



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

A Regular scheduled meeting of the Elk Grove Park District, Cook County, State of Illinois was held on May 8, 2025 in the Administration Building of said Park District. President Walz called the meeting to order at 7:01 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
Brad Sholes, Director of Business Services
Mark Kosbab, Director of Parks and Planning
Kelly Carbon, Director of Marketing and Communications
Tiffany Greene, Director of Leisure Services

Visitors:

Lori Christensen, Resident	Janis Coveliers, Cheer
Kelly Demma, Cheer	Allan Crites, Resident
Dan DiMaria, Resident	Mike Pallen, Mikerphone Brewing
Fred Geinosky, AARP Tax-Aide	Roger Stoskopf - AARP Tax-Aide

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Walz questioned if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the April 24, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting and the April 24, 2025 Regular Meeting.

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

2025 ELECTION RESULTS

Commissioner Carlson advised the Cook County Clerk, having completed a canvass of all votes cast for Commissioner, Elk Grove Park District, 6-year term, hereby certifies the following vote totals:

John R. Walz	1,987
Robert R. Biedke	1,571
Daniel DiMaria	1,494

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OATH OF OFFICE

The Board Secretary, Commissioner Carlson, issued the Oath of Office for Commissioners Robert Biedke and John Walz.

President Walz thanked the residents and stated that this will be his last term. President Walz is a life long resident. This election was contested and President Walz would like to see more residents coming forward to run for office in the future.

Commissioner Biedke thanked the residents for the vote of confidence and vowed to do his best while serving the community.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

None.

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Mike Pallen, owner of Mikerphone Brewing in Elk Grove Village, was presented with a plaque honoring the brewery's donation to the Elk Grove Parks Foundation. The brewery held a "It Smells Like a Beer" festival and donated 50% of the proceeds to the Foundation. Mr. Pallen opened the brewery in 2017 with the simple goals of to make a beer and make a difference. Over the years the brewery has donated funds to the VFW and WINGS. The business invites food trucks to serve its patrons and continues to expand. Mr. Pallen, being involved as a parent with the softball program, appreciates the support that the Foundation provides to the residents.

AARP Tax Preparer Representatives Roger Stoskoph and Fred Geinosky introduced themselves. Mr. Stoskoph explained that the program, providing tax preparation services to seniors and low-income residents, is funded by the IRS and AARP. The Elk Grove site at Hattendorf has volunteers spread across three levels of function in the organization. A re-configuration of the area allowed another preparer to be added in the space. This year the group filed 544 tax forms, an increase of 10% from 2024. The group services mostly low-income seniors with 87% of their clients being 60 years or older and roughly 57% having an adjusted gross income of less than \$45,000 per year. Filing taxes for seniors helps the seniors to apply for the Senior Freeze and guards against identity theft. Mr. Stoskoph stated that the Hattendorf staff make reminder and follow-up calls for each of the appointments and are a pleasure to work with. Mr. Stoskoph said that the Hattendorf site is the best run site out of the nine (9) that he manages.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

None.

APPROVAL OF ATHLETICS ADVISORY BOARD AND MEMBERS

President Walz read the following:

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“I move that there hereby be created by the Park Board an advisory body to the Park Board for the sport or activity of cheerleading (conducted or offered as a program of the Elk Grove Park District), such advisory body to be known as The Elk Grove Park District Cheer Advisory Board, and further, that the following individuals be, and hereby are, each appointed to serve a 2-year term as members of such advisory board:”

Kelly Demma
Tricia Macki
Janis Coveliers
Ana Otruba
Lisa Brindise

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.

ACCEPTANCE OF BID FROM RIEKE OFFICE INTERIORS FOR HATTENDORF CABINET REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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 \$62,279.00.

Commissioner Cooke seconded the motion.

Director Kosbab explained that the bid is for the continued repair and replacement of the cabinets in both the Preschool and Adult Center.

<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 PROPOSAL FROM CHRISTOPHER BURKE ENGINEERING FOR

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FOX RUN STREAMBANK STABILIZATION AND POND DREDGING PROJECT

Commissioner Carlson moved to accept the contract proposal from Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. of Rosemont, IL for architectural and engineering services for required permits for the Streambank Stabilization and Pond Dredging Project at Fox Run Golf Links in the amount of \$77,450.00.

Commissioner Cooke seconded the motion.

Director Sholes provided a brief overview of the project which would involve removing the sheet piling and improving the infrastructure and streambanks along the waterways.

Commissioner Cooke explained that the project would improve the golf course and improve water flow. The Park District will be seeking grants to assist with funding the project.

President Walz noted that the waterway system is a 40-year old system and needs to be improved.

