



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

A Regular scheduled meeting of the Elk Grove Park District, Cook County, State of Illinois was held on June 8, 2023 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

### 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  
Doug Sieder, Superintendent of Recreation Programs

Absent: Tiffany Greene, Director of Leisure Services

Visitors: Allan Crites, Resident

Scott Saxe, Resident - President of Elk Grove Parks Foundation

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Walz questioned if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the May 25, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting, and the May 25, 2023 Regular Meeting.

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

### LEISURE SERVICES UPDATE

Superintendent Sieder gave the following update:

- The adult center membership is at 280. In May, there were 60 participants at Dancing with the Band, and the Cinco de Mayo Murder Mystery Dinner event had 32 participants. Chef Pina hosted her first cooking class in the Hattendorf Kitchen with 12 participants. The Magic Luncheon had 60 attendees, and the trip to White Fence Farm was sold out with 38 participants.
- The Stroke Clinic had 59 enrollments in May. May Swim Lessons reached 165 total registrations, and Parents Night Out had 15 participants. Aqua Wellness numbers were at 1,030 for the month of May up from 921 in 2022.
- The Adult Spring Pickleball League started on Wednesday, May 24 with 11 teams, and the league is being held at Rainbow Falls Pickleball Courts. The league will run through

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June 28. All adult softball leagues are up and running, and registration for the Fall Coed Softball is open.

- There are 20 participants registered for Summer Session 1 of Tennis. Tumbling Times Spring Session 2 did well with 164 participants in 17 classes.
- House Baseball and Softball will have their annual Home Run Derby and Skills night on Friday, June 16 at CAF. All Star Games will be played on Saturday, June 17. The Softball season should wrap-up by June 24, and Baseball regular season and playoffs are scheduled to end on June 30. Registration is open for the Fall Season. Football and Cheer registration is open and will begin practices at the end of July. Travel Soccer held tryouts on May 9 and 10 with approximately 300 athletes that tried out. They will have over 200 players for the 2023 Fall/2024 Spring seasons. House Recreational Soccer will end its season on Saturday, June 10. Basketball is working on scheduling a 3-on-3 Tournament for the end of the summer as well as Basketball Clinics. Travel Baseball is planning for their MSBL tournaments. 8u, 9u, 11u and 13u will have their tournaments June 22-25. 10u, 12u and 14u will have their tournaments July 6-9. Tryouts are set for Lions Park July 11-13 with the exception of 13u, and their tryouts will be on July 25.
- Kick-Off to Summer Camp started on May 30. The Leisure Services division has a dozen different camps to choose from with extended care options as well. There are 5-Day and 3-Day options, and participants can register by week. Registration is still open for most camps!
- 2023-24 Company Auditions took place Sunday, May 21 with over 20 dancers auditioning.
- Enrollment for 2023-2024 School Year is at 128 registrations and all 3 year old classrooms are full. End of Year Programs for the 3's and the 52nd Preschool Graduation for the 4's was held at the end of May, and both events were live-streamed. Per resident feedback, Preschool is excited to launch a Sailing 2 School program in June for the 2 year olds. The class has already filled.
- Overall fitness class participation continues to grow in 2023:
  - Total Group Exercise Participants for May: 1,263 (2022: 1,088)
  - Total Yoga Participants: 336 (2022: 148)
  - Total Chair Yoga Participants: 191 (2022: 95)

Personal Training was at 142 sessions for the month of May compared to 76 in 2022.

- We are excited to welcome our new Museum Curator, Amelia Deering. Her first day was May 31.
- Opening Weekend took place at Pirates' Cove May 27-30. While daily admission was down slightly from last year, there was an increase in revenue (2022: 691/\$8,606 vs 2023: 629/\$8,937).
- Rainbow Falls Opening Weekend took place May 27-30. While the weekend went very smoothly, the forecast did impact the number of visits compared to last year. The total

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- number of admissions was 1,510 this year which is down from 2,086 admissions in 2022. Member visits were also down from 979 in 2022 to 568 this year.
- Total number of Rentals for the month of May were at 75 in 2023 versus 57 in 2022. The Hattendorf Center had 7 in 2023 compared to none last year.
  - Kids Club had 1,799 registrations for the month of May, and registration for the 2023-24 School Year is now open.
  - June 10 and 11: Adventure Awaits Spring Dance Recital at Harper College; Ticketed event.
  - June 11: FREE! Art and Culture in the Park from 12-4pm at The Village Green.
  - June 16: Parents' Night Out at the Pavilion Aquatics Center; For ages 5-12 and Registration Required.
  - June 14: FREE! Art @ the Park from 1-3pm at Fountain Square Park; Bubble Art.
  - June 21: FREE! Art @ the Park from 3-5pm at Applesced Park; Splatter Art.
  - June 22: FREE! The World's Largest Swim Lesson from 9:30-10am at Pavilion Aquatics Center; For ages 3-12 and Registration Required.
  - June 23: FREE! Movie in the Park at 8pm at the Pavilion Field; Showing: Puss in Boots 2.
  - June 24: FREE! Family Fishing Day from 9am-12pm at Johnson Park; For all ages and Pre-Registration is Preferred.
  - June 25: River Run 5K from 8:30am-10:30am at Rainbow Falls Waterpark; For all ages and Registration Required.

