



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 11, 2023 in the Administration Building of said Park District. President Cooke called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and upon the roll being called, President Cooke, being physically present at such time and place and the following Park Commissioners, also being physically present at said time and place, answered present:

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

Absent: Robert R. Biedke, Vice President, and 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

Guests: Allan Crites, Resident
Ron Clausen, Resident
Jim Burke, Resident

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Cooke questioned if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the April 27, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting, and the April 27, 2023 Regular Meeting.

There being none, the minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Jim Burke, a member of the pavilion fitness center, commented about his displeasure with the new equipment installed at the fitness center in replacement of the hammer strength equipment. He was also disappointed with the response he received from fitness center staff on his feedback regarding the new equipment and prior suggestions on moving a piece of equipment.

Ron Clausen, a resident and member of the pavilion fitness center, enjoys the people and the gym itself, but questioned the planning of the equipment replacement. He complimented the new equipment, but felt it was too much equipment at the expense of other widely used equipment. He questioned whether members were surveyed or asking their opinions on the equipment replacement. He echoed the previous commenters issue regarding the response from fitness center staff.

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President Cooke thanked the commenters for attending the meeting and sharing their thoughts on the new equipment. He explained the equipment replacement is a process and that it occurs overtime and turned it over to Director Greene to explain the process.

Director Greene explained the process is done through the district's capital replacement plan. Fitness staff did a competitive analysis with surrounding gyms in the area. It has been many years since a significant upgrade to the equipment. The new equipment, along with the functional training space and rejuvenation area are part of the plan this year. Fitness center staff conducted research, attended conferences and worked with vendors, such as Life Fitness, to devise this plan. Part of this planning when discussing removing equipment is a review of the functionality of other equipment so the same types of exercises are still available.

Commissioner Walz said he had a resident come to him with similar concerns. Commissioner Walz asked about the survey of members.

Director Greene stated there was no official survey regarding the functionality of or removal of equipment. It is more of an informal discussion with members on the floor and comments/suggestions on new equipment.

Ron Clausen feels members would have liked to have had an opportunity to provide feedback on suggested changes before they came and the project was done with more transparency.

Commissioner O'Malley was concerned with the amount of comments he has received regarding this project. It is more than just the residents in attendance. He stated he discussed the situation with Fitness Center staff as well. Commissioner O'Malley stated the district needs to be clearer with its communication on what equipment is leaving and why it is being replaced. He continued with the education of members on duplication of function with other equipment so members know what equipment to use to achieve their workout. Commissioner O'Malley also emphasized that the vision for the fitness center needs to be a shared vision, not just the Fitness Center General Manager, but management staff and the fitness center members providing the direction and vision.

President Cooke said there was no excuse regarding the comment the staff gave a member to go somewhere else. He said staff will follow up. He continued that capitals are done on an annual basis and the board can incorporate any errors or changes made this year to compensate in next year's plan.

Jim Burke commented that he likes the community feel the fitness center has. He likes the new equipment, but the issue is more the quantity of the new equipment. A diagram that would have laid out the replacement plan to allow for feedback.

Commissioner Walz agreed a communication of the design faze similar to building and parks for the fitness center could have been advantageous.

Ron Clausen also brought up a concern with younger members and lack of supervision of the workers and workers monitoring the floor.

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President Cooke thanked the residents for coming and agreed with Commissioner Walz’s suggestion on receiving input from the members.

Director Greene said she would work with marketing to get the information posted on the rejuvenation area and the functional training area.

Commissioner O’Malley said staff needs to be more responsive to suggestions in the future.

Communication on what equipment can be used to conduct exercises done on equipment that has been removed will be shared with members and staff. Staff will schedule clinics and demo days on the new equipment.

APPROVAL OF THE POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

Commissioner Carlson moved to approve the Policy and Procedure Manual.

Commissioner Walz seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE BID FROM
WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Commissioner O’Malley moved to accept the bid from Waste Management of Illinois, Inc. of Wheeling, IL for Waste Hauling and Recycling Services in 2023 in the amount of \$79,418.89, with an option to renew each year for up to three years.

Commissioner Walz seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

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APPROVAL OF PAY REQUEST FROM
HACIENDA LANDSCAPING, INC.

Commissioner Walz moved to approve the pay request from Hacienda Landscaping, Inc. of Minooka, IL for deposit on equipment for the Marshall Park Redevelopment Project in the amount of \$201,340.63.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

President Cooke asked staff to explain what the payment is for and how the district is protected. Director Kosbab said the practice of vendors asking for deposit assistance is becoming more and more prevalent because of the long lead times for supplies. The district has a performance and payment bond to protect our interests. He consulted with Attorney Hoffman who confirmed the district is in a strong position to cover any losses if issues did arise. President Cooke stated his concern with the contractor not completing any work yet asking for help. Director Kosbab said the district is not contractually obligated to pay, but it helps the vendor and contractor with the number of projects. Commissioner Walz confirms he is seeing similar movement in his industry that helps lock in the customer, contractor and vendor that the work will be completed.

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

Motion carried.

