



Elk Grove Park District Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2024

5:45 p.m.

President Walz called the meeting to order at 5:52 p.m.

In attendance: President Walz, Commissioner Biedke, Commissioner Cooke, Commissioner O'Malley (arrived 5:56 p.m.) and Commissioner Carlson (arrived 5:57 p.m.)

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

DISCUSSION ON PMA INVESTMENT SECURITIES

Director Sholes recommended the district open a new investment account that would be beneficial to the Park District. It would not only diversify funds but allow the Park District to invest in securities and bonds instead of being limited to CDs. The consensus of the board is to discuss again at the September 12th meeting.

DISCUSSION ON CONVERTING BIESTERFIELD TENNIS COURT

One of the tennis courts on Biesterfield could be converted to two pickleball courts. Programming would still occur at Rainbow Falls but some could be moved. Programming needs at least 2 courts one night a week. Three courts may be possible to fit, but an east-west court orientation could be problematic due to the sun. The Biesterfield tennis courts are the premier courts in the Village and there might be reluctance to remove one of them. Commissioners discussed the demand for tennis courts versus pickleball courts and how the Marshall Park pickleball courts might impact demand.

DISCUSSION ON 5-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The projects discussed were as follows:

- Light installation projects at Mead and Audubon were removed from the Capital list
- Fox Run stream bank stabilization has a budget of two millions dollars. Estimates are coming in at \$1.9 million. Staff are working with engineers on details and how to phase the project with areas of greater need or proximity to each other being worked on first. No disruption to play would occur due to the project being done during winter. Pricing for dredging still needs to be completed. With the surrounding homes draining into the golf course, the Park District may ask the Village for financial assistance and/or apply for a grant.
- Renderings of the proposed Jumps & Jiggles renovation were shared. Staff worked with the design team to devise the new concept. The structure would be multiple levels with multiple entrance/exit points. Sight lines would be improved and the age range that can use the structure would be expanded.
- A proposed Miracle Field is included in the five-year capital plan for installation at Mather Park. The field would be fenced, and the project may be eligible for ADA funding. However, community input has not yet been gathered.

- The Funhouse at Rainbow Falls is the original structure. Proposed amenities that would replace it would be another multi-level structure with body slides, a splash pad and a lounging area. Community focus groups will be used for feedback.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Resident Christensen asked the board if any of the water from Marshall Park drained into Cosman Lake. Executive Director Curcio explained the district followed MWRD requirements through the permitting process, but water is designed to stay on property and feed to retention areas and into the storm sewers when water levels reach a certain level.

Resident Burns spoke regarding the home run fence project at Mead.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.