<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 - Membership is at 311. The Spring Fling Luncheon had a turn out of 82. There were 14 participants who went to the Volo Museum and 26 that went to see Million Dollar Quartet.
- Aquatics -There were 69 private lessons in April and 362 swim lesson participants. Aqua Wellness numbers were at 1,192 for the month. Parents Night Out had 25 total participants.
- Athletics, Adult - Adult Pickleball Clinics began on April 14 and 15 with the Beginner Class full at 13 and Advanced Beginner Class at seven. The Adult Pickleball League starts May 7th. The league has two divisions, Competitive and Recreational. Senior Softball has 29 total teams across the three divisions and games started on April 28 and 29. Coed 14" Leagues start on May 7 and 8, and there are currently 16 teams between the two divisions.

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- Athletics, Youth Instruction - Spring Tennis has 17 participants. Hots Shots Sports has 107 participants. Tumbling Times has 135 participants. Shotokan Karate has 66 participants.
- Athletics, Youth Leagues - Recreational Spring Soccer started games on April 12 with a total of 272 players. This is an increase of 8 players from 2024. House Baseball starts games on May 3 with 193 players. Football 7v7 will wrap up on May 4. They had 110 players. The Summer Basketball League has just under 70 participants signed up, and registration is still open. Girls Softball begins games the first weekend in May with 185 athletes this year.
- Cultural Arts - Music currently has a total of 24 private music students.
- Dance - The Spring Dance Recital theme is “She Who Dares”! Recitals will take place June 7-8 at the Harper College Performing Arts Center. Tickets went on sale April 28th.
- Early Childhood - Preschool is busy preparing for end of year celebrations and graduations scheduled for the week of May 12th. Preschool is currently at 110 registrations for the 2025-26 School Year.
- Fitness Center Programs and Operations - Total Group Exercise Participants for April was 2,465. Total Chair Yoga Participants was at 316. Strength and Endurance was at 43 participants. Personal Training was at 228 sessions for the month of April compared to 131 sessions last year. Open Gym had 323 drop-ins. The Rejuvenation Area had 2,104 tracked uses in April. On April 15, staff held a Fitness Member Appreciation Day. With support from the Marketing Team and vendors such as Starbucks, Great American Bagel, Jewel and Doctors of Physical Therapy, staff welcomed 8 guests, 968 check-ins, 32 new members and 9 renewals.
- Museum - The Museum hosted its Eggcellent Easter Celebration with 114 participants in attendance. Staff are preparing for the new exhibit that is scheduled to open on May 17th, Pioneers in Medicine.
- Rentals - There were 140 rentals for the month of April compared to 122 in 2024. Catch Corner accounts for 46 of the gym rentals booked. There was a large Pavilion rental for the Battle of Chicago on April 26 and 27.
- School Care Programs - Kids Club had 1,905 registrations, and School Days Off had 20.
- Upcoming Events and Important Dates:
 - June 5 - 10 Days of Paradise
 - June 5 - Dancing with the Band
 - June 6 - Movie in the Park - Moana 2
 - June 11 - 10 Days of Paradise
 - June 11 - Art @ the Park - Fountain Square Park

Commissioner Cooke added that the Fitness Center is offering summer specials beginning at \$99 for a 3-month pass and no enrollment fee. The indoor walking track will be closed next week.

Director Greene noted that 100 lifeguards have been hired so far for the season out of a total goal of 120-150. All other summer positions have been filled. Aquatics Staff visited Elk Grove High School for a recruitment event and continues to conduct interviews.

PARKS AND PLANNING UPDATE

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Director Kosbab gave the following report:

- Staff continues to prepare seasonal facilities for the upcoming season.
- Rainbow Falls and PAC pools will begin filling this week and next.
- For the 4th year in a row, Horticulture received 50 trees for planting in the parks that were donated through a grant from the Chicago Regional Tree Initiative and Morton Arboretum.
- Roosevelt 2-5 Playground and Udall Playground projects will begin in June and are expected to be completed in July.

BUSINESS SERVICES UPDATE

Director Sholes gave the following update:

- Friday, May 9th - Miller Shootout
- Dueling Pianos will return July 26th
- Permanent Tee Times and Leagues have all started

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Director Carbon shared the following information:

- Summer registration opened this week
- Staff worked on and had a table at the Fitness Center Membership Appreciation Day
- Community Character Coalition's Chalk It Up Event starts next week. Over 100 businesses, along with schools and government agencies will be participating in decorating sidewalks. Customer Service counters will be handing out chalk to interested patrons while supplies last.
- On April 26th the District celebrated Arbor Day by planting a tree at Byrd School
- The Rotary Club and Elk Grove High School teamed up for a shoe drive. They collected 1700 pairs of shoes, far surpassing their goal of 500 pairs.
- Every week staff writes a column for the Journal called "Park Place" in which they highlight future events at the Park District.
- The Director of Marketing attended the quarterly Intergovernmental meeting with the Village Public Works, Police, Fire, High School, District 59 & 54 and the Park District's Parks & Planning Department.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Executive Director Curcio urged residents to get out and enjoy the parks and facilities as the weather gets warmer and to report vandalism and graffiti. Executive Director Curcio thanked Staff for their hard work getting ready to open for the season.

