

Elk Grove Park District Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2025 6:00 p.m.

President O'Malley called the meeting to order at 6:00 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

DISCUSSION ON YOUTH SPORTS FEES

The conversation continued on proposed participation fee changes for travel sports. Staff recommendation is to increase fees to \$10 per House athlete and \$20 per Travel athlete with the proceeds split evenly between the Corporate and Recreation Funds. A contribution margin that is based upon revenue would be more difficult for teams to budget. Increasing the participation fee would be easier for the teams since they already have the \$5.00 per athlete participation fee figured into their budgets. A gradual increase in the participation fee was discussed along with a gradual decrease in the discount for field rentals. Participants would be charged once per year instead of once per season and the fee would be assessed during the registration process. The consensus was to charge a \$50 per Travel athlete participation fee for 2026 and continue the 50% discount for field rentals in 2026.

DISCUSSION ON 5 YEAR PLAN

Leisure Services staff have been tasked with developing concepts for the indoor Audubon Skate Park building. An indoor athletic training facility concept has garnered the most interest. Due to restrictions with the building's construction, it might be more cost effective to demolish the building and start over. The line item for Audubon concession and game room renovations will be removed and the projected amount added to the overall Audubon renovation budget. Rainbow Falls Fun House renovations may begin in the Fall of 2027 to be ready for opening in 2028. The showers in the Fitness Center lockerrooms will be renovated in 2026. Staff are currently finalizing proposals for the Wiffleball project which is slated for 2026. The lockers in the Aquatics Center will be replaced in 2026. Staff are applying for a grant from the Village to offset improvements made to 140 Lively. More detail is requested regarding an addition to the Pavilion. Open Land Acquisition projected funds are earmarked for any land that may become available in the future.

DISCUSSION ON RAINBOW FALLS CONCEPT PLAN

The on-line survey has 425 responses thus far. Signage with QR codes for people to take the survey are located at the Pavilion and Rainbow Falls. More signs can be added to high traffic areas. Moving the entrance to the Lions Park side would be cost prohibitive as well as include additional challenges during times when the Lions parking lot is closed due to Rotary Fest and other events. Design choices will be narrowed down based upon feedback. Engineering and

permitting would begin in 2026 with construction starting after the 2027 season. Expected completion would be before the 2028 season opens.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.