



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 22, 2024 in the Administration Building of said Park District. President Walz called the meeting to order at 7:02 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
Helen Hlavin, Resident
Mike Griffin, Resident
Nieca Hickland, Resident
Irene Faciano, Employee
Tami Massaro, Resident
Joe Massaro, Resident
Donna Jensen, Resident
Carrie Ralls, Resident
Kevin O'Halloren, Resident
Jeff Olson, Resident
Ami Heng, Resident
Sylvia Betkowski, Resident
Bob Fecarotta, Resident
Matt Smith, Resident
Anthony Coletta - Resident, President. EGGS
Jessica Graham - Resident, Ways & Means - EGGS

Karen Bolek, Resident
Stephanie Heidenreich, Resident
Janet Komperda, Resident
Gred Komperda, Resident
Kevin Roberts, Resident
Claudia Venanca, Resident
Don Ralls, Resident
Chris Jensen, Resident
Loretta O'Halloren, Resident
Linda Attore, Resident
Tyler Heidenreich, Resident
Renee Tanner, Resident
Kim Serafini, Resident
Khalil Khourshid, Resident
Allan Crites, Resident

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Walz questioned if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the August 8, 2024 Committee of the Whole and the August 8, 2024 Regular Meeting.

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

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Irene Faciano, Youth Manager at the park district, introduced herself. The park district welcomed 529 campers this summer. The children were divided into different camps and participated in organized activities. For the first time the park district offered before/after camp care at Rainbow Falls. This summer the district had 102 campers registered for the before/after camp programs.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Resident Crites expressed his opinion regarding pickleball glass and verified that a park district employee had viewed the product in Florida while the employee was attending a conference.

Resident Ralls expressed concern regarding communication with residents, the scope of the project at Mead, not getting input from the neighbors, parking, moving softball to other parks and the proximity of the home run fence to her property.

Resident Griffin spoke regarding how the lack of a home run fence makes for obstruction while umpiring.

President of EGGS and Resident Coletta noted that the Mead fields are the only multi field park for softball and it can be used for all levels of play. Scoreboards, fences and chalking/dragging the fields add value. The Mead fields are used by girls softball 75% of the time and are rented out 25% of the time. Elk Grove is the only town in the league that does not have home run fences for softball.

Resident Jensen is concerned about how the noise level of the park has increased and would like more landscaping along the path at Mead Park.

EGGS Board Member and Resident Smith spoke of how the fences will aid in the development of the players' skills and more closely mimic what the girls will experience in softball as they continue with the sport.

Resident Heng asked the Board to choose the needs of the 600 students at Mead School over the 120 softball players and what is best for the community that lives there.

Resident Massaro expressed concerns that the decision will be made in favor of 190 softball players over the 671 students at Mead School who need the fields to be open for cross country and physical education. Resident Massaro also asked for a needs assessment regarding the home run fence.

Resident Heidenreich wants the Board to consider the impact of the fences on students at Mead Park and to move softball to alternative fields.

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Resident Serafina asked if the temporary fence will remain up, will there be pickleball at Mead Park and about a Google survey asking about pickleball and inline.

President Walz and Commissioner O'Malley confirmed for the residents that Mead Park is going to be renovated in 2027. The current estimated budget for the project is one million dollars.

Resident Roberts spoke about how the home run fences will enhance the players' experience and help them develop skills. He stated that it is more difficult to umpire a game without a fence and that the girls really need one.

Minor Owen talked about not wanting a fence so he and his friends could play.

Resident Demetrio asked for a rendering to better visualize the home run fence.

Resident Jensen stated that the ice rinks are an eyesore in the winter and that the lights are on all night.

Resident Heng wants the park district to use the money that was allocated for the project to go towards financial assistance for players.

President Walz noted the Parks Foundation provides scholarships for programs.

Resident D. Walz stated that the fence does not aid in player development and that the girls can't hit that far.

Resident Fecarotta asked what School District 54 had to say about the project and noted that cross country and track and field events could be remapped.

Resident Bolek spoke about how track and field utilizes both the field and the parking lot and that the school should be able to use the land.

Resident Bald is a coach and said that the kids loved when the scoreboards were turned on. The players were very proud. Fences will further enhance the experience.

Resident Burns expressed that the fields should not be bound to what the fields were in the past. CAF was a flagship and the district needs to figure out where the best place for softball is.

Resident Cundiff empathized with the Mead Park residents and stated that the issue is communication and a commitment to the community. Resident Cundiff stated that residents are no longer using Marshall Park due to crowds. Additional concerns were the lights being on all night and the lack of landscaping in certain areas.

