had 43 campers this summer with 420 tickets sold for the performance. Upcoming events include the campout at Pirates’ Cove and Halloweenfest.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Resident Cundiff wanted to comment on the density of patrons at Marshall Park. The children playing in the park are having a wonderful time but at times there are too many people in the park. The park district needs to keep addressing the groups and camps using the park. The National Park Foundation has a density recommendation and Resident Cundiff believes that the park is over the threshold which could lead to safety and lack of resource issues. Resident Cundiff would also like the park district to continue looking at converting the tennis courts on Biesterfield to pickleball courts due to what she sees as a lack of use. Resident Cundiff also expressed concern regarding the landscaping in the grass area between the front part of the parking lot and the sidewalk on Chelmsford.

President Walz responded to Resident Cundiff’s concerns. He stated that pickleball has already been approved for Marshall Park. The only decision remaining is the barrier and soundproofing. Some of the commissioners will be going out to Sycamore to see the private installation of the product the district is considering. The Sycamore project should be ready to view around August 20th. Staff will look into the landscaping in the grassy area Resident Cundiff noted.

APPROVAL OF ATHLETICS ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

Commissioner Carlson moved to approve that the following individuals be appointed to serve a two-year term as an advisory member to the following boards:

Elk Grove Youth Soccer Advisory Board:

Rachel Cieslak
Ravinder Judge

Elk Grove Youth Baseball Advisory Board:

Richard Andresen

Commissioner Cooke 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		

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Commissioner O'Malley X
President Walz X

Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PAY REQUEST FROM HALLORAN & YAUCH, INC.
FOR FOX RUN IRRIGATION PROJECT**

Commissioner O'Malley moved to accept the pay request from Halloran & Yauch, Inc. of Lake Forest, IL for the Fox Run Irrigation Pump Station Project in the amount of \$160,200.00

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

Director Sholes explained that the previous pump was 20 years old and needed to be replaced.

<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.

**APPROVAL OF PAY REQUEST FROM SIEVERT ELECTRIC
FOR MEAD PARK SCOREBOARDS**

Commissioner Cooke moved to approve the pay request from Sievert Electric Service and Sales Company of Forest Park, IL for the Mead Park Wireless Scoreboards in the amount of \$53,186.00

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

President Walz explained to the public that this is only for the scoreboards and is for work that has already been completed at Mead Park.

<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.

APPROVAL OF PAY REQUEST FROM PAVE WORKS

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FOR MARSHALL PARK PARKING LOT

Commissioner Cooke moved to approve the pay request from Pave Works, Inc. of River Forest, IL for the parking lot improvements at Marshall Park in the amount of \$101,300.00

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

Director Kosbab described the scope of the work completed. Directional arrows to aid in traffic flow are still to be added.

<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.

APPROVAL OF PAY REQUEST FROM MIDWEST FIELD SOLUTIONS FOR LIONS PARK

Commissioner Carlson moved to approve the pay request from Midwest Field Solutions of Elk Grove Village, IL for the infield renovations at Lions Park in the amount of \$122,500.00

Commissioner Biedke seconded the motion.

Director Kosbab described the scope of the work completed and stated that the fields are greatly improved.

<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.

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS FROM HACIENDA LANDSCAPING FOR MARSHALL PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Commissioner Biedke moved to approve Change Orders #4 and #6 from Hacienda Landscaping, Inc. of Minooka, IL for the Marshall Park Redevelopment Project in the amount of \$25,356.00 recommending that the President find that Change Order #4 and #6 for a total of \$25,356.00 is in the best interest of the Park District and otherwise authorized by law and that the President be

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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 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.

APPROVAL OF BID FROM ABSOLUTE HOME IMPROVEMENT FOR RAINBOW FALLS PAINTING PROJECT

Commissioner Biedke moved to approve the bid from Absolute Home Improvement and Cleaning Services, Inc. of Highland Park, IL for sandblasting and painting the Leisure Pool for the Rainbow Falls Painting Project in the amount of \$104,500.00.

Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion.