LEISURE SERVICES UPDATE

Director Tiffany Greene gave the following update:

- The adult center membership is at 276. The April fashion show was a success with 75 people in attendance.
- 26 dogs and their family members participated in the Doggie Egg Hunt.
- Aquatics April Swim Lessons reached 385 registrations. Aqua Wellness numbers were at 1,054 for the month.
- Tennis has 35 participants in 3 classes. Hot Shot Sports has 66 participants in 9 classes. Tumbling Times has 178 kids in 17 classes and Shotokan Karate has 74 participants. The Volleyball Clinic has 26 participants.
- Spring Music Recital will be held on May 26 with 21 students.
- Dance Spring Recital will take place June 10-11 at Harper College.
- Preschool registration is underway. Enrollment for 2023-2024 School Year is at 122 registrants.
- For the Fitness Center, Group Exercise participants for April was 1,802 and Personal training was at 132 sessions and Open Gym had 541 drop-ins.
- The Museum's Eggcellent Easter Celebration had 44 children and families attended.
- On April 24 the new kiosk was installed near the Customer Service desk for the purchase

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of tickets to Jumps ‘n Jiggles and Carousel. April 29-30, The Battle of Chicago, a martial arts competition uniting multiple schools was successfully hosted in the Pavilion Fieldhouse. This event drew hundreds of guests into the Pavilion building.

- 106 Rentals in April this year versus 63 last year.
- Kids Club had 1,876 registrations for the month of April.
- Tween Lock-in was held on April 14 with 16 participants.
- May 11 and 12: Spring Bazaar from 9am-2pm at the Sheila Ray Adult Center; Admission is FREE.
- May 24: Camp Meet and Greet from 6-7pm at Rainbow Falls Community Center.
- June 1: Dancing with the Band from 7-9pm at Garden Terrace at the Pavilion; Pay at the door.
- June 2: FREE! Movie in the Park at 8pm at the Pavilion Field; Showing: Encanto.
- June 11: Attack the PAC Tri starting at 6am at the Pavilion Aquatics Center; For ages 12+ and Registration Required.
- June 11: FREE! Art and Culture in the Park from 12-4pm at The Village Green.

PARKS AND PLANNING UPDATE

Director Kosbab gave the following update:

- The ballfields at Windemere Park and Mead Park are completed. With the rain event on Monday, the old fields were washed out, but the new fields that have been replaced were able to play.
- A survey was sent out for Windemere Park playground look for feedback on the replacement..
- Thank you to the Parks and Facilities staff on their hard work opening the seasonal facilities.

President Cooke asked about the work at Morton Park by the sand volleyball courts. Director Kosbab said the village approached the district regarding their Clearmont/Ridge Project and needing some compensatory storage for MWRD permits. The district allowed them to use the area in question. The work is already completed.

BUSINESS SERVICES UPDATE

Director Brad Sholes gave the following update:

- The district still has job openings, so check out the website to apply.
- I.T. has started opening seasonal facilities.
- Fox Run had a great turnout for Rob Post Band on Cinco de Mayo.
- Upcoming events include the Miller Shootout on May 12, a comedian on May 20th - a ticketed event that can be purchased online, Nicole Devine on Saturday, May 27th as part of the Saturday Summer Music Series.

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MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Director Kelly Carbon shared the following information:

- The summer guide is out. Summer registration starts Monday, May 15th for residents and May 22nd for non-residents.
- Marketing has been working with Parks to update signage for seasonal facilities.
- 8 advertisement signs have been added to the pickleball courts at Rainbow Falls.
- The new marketing manager will start on Monday, May 15th. She is from Elk Grove Village and participated in our programs and even worked as a camp counselor.
- Stay up to date on events with the Elk Grove Park District app that can be downloaded on the Apple app store or Google Play.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Executive Director Ben Curcio shared the following information.

- .Ask that the residents please help report vandalism.
- The board will see a draft of the community wide survey soon and it should be out to residents by July.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Walz inquired about the board entertaining a name change at Marshall Park. After discussion the board was open to exploring a name change.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Commissioner O'Malley moved to authorize Director Curcio to make payment of the bills in the amount of \$168,398.24 for April 27, 2023, \$224,343.04 for May 4, 2023 and \$1000.00 for May 5, 2023.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

ELK GROVE PARK DISTRICT					
SUMMARY LIST OF BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL ON MAY 11, 2023					
		<u>4/27/2023</u>	<u>5/4/2023</u>	<u>5/5/2023</u>	
SUMMARY BY FUND:					
CORPORATE FUND		\$ 60,292.68	\$ 99,465.41		
AUDIT					
POLICE			\$ 729.75		
LIABILITY					
RECREATION FUND		\$ 68,502.73	\$ 38,520.51		
PAVING & LIGHTING FUND					
MUSEUM FUND		\$ 24.40	\$ 340.80		
SPECIAL RECREATION					

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ASSOCIATIONS	\$ 13,758.52	\$ 2,338.91		
BOND & INTEREST FUND				
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 143.10	\$ 62,310.57		
FOX RUN GOLF LINKS FUND	\$ 25,676.81	\$ 20,637.09	\$ 1,000.00	
	\$ 168,398.24	\$ 224,343.04	\$ 1,000.00	

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner O’Malley and the board thanked Kathy Lydon for our 8 years of full-time and 13 plus years of total service to the park district and wished her luck in her new job.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Walz moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:02 p.m.

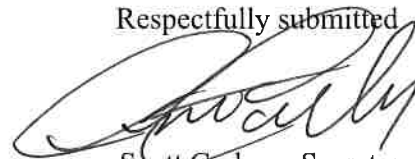
Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

The Regular Meeting of May 11, 2023 was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Scott Carlson, Secretary