Minors Ann and Ellie said they were excited for the home run fences and how it would be a cool accomplishment and a dream come true to hit a ball over the fence.

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Resident Frank stated the softball field improvements have been needed and discussed for years. Boys teams have always been supported. A lack of amenities takes away the joy for girl players. The west side of the village has always complained that the park district doesn't do anything on their side. He continued by saying that the park district wants to do something on the west side and now the residents are complaining.

Executive Director Curcio stated that District 54 had been contacted. Director Greene noted that she spoke with the Superintendent of Facilities and they were supportive and said staff will adapt. Director Kosbab also spoke with Mead's Principal and the principal said that the fences will not negatively impact the students and staff will adapt.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner O'Malley:

- The project was voted on in December of 2023 and passed 5 to 0.
- Staff could have communicated with residents better
- Fields could be retrofitted to accommodate more programs
- Goal is to enhance without upsetting the neighbors
- Softball fields do not have to be at Mead
- The fence and scoreboard at Audubon had no opposition
- The park district is not utilizing all of its fields
- Softball numbers have gone down
- Mead physical education teachers are not in favor of the fences
- It is not an equity issue and does not impair the girls' development
- Looking to compromise
- Programs should look at how flexible their schedules are

Commissioner Biedke:

- Park district needs to improve communication
- People come and go but residents are there longer
- Voted no for a dog park
- Voted no for Marshall Park pickleball
- Will vote no for the home run fence
- Softball can use another park

Commissioner Carlson:

- Fences can not go up at CAF due to the soccer and football field
- Is OK for installing one fence

Commissioner Cooke:

- Supports having fences
- Nobody wants anything in their backyards
- Park District wants to balance, enhance and improve amenities
- Staff brings ideas to the board
- Park District serves the entire community
- Fences will be good for programming

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- Staff can minimize the impact of the fences
- Even with fences there will still be plenty of open space
- Parking is not an issue
- Mead is due for renovations and staff will get community input
- In favor of two fences but will compromise with one

President Walz

- Will email Resident Cundiff regarding NWSRA groups
- Will vote yes for home run fences
- Audubon has never had a complaint about the fence or the scoreboard
- A home run fence at Mead is clearly a want. The park district can't always do just needs.
- Tax paying families deserve it
- The board has compromised
- EG non travel would get first rights, then Travel if the team meets residency and finally the field would be rented out if the other two programs aren't utilizing it.

Executive Director Curcio estimated that the costs to install, remove and store a temporary fence would be \$750 per year. Per Board direction, Staff can move forward installing one temporary fence on the North Field at Mead Park.

ACCEPTANCE OF BID FROM RIEKE OFFICE INTERIORS FOR HATTENDORF CABINET REPLACEMENT

Commissioner O'Malley moved to accept the bid from Rieke Office Interiors, Inc. of Elgin, IL for the Hattendorf Cabinet Replacement Project in the amount of \$93,422.00.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

Director Kosbab explained that the project includes cabinets for two rooms at the Sheila Ray Adult Center and two rooms at the Preschool.

<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.

RESCIND APPROVAL OF PURCHASE FROM FRIENDLY FORD FOR FORD F-350

Commissioner O'Malley moved to rescind the approval of the purchase (including trade-in) from Friendly Ford of Roselle, IL for a 2024 Ford F-350 through Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$72,626.03 made on March 14, 2024.

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Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

Director Kosbab explained that the initial bid was for the bed and chassis. Staff have determined that buying the chassis separately and going elsewhere for the installation of the bed would be more cost effective.

<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 PURCHASE FROM FRIENDLY FORD FOR FORD F-350

Commissioner Carlson moved to approve the purchase (including trade-in) from Friendly Ford of Roselle, IL for a 2024 Ford F-350 through Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$49,899.03

Commissioner Cooke 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.

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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		

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Commissioner Cooke	X
President Walz	X

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE FROM FRIENDLY FORD FOR FORD F-350

Commissioner Carlson moved to approve the purchase (including trade-in) from Friendly Ford of Roselle, IL for a 2024 Ford F-350 through Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$49,399.03

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		
Commissioner O'Malley	X		
President Walz	X		

Motion carried.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Commissioner Cooke gave the following report:

- Met with Ben and Mark on August 15th
- Projects are on schedule
- Discussed the home run fence
- Working on a transparency policy
- Discussed pickleball at the Pavilion

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Carlson gave the following report:

Tax collections were strong in July and outpaced the budget from the August 1st due date. This looks to be corrected in August. This will affect the YTD vs YTD Budget in funds that levy taxes.

Corporate Fund

- \$1,615,440 in property tax collected in July.
- \$169,746 in PPRT collected in July.
- All expense categories under budget.