Commissioner Cooke verified with Director Kosbab that the amount was \$104,500.00.

<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.

LEISURE SERVICES UPDATE

Director Greene gave the following update:

- Sheila Ray Adult Center - The Sheila Ray Adult Center's membership is at 311 members. In July, 18 people traveled to Anderson Garden and 16 attended the White Sox vs. Royals Game. The Ice Cream Social had 58 participants, and a special thank you to the Friends of Cycling for providing rides on their trishaw. The SRAC will begin accepting donations for the annual Rummage Sale starting August 6. Donations can be dropped off at the Hattendorf Center.

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- Aquatics - There were 73 Private Lessons in July, and 280 total swim lesson participants. Aqua Wellness numbers were at 1,648 for the month. In July there were 162 participants in Aqua Camp.
- Athletics, Adult - The Summer Outdoor Pickleball League began on July 25 with 14 teams playing at Rainbow Falls Pickleball Courts. The season will run through August 29. Registration is currently open for the Fall Softball and Basketball seasons.
- Athletic, Youth Instruction/Camp - Youth Volleyball is in its first session and there are 28 participants in the two classes. Sports Camp had 379 registrations. For Tennis, there are 18 participants. Hot Shots Sports has 51 enrolled. Tumbling Times has 64 registrants.
- Audubon Skate Park - Skate Camp had 28 campers in July.
- Cultural Arts - Art Camp is averaging 27 campers per week. Art @ the Park events have seen roughly 75 participants each week. Theatre Camp performed Alice in Wonderland Jr. on July 24th and 25th. Theatre Camp had 43 campers.
- Dance - Twenty-four of our Ignite Jr and Ignite Sr dancers traveled to Galveston, Texas to compete in Groove Dance Nationals July 5-9. The groups earned many 1st-3rd place awards and Top 10 placements for our 33 entries. Fall dance registration began on July 29 for Residents and opened on August 5 for Non-Residents. The Pavilion Dance Center is offering over 40 classes a week in our four dance studios for dancers ages 3 to Adult.
- Early Childhood - Preschool registration is at 126 students for the 2024-25 school year.
- Fitness Center Programs and Operations - Total Group Exercise Participants for July was 1,769. Personal training was at 123 sessions for the month. Open Gym had 546 drop-ins for the month. The Rejuvenation Area had 1,672 tracked uses in July
- Museum - On July 6th the Museum hosted Dairy Day which brought over 100 visitors to the Museum campus.
- Pirates' Cove - There were 8,746 total daily admissions in July.
- Rainbow Falls - Rainbow Falls had 24,232 total daily admissions in July.
- Rentals - There were 145 rentals for the month of July.
- School Care Programs - Youth Camps had the following registrations in July: Explorer 84, Voyager 190, Summer Scene 79, Before/After at Pavilion 233 and the new Before/After at Rainbow Falls 70.
- Special Events - Play, Picnic, Party was held on July 14th with over 1,000 attendees at the event.
- Upcoming Events & Important Dates:
 - August 29 - Under the Stars: Senior Dance Night at Garden Terrace. Registration required.
 - August 30 - Teens Neon Night at Pirates' Cove. Registration required.

PARKS AND PLANNING UPDATE

Director Kosbab gave the following update:

- Newberry playground is just about finished. Staff is working to complete some concrete work for benches and curbing.
- The Construction/Special Projects Crew began working on Clark Park last week and is finishing up the removal of the old playground and will begin installation of the new equipment soon.

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- Marshall Park is almost completed. The contractor is working to complete the punch list items and is expecting to close out the original project in September.
- The Mead Park Scoreboards have been installed. Parks and Planning staff met the Athletics staff at the park and walked them through the process of controlling the scoreboards using the smart phone technology or an iPad.
- The Dugout Covers for Appleseed, Heffern, Osborn and Clark Parks have finally arrived and are awaiting installation later this fall.
- Staff received three bids for Marshall Park pickleball and are reviewing them.
- The pickle glass project in Sycamore is slated to be completed August 20th. This is a private project and not available for the public to visit.

