



## Elk Grove Park District Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

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May 8, 2025

5:30 p.m.

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President Walz called the meeting to order at 5:30 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

Visitors: Allan Crites, Resident                      Dan DiMaria, Resident  
Janis Coveliars, Resident                      Orion Galey, Christopher Burke Eng.  
Doug Gotham, Christopher Burke Eng.

### **DISCUSSION ON FOX RUN STREAMBANK RESTORATION**

Representatives Orion Galey and Doug Gotham from Christopher Burke Engineering gave a presentation on the proposed streambank restoration project at Fox Run Golf Links. They detailed the erosion that was evident in ten (10) locations. Additionally, approximately four (4) feet of sediment will need to be dredged from the pond. Some areas of the streambank can be pulled back and restored to a more natural state. Gabions, a stone filled cage, were recommended for the streambank areas in need of restoration. The gabions will add to the aesthetics and safety of the course. Potential traffic routes for construction vehicles were shown on an overlay of the course. A number of permits from various agencies will be required. The potential schedule includes securing the permits during the summer and early fall, going to bid in October, and construction occurring from November to April. Transporting the sediment off the property is cost prohibitive. After the sediment is dried, Park District Staff can work with landscape architects to effectively use the material throughout the course. The restoration will allow the floodplain to more effectively absorb and channel water from rain events and reduce flooding on the course.

Beginning the permit process will allow Staff to apply for grants, specifically from MWRD, and seek funding from the Village. Initial cost estimates for the project is \$1.98 million.

Board consensus is to move forward with the permitting process.

### **DISCUSSION ON ATHLETIC PROGRAMS**

Executive Director Curcio provided the Board with a draft of the Youth Sports Advisory Board Volunteer Manual for their approval. Staff worked with PDRMA on the manual and a final copy will be presented for approval at a board meeting. Executive Director Curcio explained that the manual also includes operational guidelines. Staff and the Board discussed the size of advisory boards, coming to a consensus of five (5) to ten (10) members. President meetings will be scheduled at least once a year. Director Sholes explained the P-Card purchase guidelines which includes three (3) Directors reviewing every invoice.

## **DISCUSSION ON BOARD COMMITTEE POSITIONS**

The Board briefly discussed executive positions and tabled discussion on committee positions.

## **DISCUSSION ON VILLAGE OF ITASCA EASEMENT AGREEMENT**

Executive Director Curcio explained that the Village of Itasca is requiring an Ordinance outlining the agreement that includes the Fire District.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The Board discussed fundraising and concessions for the athletic programs. Bingo fundraisers are not allowed. Parks Foundation approval will be required for programs seeking to use the Foundation's 501(c)(3) status. Cash handling and the use of Square was discussed. Program fees would have to be significantly increased if the fees could not be subsidized with fundraising.

Commissioner Carlson stated that development of the WGN property is three (3) to five (5) years out due to issues with ComEd.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.