



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

A Regular scheduled meeting of the Elk Grove Park District, Cook County, State of Illinois was held on August 14, 2025 in the Administration Building of said Park District. President O'Malley called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and upon the roll being called, President O'Malley, being physically present at such time and place and the following Park Commissioners, also being physically present at said time and place, answered present:

William B. O'Malley, President and Commissioner
Thomas E. Cooke, Vice President, and Commissioner
Scott Carlson, Secretary, and Commissioner
Robert Biedke, Treasurer, and Commissioner
John Walz, Commissioner

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President O'Malley questioned if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the July 10, 2025 Golf Committee Meeting, July 10, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting, July 10, 2025 Regular Meeting, July 24, 2025 Capital Committee Meeting and the August 4, 2025 Athletics Committee Meeting.

Commissioner Carlson noted a correction for the adjournment of the Capital Committee Meeting minutes.

The amended minutes were approved by a voice vote 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

An Aquatics employee approached President O'Malley to discuss the reassignment of duties for cashiers and lifeguards in the Pavilion Aquatics Center.

Director Greene explained that the new system involving off-rotation lifeguards monitoring the check-in counter during non-peak hours to increase efficiency and be more fiscally responsible was discussed during last year's budget season with Staff. During peak hours cashiers still fill that position. The changes were communicated to Staff.

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APPROVAL OF ATHLETICS ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

President O'Malley moved to approve that the following individuals be appointed to serve a two-year term as an advisory member to the following boards:

Elk Grove Youth Soccer Advisory Board:

Samantha Caruso

Elk Grove Youth Baseball Advisory Board:

Morgan Kiefer

Elk Grove Travel Baseball Advisory Board:

Marcelle Wekony

Paul Weiland

Elk Grove Youth Basketball Advisory Board:

Cynthia Cease

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 Walz	X		
President O'Malley	X		

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT APPLICATION FROM HACIENDA LANDSCAPING FOR ROOSEVELT 2-5 PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Commissioner Cooke moved to approve Payment Application #1 from Hacienda Landscaping, Inc. of Minooka, IL for the Roosevelt Park 2-5 Playground project in the amount of \$103,604.00.

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 Walz	X		
Commissioner Biedke	X		
President O'Malley	X		

Motion carried.

LEISURE SERVICES UPDATE

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Director Greene gave the following update:

- Sheila Ray Adult Center - Membership is at 355. There were 92 attendees at the Summer Grooves Luncheon. Recent trips included the Shipshewana Brown Bag Tour with 33 participants and a trip to Milwaukee to watch the Cubs vs. Brewers with 29.
- Aquatics - There were 83 private lessons and 243 swim lesson participants for the month.. Aqua Wellness numbers were at 1,674 for the month. Aqua Camp numbers in July reached 183.
- Athletics, Adult - The Summer Adult Pickleball Leagues started the last week of July. There are 13 teams.
- Athletics, Youth Instruction, Camp - Sports Camp had 232 registrations in July. Tumbling Times is at 78. Hot Shot Sports is at 52. Sportskids is at 13 and Shotokan Karate is at 63.
- Athletics, Youth Leagues - Travel Baseball held tryouts in July. There will be six teams this season from 9U-14U. Girls Softball has 102 signed up. House Baseball has 134 players. Football has 112 players for Tackle. There are 29 players signed up for Flag. Cheer has 93 athletes registered..
- Audubon Skate Park - Skate Camp had 25 campers in July.
- Cultural Arts - Summer Theatre Camp performed Little Mermaid Jr on July 23 and 24. There were 608 total tickets sold between the two shows. Art Camp had 113 campers for the month of July.
- Dance - There were nine weeks of dance camp with 170 campers enrolled. There were 18 dance and baton classes this summer with 137 registered.
- Early Childhood - There are currently 130 preschool registrations. Registration is still open. The 2025-26 Preschool Year will begin the week of September 8th.
- Fitness Center Programs and Operations - Total Group Exercise Participants for July was 2,475. Personal Training was at 263 sessions for the month. Chair Yoga had 373 participants. Strength and Endurance had 66 participants. Open Gym had 336 drop-ins. The Rejuvenation Area had 1,601 tracked uses for the month.
- Museum - Dairy Day went well with 207 people in attendance. There were 39 drop-in visitors in July. There were 59 campers from Explorer and Voyager that visited the museum.
- Pirates' Cove - There were 6,166 total daily admissions for July.
- Rainbow Falls - Rainbow Falls had 25,720 total daily admissions for July.
- Rentals - There were 204 rentals for the month of July compared to 145 in 2024.
- School Care Programs - Ridge School started on July 24 and is at 87 Kids Club registrations. In July, Camp Explorer welcomed 88 campers, Camp Voyager 145 campers, Summer Scene 61 campers, Before/After Care at the Pavilion 257 campers and Before/After Care at Rainbow Falls 73 campers.
- Special Events - Play, Picnic, Party was a huge success with thousands of people coming out to enjoy the event.
- Upcoming Events and Important Dates:
 - September 4- Dancing with the Band
 - September 5 - Parents' Night Out
 - September 7 - FREE - Bark in the Park

