



Elk Grove Park District Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2025

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 and Kelly Carbon

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Resident Burns voiced concerns regarding proper licensing for bingo events at the VFW Hall for Park District associated programs.

DISCUSSION ON YOUTH CHEERLEADING

Janice Coveliers addressed the Board requesting that Youth Cheerleading have a separate advisory board from Football. The group has separate interests and has its own budget, entirely funding its portion of the program. Cheerleading is more focused on competitions so their involvement with football is minimal. Cheer would still coordinate sideline cheer for the football season.

Commissioners suggested that the Youth Football Advisory Board should formally vote on splitting the two sports. Staff will explore options on how Cheer can operate independently.

DISCUSSION ON UDALL PARK PLAYGROUND

Director Kosbab gave a brief overview of the project. Residents were surveyed for both the playground structure and the color palette. The new playground will have an extended footprint with slides incorporated into the hills and a pyramid spinner. Installation will be done in-house.

DISCUSSION ON FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY POLICY

Director Sholes provided a brief overview and noted that other park districts have their financial ordinances on their websites. Staff and the Board need to determine what should be on the website and formalize it as part of the Administration Policy Manual. Post cards will continue to be mailed to targeted areas for certain projects. Facilities, parks and projects will continue to be highlighted through the brochure, website and social media.

DISCUSSION ON IAPD DUES

Executive Director Curcio and Director Sholes regularly attend the legal symposium. The Park District also receives guidance and support through IAPD. Board consensus is the Park District will continue to be a member of IAPD.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner O'Malley asked to clarify if programming would be scheduled at the Marshall Park Pickleball courts. Staff verified that there are no leagues or lessons scheduled. Staff also noted that Elmwood Park District has pickle glass for their courts.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.