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- YTD of \$3,280,761 compared to a budget of \$1,871,464.

Recreation Fund

- \$732,092 in property tax collected in July.
- Fees & Admissions \$1,794,892 compared to a budget of \$1,714,065.
- Program fees were \$1,707,075 compared to a budget of \$1,709,336.
- All expense categories at or under budget except program contractual.
- YTD of \$1,529,533 compared to a budget of \$120,728.
- NOTE: Capital projects that have been budgeted in rec fund are affecting overall YTD numbers with \$373,500 budgeted year to date, but only \$55,474 spent year to date contributing a variance of \$318,026 in actual versus budget.

Golf Fund

- 6,784 rounds played in July. 26,192 rounds played compared to 23,721 last year.
- Fees & Admissions \$988,867 compared to a budget of \$753,221.
- All expense categories are at or near budget.
- Driving Range YTD of \$112,111 compared to a budget of \$58,695.
- YTD of \$258,881 compared to a budget of (\$253,536).
- NOTE: Capital projects that have been budgeted in the golf fund are affecting overall YTD numbers with \$431,768 budgeted year to date, but only \$265,194 spent year to date contributing a variance of \$166,574 in actual versus budget.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

President Walz gave the following update:

- The board has discussed pickleball, tempered glass, Mead Park, converting a tennis court to pickleball at the Pavilion, investments and the district's 5 year plan

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Commissioner Carlson had no report.

GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE

Commissioner O'Malley had no report but directed Staff to schedule a meeting after Labor Day.

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Commissioner Biedke had no report.

ADULT CENTER COMMITTEE

Commissioner Cooke met with the committee on August 20th. Membership stands at 315. The center will be getting new cabinets installed.

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Upcoming events include:

- September 6th - Valentino Vineyards trip
- September 11th - I & M Canal trip
- September 13th to 14th - Rummage Sale
- September 21st - Hometown Parade
- September 25th - 90+ Birthday Celebration

PAVILION COMMITTEE

Commissioner O’Malley had no report but wants to meet with Staff in September.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 24-04

Commissioner Carlson moved to adopt Resolution 24-04: A Resolution ratifying the Recommended Assessments by the Northwest Special Recreation Association for the Calendar Year 2025.

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.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Commissioner Carlson moved to authorize Executive Director Curcio to make payment of the bills in the amount of \$190,905.00 for July 2024 P-Cards, \$434,892.46 for August 9, 2024 and \$93,555.89 for August 16, 2024.

Commissioner Cooke seconded the motion.

ELK GROVE PARK DISTRICT			
SUMMARY LIST OF BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL ON AUGUST 22, 2024			
<u>SUMMARY BY FUND:</u>	<u>July 2024</u> <u>P-Cards</u>	<u>8/9/2024</u>	<u>8/16/2024</u>

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CORPORATE FUND	\$ 31,080.71	\$ 39,090.81	\$ 39,207.88
AUDIT			
POLICE	\$ 4.26		
LIABILITY			
RECREATION FUND	\$ 108,355.13	\$ 71,529.21	\$ 36,980.92
PAVING & LIGHTING FUND			
MUSEUM FUND	\$ 1,052.03	\$ 383.57	\$ 205.00
SPECIAL RECREATION			
ASSOCIATIONS	\$ 25,812.83	\$ 305.00	\$ 6,864.00
BOND & INTEREST FUND			
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 10,331.88	\$ 140,405.30	\$ 969.75
FOX RUN GOLF LINKS FUND	\$ 14,268.16	\$ 183,178.57	\$ 9,328.34
	\$ 190,905.00	\$ 434,892.46	\$ 93,555.89

<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

Commissioner Biedke moved to adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel per 2(c)(1), Litigation per 2(c)(11) and for Conducting the Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes per 2(c)(21).

Commissioner Cooke 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

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After discussion regarding Personnel per 2(c)(1), Litigation per 2(c)(11) and for Conducting the Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes per 2(c)(21), President Walz moved to reconvene the meeting to Open Session at 9:24 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

Director Curcio led a discussion on the new GCBL league for 2025 season and field availability for their tournaments each year.

Director Greene requested that the Board consider evaluating maintenance fees for Travelers as they transition into the new league. The Board agreed to wait and assess registration numbers for the new league before making a decision.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Walz moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:55 p.m.

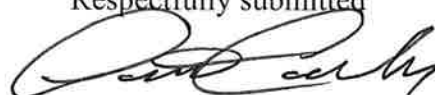
Commissioner Biedke seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

The Regular Meeting of August 22, 2024 was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Scott Carlson, Secretary