Commissioner Cooke inquired about what type of rentals we offer at the Hattendorf Center. Superintendent Sieder informed him the offerings include birthday parties, larger party rentals and gym rentals for basketball.

Commissioner Cooke also asked about attendance at the first movie in the park night. Superintendent Sieder responded the attendance was great with about 200 attendees. Commissioner Cooke highlighted the number of free events and entertainment the district offers during the summer. President Walz questioned the pickleball registration. Superintendent Sieder said the sport is growing and they will be utilizing a rating system in the future to pair participants by skill level.

## PARKS AND PLANNING UPDATE

Director Kosbab gave the following update:

- Osborn playground should be completed tomorrow and will open once the manufacturer's walk through with their representative that is scheduled for Monday.
- The schooner ride was shutdown for maintenance and a specialist was brought in to help identify parts. The parts have been ordered and the specialist will return in a couple weeks to install once the parts are received.

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### BUSINESS SERVICES UPDATE

Director Brad Sholes gave the following update:

- The next installment of the summer music series is June 17th. No Limit will be playing. That is a free event.
- On July 8th, Fox Run will have dueling pianos. More details will be released soon.
- The new assistant greenskeeper has been hired and starts on the 19th.

### MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Director Kelly Carbon shared the following information:

- Thanked Parkway Bank and Advocate Lutheran General Hospital for sponsoring Art and Culture in the Park from 12-4, including The Scribble Monster and a Beatles Tribute band along with food trucks and 17 art vendors.
- The marketing department intern, Patrick St. Clair was busy attending a Salt Creek Elementary School promoting summer activities as well as the Movie in the Park on Friday.
- Ali Geary was introduced as the new Marketing and Communications Manager.

Commissioner explained that Patrick St. Clair is now the intern for the marketing department, but started at Fox Run Golf Links in the pro shop.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Executive Director Ben Curcio shared the following information.

- Thanked the fitness center survey participants for completing the survey. Equipment will be returning based on the results of the survey.
- The district received 82 responses on the Windemere Park playground. The surveys provide good information on how to develop and design our playgrounds.
- Please respect the QR parking lot when attending Rainbow Falls. The district provides plenty of parking at Lions' Park, Rotary Green, the high school and the Grove junior high.

### NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Carlson explained the Youth Committee met and selected the scholarship winners and welcomed Scott Saxe, the President of the Elk Grove Parks Foundation, to announce their two winners. Mr. Saxe explained the Youth Committee provides seven \$1,000 scholarships with the Parks Foundation funding two of the scholarships. Mr. Saxe congratulated Caroline Andjulis and Abigail Denna as the 2023 Foundation Scholarship recipients. They and their families will be invited to receive their awards at the next board meeting on June 22nd. Mr. Saxe explained the foundation exists to support parks and recreation within the community. They provided needs based scholarships for those, youth and adults, that want to participate in parks and recreation programs that don't have the means to do so. Currently, the foundation is selling ducks for their

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annual duck race to be held on August 13th to raise funds. Ducks are available at the Pavilion and Hattendorf Center and events throughout the community.

Commissioner Carlson congratulated the other 5 winners that will be honored at the village board meeting on June 20th.

**APPOINTMENT OF NWSRA BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**

Commissioner O’Malley moved to appoint Executive Director Curcio as the Elk Grove Park District’s representative to the Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA) Board.

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.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Commissioner Carlson moved to authorize Director Curcio to make payment of the bills in the amount of \$195,110.82 for May 26, 2023 and \$211,317.65 for June 2, 2023.

Commissioner Biedke seconded the motion.

<b>ELK GROVE PARK DISTRICT</b>					
<b>SUMMARY LIST OF BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL ON JUNE 8, 2023</b>					
			<u>5/26/2023</u>	<u>6/2/2023</u>	
	SUMMARY BY FUND:				
	CORPORATE FUND		\$ 63,727.47	\$ 27,626.18	
	AUDIT			\$ 2,610.00	
	POLICE				
	LIABILITY				
	RECREATION FUND		\$ 54,276.79	\$ 18,117.11	
	PAVING & LIGHTING FUND			\$ 12,411.90	
	MUSEUM FUND		\$ 24.73	\$ 494.32	
	SPECIAL RECREATION				
	ASSOCIATIONS		\$ 18,797.04	\$ 7,582.50	

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	BOND & INTEREST FUND					
	CAPITAL PROJECTS		\$ 47,187.52	\$ 112,231.88		
	FOX RUN GOLF LINKS FUND		\$ 11,097.27	\$ 30,233.76		
			\$ 195,110.82	\$ 211,307.65		

<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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Biedke moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of June 8, 2023.

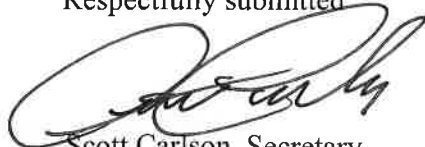
Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

<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.

The Regular Meeting of June 8, 2023 was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Scott Carlson, Secretary