



Elk Grove Park District Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2025

6:15 p.m.

President O'Malley called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

In attendance: President O'Malley, Commissioner Walz, Commissioner Cooke,
Commissioner Biedke, Commissioner Carlson

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

Visitors: Allan Crites, Resident

DISCUSSION ON TRAVEL SPORTS

The conversation continued on the possibility of discounting the travel sports programs. After a brief conversation, the consensus was to keep operating the travel sports programs.

The conversation shifted to the travel sports programs contributing margin. Currently, none of the sports leagues have a contribution margin, but all have a \$5 participation fee per participant registration. The concern is travel programs, while consisting mainly of residents, utilize the district assets or fields without a contribution margin. Commissioner Biedke's concern was if fees are increased too much then athletes might go elsewhere. Other park districts do not have travel leagues as part of their programs.

Focus shifted away from charging a contribution margin and increasing the participation fee. President O'Malley noted that the participation fee may be less than the cost of renting fields and that the travel leagues are using the extra funds only to support the few participants in their sport which contradicts the purpose of contribution margin. All of the commissioners acknowledge that the leagues are supported by other departments than the recreation department and it may be time to increase the participation fee.

Staff will provide the Board with suggested participation fees or contribution margins to consider.

Director Greene noted that there will be a Presidents Meeting on August 4th where the contribution margin can be discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Walz stated that the home run fence at Mead has received positive feedback and he would like to explore adding a second one. Staff will provide updating pricing to the board, but there was not board consensus to proceed.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.