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- September 12-13 - Pirates' Cove Camp Out

President O'Malley spoke about patrons getting delayed getting into Rainbow Falls for River Walking. Director Greene responded that changes have been made with regards to check-in times, staff assignments, payments, and waivers. Staff will explore waiver and payment options for next year.

Commissioner Cooke questioned why the River Walking program could not be extended past the regular season. Director Greene noted the reduced availability of staff once school begins.

Commissioner Biedke noted that the Soccer Advisory Board member approved this evening was taking on a newly created position. Commissioner Biedke inquired as to how many members the Soccer Board now had. Director Greene will provide that information to Commissioner Biedke.

PARKS AND PLANNING UPDATE

Director Kosbab gave the following report:

- Roosevelt Park 2-5 Playground has been completed and has been open as of Friday, August 1st. Hacienda did a great job. The 5-12 playground is scheduled to be completed as a 2026 Capital project. Installation of the playground at Udall Park is continuing and should be completed before the end of August.
- SMG began the Fire System Upgrade on Monday, August 4th. The project involves upgrading the existing Fire Alarm Panel and devices to an addressable system which will bring the building up to current fire code. The technicians have been communicating with Staff in order to minimize disruption to the patrons.
- Asphalt, concrete and landscaping are complete at Marshall Park. The color coating is scheduled later in the month. With the recent rains Staff have not seen any standing water on the new courts. After the color coating is finished Staff can then install benches.
- Sealcoating the Hattendorf Ridge Lot is planned for August 27th. The Pavilion South lot and service drive are scheduled to be completed on Labor Day. Udall Park, Huntington Chase, Fountain Square Service Drive and Olmsted Service Drive will be scheduled around programming in order to minimize any inconvenience to park patrons and staff. These are small areas that will be worked into the contractor's schedule.

BUSINESS SERVICES UPDATE

Director Sholes gave the following update:

- August 29 - Nine and Stein
- September 13 - Club Championship
- October 4 - Par 3 Challenge
- October 19 - Pig and Play Pig Roast - more details to come regarding non-golfing options and pricing
- October 25 - Superintendent's Revenge

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The response to the first Popular Annual Finance Report has been very positive. Thank you to Staff for compiling it.

Attached to the June Finance Report is the Cash and Investments Report.

Attached to the Business Services Update is an update on the IT Capital Projects.

