



Elk Grove Park District Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2020

5:45 p.m.

President Walz called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

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

Staff: Ben Curcio, Brad Sholes, Tim White, Kelly Carbon, Tom Klaas

DISCUSSION ON IAPD DUES RENEWAL

Executive Director Curcio stated that our IAPD membership gets renewed annually. In the past, the Director would discuss with the Board prior to renewing. Director Curcio asked the Board if they would like him to continue to do that. Commissioner O'Malley stated he would like to know how high their raises are before making a decision if the District should continue to be a member. Commissioner Souder agreed with Commissioner O'Malley. Director Curcio will find out what type of raise management is getting and report back.

DISCUSSION ON IPRA TRANSPORTATION AND CONFERENCE SESSION EXPECTATIONS

Executive Director Curcio stated the expectations for anyone attending conference is the same as always. A full session consists of attending four sessions on Friday and two sessions on Saturday.

Executive Director Curcio also stated that our policy is to find the most economical way for transportation to the conference. He suggested taking the train, carpooling or taking an uber. If anyone is planning to drive there themselves, they must get prior approval from HR or pay their own way. Commissioner Cooke asked why we don't provide a bus. Director Curcio replied that people arrive at different times so it would be difficult to do that.

DISCUSSION ON DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

Director Sholes stated the District's Drug and Alcohol Policy has been updated with recommendations from PDRMA due to the legalization of recreational cannabis. This update pertained mainly to legal definitions. Director Curcio added that as of tomorrow, all Reasonable Suspicion training will be completed.

DISCUSSION ON YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD USAGE BENEFITS

Executive Director Curcio was asked by the Board to look into options for benefits for Youth Athletic Advisory Board members. He reviewed current practices and any existing benefits used by Advisory Board members throughout the year, as well as discussing with staff, before coming back to the Board with a recommendation. Director Curcio stated that taking into consideration the current discretionary spending by the Athletic Advisory Board, the annual volunteer pool party and the consideration to offer additional benefits, his recommendation is to provide each Advisory Board member an allotment of daily passes to use at various facilities throughout the District. These passes would be good for the current calendar year only and administered by Park District staff in January of each year. Commissioner Souder thinks the suggested amount of passes is too high and asked if we can give them a “super pass” as Commissioner O’Malley had previously suggested instead to get them into facilities at no cost. Commissioner Biedke likes the idea of a “super pass” because it could be deactivated if the board member quits. Director Curcio responded that we currently do not have a pass like that. Commissioner O’Malley suggested a card with money loaded onto it so they can tailor to their wants. Director Sholes replied that it would be like giving them cash and we are trying to get away from that. Commissioner Cooke questioned why we are trying to come up with something for the Athletic Advisory Boards when the majority vote was already not to compensate them.

Commissioner Souder and Commissioner Biedke will take this information back to the advisory boards to get feedback.

DISCUSSION ON PARC GRANT

Director White shared that the District is going to apply for a PARC Grant for the Fox Run Clubhouse and Maintenance Facility project. The Board will vote to pass a Resolution at the Board Meeting to apply for this grant.

OLD BUSINESS

Director Sholes gave an update on the District’s health insurance. The District qualified for an additional 5% discount that will decrease employee contribution as well as save the District approximately \$50,000.

Executive Director Curcio stated the Village has requested use of Lions Park on May 2, 2020 for a Mikerphone Brewing event. With set-up and take down they will need it through the weekend.

WILLIAMS ARCHITECT PRESENTATION

Frank Parisi stated since the last time he came to a meeting, he has been working with Fred and his group and has done some testing of the soil and environment from the project site. Tonight he is here to show the refinements of the schematic design. Some main things that were pointed out include the following: The design of the main level stayed essentially the same, but Frank added a panel divider to the club room that can be closed for an optional third separate party area. The furniture storage room was sized for additional simulators if needed down the road.

The bar will have seating for 22 people. Additional washrooms will be added for outside access near the patio. The maintenance space will be 999 square ft. The lower level has no access from the clubhouse and no utilities making more space for cart storage. Frank suggested moving the sign to the other side of the entrance for better visibility from the street.

Commissioner O'Malley questioned if there will be enough space to add additional gaming, simulators, etc. if needed in the future or should we look into decreasing the size of the maintenance and increase the clubhouse area. Tom Klaas replied that the current building holds up to 150 people. The new building will fit over 200 people.

Frank also went to the Village with drawings regarding encroachment. He was told to have this in the description of the plans. He was also told that all storage bins would have to be covered per the Village's zoning ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

President Walz moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Commissioner Souder seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners Biedke, Cooke, O'Malley, Souder and President Walz

Nays: None

Motion Carried