OLD BUSINESS

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Director Greene will ask Soccer for feedback on the new field at Marshall Park. Visitors called regarding the restrooms being closed at the park. The restrooms at Marshall Park are now open. President Walz commented on how pinpoint the field lighting at Marshall Park is.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 456

Commissioner Carlson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 456:

An Ordinance providing for the grant of a permanent easement to the Village of Itasca at the Community Athletic Fields.

Commissioner Biedke seconded the motion.

Executive Director Curcio explained that this is a requirement for the Village of Itasca which gives them access to the Park District's stormwater system in the case of an emergency.

<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.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Commissioner Cooke moved to authorize Executive Director Curcio to make payment of the bills in the amount of \$509,066.46 for April 25, 2025 and \$143,882.76 for May 2, 2025.

Commissioner Biedke seconded the motion.

ELK GROVE PARK DISTRICT		
SUMMARY LIST OF BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL ON MAY 8, 2025		
<u>SUMMARY BY FUND:</u>	<u>4/25/2025</u>	<u>5/2/2025</u>
CORPORATE FUND	\$ 101,561.39	\$ 83,609.74
AUDIT		
POLICE	\$ 650.64	
LIABILITY	\$ 96,663.42	
RECREATION FUND	\$ 68,408.97	\$ 43,146.47
PAVING & LIGHTING FUND		

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MUSEUM FUND	\$ 12.94	\$ 208.82
SPECIAL RECREATION		
ASSOCIATIONS	\$ 17,609.14	\$ 510.00
BOND & INTEREST FUND		
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 210,832.21	\$ 14,802.00
FOX RUN GOLF LINKS FUND	\$ 13,327.75	\$ 1,605.73
	\$ 509,066.46	\$ 143,882.76

<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.

MOTION TO ADJOURN SINE DIE

Commissioner Carlson moved to Adjourn Sine Die.

Commissioner Biedke seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote 5-0.

CONVENE ANNUAL MEETING

Commissioner Carlson moved to convene the Annual Meeting of the Park Board of Commissioners of the Elk Grove Park District.

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.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

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Commissioner O'Malley moved to elect Executive Director Ben Curcio, as the Temporary Chair of the Park District Board.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

There being no discussion, the motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote 5-0.

TEMPORARY SECRETARY

Commissioner O'Malley moved to elect Director Brad Sholes, as the Temporary Secretary of the Park District Board.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

There being no discussion, the motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote 5-0.

NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT

Executive Director Curcio opened the floor for nominations for President of the Park Board.

Commissioner Carlson nominated Commissioner O'Malley for President of the Park District Board.

Commissioner Cooke seconded the motion.

There being no other nominations, Executive Director Curcio called for a roll call vote.

<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 Walz	X		
Commissioner Biedke	X		

Motion Carried.

Commissioner O'Malley was elected to the position of President of the Park District Board.

NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT

President O'Malley opened the floor for nominations for Vice President of the Park Board.

Commissioner Carlson nominated Commissioner Cooke for Vice President of the Park Board.

Commissioner Biedke seconded the motion.

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There being no other nominations, President O'Malley called for a roll call vote.

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

Motion Carried.

Commissioner Cooke was elected to the position of Vice President of the Park District Board.

NOMINATIONS FOR SECRETARY

President O'Malley opened the floor for nominations for Secretary of the Park Board.

Commissioner Biedke moved to nominate Commissioner Carlson for Secretary of the Park District Board.

Commissioner Cooke seconded the motion.

There being no other nominations, President O'Malley called for a roll call vote.

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

Motion Carried.

Commissioner Carlson was elected to the position of Secretary of the Park District Board.

NOMINATIONS FOR TREASURER

President O'Malley opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer of the Park Board.

Commissioner Cooke moved to nominate Commissioner Biedke for Treasurer of the Park Board

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

There being no other nominations, President O'Malley called for a roll call vote.

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

Motion Carried.

Commissioner Biedke was elected to the position of Treasurer of the Park District Board.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Walz moved to adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing probable or imminent litigation per 2(c)(11).

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

After discussion regarding probable or imminent litigation per 2(c)(11), Commissioner Walz moved to reconvene the meeting to Open Session at 7:55 p.m.

Commissioner Carlson 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 Walz	X		
President O'Malley	X		

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

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Discussion on Pickleball Project. Discussion on Athletic Programs contribution margin.
Discussion on Travel Sports.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion on Queen of the Rosary Parking Lot.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Biedke moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of May 8, 2025.

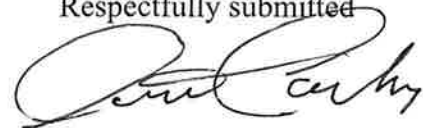
Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

The Regular Meeting of May 8, 2025 was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Scott Carlson, Secretary