President O'Malley requested Staff to provide an employee and commissioner usage report for the golf course. President O'Malley asked for clarification regarding the vetting and hiring process for part-time, seasonal employees. Per Director Sholes, all employees go through the same vetting process with individual hiring managers making the final decision.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Director Carbon shared the following information:

- Approximately 630 ducks were sold for the duck race. All proceeds go to the Elk Grove Parks Foundation
- Staff are working on designs for the Track Wrap for Pavilion Fitness
- Decals were installed in Dance Studio 4.
- Foundation and EGPD large format decals will be installed in the Fieldhouse in August.
- New Hours of Operation and Welcome signage were installed at the Fox Run Driving Range
- The Park District hosted 105 guests in Garden Terrace from IPRA for the Digital Summit Conference on Crisis Communication. Six staff from the district attended.
- Staff recently appeared on In the Grove with Sue Heaton to promote the Bark in the Park event. The entire show was about the Bark in the Park event with four marketing staff along with the District's contracted dog trainer being interviewed.. The program will run all of August.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Executive Director Curcio thanked all Staff for a successful summer with a special thanks to the part-time, seasonal and front-line staff. He encouraged the public to go to the District's website and fill out the Rainbow Falls survey.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 25-01

Commissioner Carlson moved to adopt Resolution 25-01:

A Resolution appointing an authorized agent for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

Commissioner Walz seconded the motion.

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<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.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Commissioner Carlson moved to authorize Executive Director Curcio to make payment of the bills in the amount of \$206,773.00 for June 2025 P-Cards, \$166,817.73 for July 11, 2025, \$96,529.58 for July 18, 2025, \$344,583.67 for July 25, 2025, \$195,744.55 for August 1, 2025 and \$78,777.21 for August 8, 2025.

Commissioner Cooke seconded the motion.

ELK GROVE PARK DISTRICT						
SUMMARY LIST OF BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL ON AUGUST 14, 2025						
<u>SUMMARY BY</u>						
<u>FUND:</u>	<u>June 2025</u>	<u>7/11/2025</u>	<u>7/18/2025</u>	<u>7/25/2025</u>	<u>8/1/2025</u>	<u>8/8/2025</u>
	<u>P-Cards</u>					
CORPORATE FUND	\$ 35,927.49	\$ 56,291.94	\$ 37,235.04	\$ 20,568.59	\$ 73,049.24	\$ 31,103.51
AUDIT						
POLICE	\$ 226.16				\$ 2,804.58	
LIABILITY				\$ 96,663.42		
RECREATION FUND	\$ 90,902.67	\$ 63,720.13	\$ 36,544.56	\$ 143,062.59	\$ 64,594.21	\$ 27,743.75
PAVING & LIGHTING FUND						
MUSEUM FUND	\$ 1,054.70	\$ 913.58	\$ 17.52	\$ 540.97	\$ 870.71	\$ 154.00
SPECIAL RECREATION						
ASSOCIATIONS	\$ 36,211.41	\$ 15,446.60	\$ 1,797.03	\$ 28,256.00	\$ 2,682.69	\$ 5,747.84
BOND & INTEREST FUND						
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 33,467.43	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 9,844.26	\$ 32,832.62	\$ 39,585.84	\$ 143.17
FOX RUN GOLF LINKS FUND	\$ 8,983.14	\$ 17,945.48	\$ 11,091.17	\$ 22,659.48	\$ 12,157.28	\$ 13,884.94
TOTAL	\$ 206,773.00	\$ 166,817.73	\$ 96,529.58	\$ 344,583.67	\$ 195,744.55	\$ 78,777.21

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<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.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Biedke moved to adjourn to Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel per 2(c)(1) and Conducting the Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes per 2(c)(21).

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.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

After discussion regarding Personnel per 2(c)(1) and Conducting the Semi-Annual Review of Close Session Minutes per 2(c)(21), President O'Malley moved to reconvene the meeting to Open Session at 8:19 p.m.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

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Discussion on Golf Course Grants for the Streambank Stabilization Project, along with the tree removal plan for the golf course. Discussion on Resident concerns regarding equitable access for local businesses to rent fields, emphasizing the need for a fair process.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner O'Malley moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of August 14, 2025.

Commissioner Cooke seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

The Regular Meeting of August 14, 2025 was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Scott Carlson, Secretary