President Walz asked about the timeline for pickleball at Marshall Park and when the temporary fencing will come down.

Director Kosbab responded that the schedule will be tight to complete pickleball this year so the project may not be ready until spring. Some of the temporary fencing will be coming down soon. The fencing around the soccer field will remain up.

BUSINESS SERVICES UPDATE

Director Sholes gave the following update:

- Upcoming events at Fox Run:
 - 8/30 - Nine and Stein - 4 Person Scramble
 - 9/29 - Pig Roast - Golf and Food Only packages available
 - 10/5 - Par 3 Challenge - 18 holes of all Par 3's
 - 10/26 - Superintendent's Revenge - the hardest 18 holes staff can set up

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Director Carbon shared the following information:

- In July there were 287K views on the EGPD website. Most viewed pages were Pirates' Cove and Rainbow Falls.
- Professional photos will be taken this week of the fields and the Hattendorf Center. The Hattendorf Center will be staged as a rental for the photoshoot.
- The Duck Race is on Sunday at 6 pm. All proceeds go to the Parks Foundation.
- Five groups from the park district will be participating in the Hometown Parade on September 21st.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Executive Director Curcio wanted to give a shout out to all staff for a successful summer, especially the part-time/seasonal staff for their hard work and dedication.

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OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner O'Malley would like to see at least one of the tennis courts on Biesterfield converted to pickleball courts. Lessons could then be moved to the new Biesterfield courts, keeping the courts at Rainbow Falls open during prime-time playing hours.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Commissioner O'Malley moved to authorize Executive Director Curcio to make payment of the bills in the amount of \$153,573.91 for June 2024 P-Cards, \$478,696.52 for July 12, 2024, \$144,014.76 for July 19, 2024, \$297,736.25 for July 26, 2024 and \$88,105.57 for August 2, 2024.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

ELK GROVE PARK DISTRICT					
SUMMARY LIST OF BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL ON AUGUST 8, 2024					
<u>SUMMARY BY FUND:</u>	<u>June 2024</u> <u>P-Cards</u>	<u>7/12/2024</u>	<u>7/19/2024</u>	<u>7/26/2024</u>	<u>8/2/2024</u>
CORPORATE FUND	\$ 28,488.34	\$ 39,999.76	\$ 12,576.58	\$ 77,953.25	\$ 2,006.37
AUDIT					
POLICE	\$ 3.37	\$ 2,088.51			
LIABILITY		\$ 93,067.44			
RECREATION FUND	\$ 72,064.42	\$ 92,043.92	\$ 68,947.53	\$ 66,070.60	\$ 24,493.14
PAVING & LIGHTING FUND					
MUSEUM FUND	\$ 1,001.91	\$ 386.06	\$ 17.09	\$ 1,698.71	\$ 89.04
SPECIAL RECREATION					
ASSOCIATIONS	\$ 18,140.02	\$ 9,895.80	\$ 31,673.34	\$ 10,564.05	\$ 20,571.41
BOND & INTEREST FUND					
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 25,914.05	\$ 238,792.88	\$ 12,694.61	\$ 120,572.79	\$ 37,118.31
FOX RUN GOLF LINKS FUND	\$ 7,961.80	\$ 2,422.15	\$ 18,105.61	\$ 20,876.85	\$ 3,827.30
TOTAL	\$ 153,573.91	\$ 478,696.52	\$ 144,014.76	\$ 297,736.25	\$ 88,105.57

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner O'Malley
Commissioner Biedke

Ayes

X
X

Nays

Abstain

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Commissioner Carlson	X
Commissioner Cooke	X
President Walz	X

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Carlson moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:48 p.m.

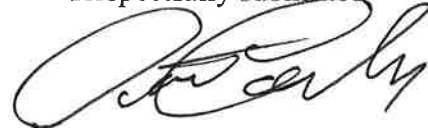
Commissioner Biedke seconded the motion.

<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.

The Regular Meeting of August 8, 2024 was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Scott Carlson, Secretary