



Elk Grove Park District Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2021

6:00 p.m.

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

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

Staff: Ben Curcio, Brad Sholes, Kelly Carbon, Tiffany Greene, Tim White

Guest: Scott Carlson

DISCUSSION ON IAPD DUES RENEWAL

Executive Director Curcio stated the annual IAPD dues renewal is coming up and recommended they renew the membership. He provided information on what the IAPD offers to the District. Director Curcio stated the District utilized their service even more this year with Covid19. President O'Malley questioned if he knew what pay increase IAPD was getting. Director Sholes replied that he will find out. The consensus of the Board was in favor of renewing the District's IAPD membership.

DISCUSSION ON 2021 CAPITAL PROJECTS RECAP

Director White provided information and drawings for the upcoming 2021 Capital Projects.

- (2) Digital Scoreboards - These scoreboards will be wireless, but also hardwired in back if needed. They will have the Elk Grove logo. The color is still to be determined. The budgeted amount for this project is \$60,000.00. President O'Malley asked if anyone went to the Baseball program and asked if they would put money towards the new scoreboards. Commissioner Biedke said he is not opposed to asking, but this year was a disaster for travel baseball due to the pandemic causing refunds, etc. Commissioner Cooke said the Park District and Board initiated the new scoreboards as an improvement so he does not feel we should ask Baseball for money. After further discussion, the consensus of the Board was to not ask the Baseball program for money but they will be made aware of the purchase.
- Jaycee Playground - Upland Design will come up with the layout, and we will ask the community for their input on color options. There will be two areas of play equipment. The first one is for ages 2-5 while the other area will be for children ages 5-12. There will also be a shelter and sidewalks. The Capital Committee was concerned that panels on the one slide structure would not provide enough visibility so other options will be explored. 33% of this playground will be ADA equipped.
- Morton Park Bridge - This will be a floating bridge 8' x 80' long with no footings. There will also be a kayak launch to Salt Creek. Commissioner Souder stated he believed the idea for the bridge was to be able to fish off of but the drawing doesn't look as though that would be possible. Director White responded that he can see if an area for fishing could be added. President O'Malley questioned why we are building a bridge rather than

a fishing pier. The budgeted amount for this project for the bridge and engineering was \$250,000 pre-Covid19. Director White is trying to get a new price.

- Ridge School Playground - Director White stated the down payment for the play equipment was already approved. Commissioner Cooke stated that the school district did not want to pay more than \$50,000, so some play structures were taken out of the original plans. The playground is used by residents as well as the school. Director White said if the consensus was that the design was underwhelming staff can look to add additional equipment and present it to the Board. Commissioner Souder said he would rather spend the money on parks we own exclusively. Executive Director Curcio added that school playgrounds have restrictive usage during school hours. The consensus was to not add additional play equipment.
- Dog Park - Executive Director Curcio stated he and Director White have a meeting scheduled with the Cook County Rental Lease Agreement division tomorrow where they will ask if they can put a dog park at Woodland Meadows. The Forest Preserve currently operates three dog parks in the County. If they agree, the District may have to contribute money to construct the dog park and let Cook County do the registration. We will ask to give Elk Grove residents a discount. Commissioner Walz asked Director Curcio to email the Commissioners with an update after the meeting. Commissioner Cooke asked what the cost would be if Cook County is interested. Director White replied the cost would be \$200,000 without water and \$250,000 with water.
- Audubon Skate Park Entrance - The cost of this project is \$60,000 but it is something that needs to be done. All Commissioners agreed to move forward with this project.
- Pavilion Childcare Renovation - Executive Director Curcio said the space that was once used for therapy is too small and awkward to do much with, so staff thought of turning it into a childcare room to open the room downstairs for programming. President O'Malley questioned if that was the best idea considering it would not be used much. It was decided to table this discussion until the next meeting.

Director White told the Commissioners that he met with Director Curcio and Valerie Lemme to get ideas for Marshall Park for 2022. Director White said there is an issue with the Village on the original plan of putting in a drinking fountain because there needs to be more water usage. Director White suggested adding either irrigation or a waterfall as options. He asked the Board if they would be opposed to putting a restroom out there if the Village says no to either of the first suggestions. Director White added that if we do nothing, we would have to cap and reroute to the main at an approximate cost of \$40,000-\$50,000.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cooke moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Commissioner Biedke seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried