



Elk Grove Park District Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2020

6:30 p.m.

President Walz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Commissioner Biedke

Staff: Ben Curcio, Brad Sholes, Tim White, Kelly Carbon, Jeff Collier

DISCUSSION ON ORDINANCE FOR ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY FOR COMMISSIONERS

Director Brad Sholes explained that legislation was made to the Workplace Transparency Act requiring existing harassment policies to include Commissioners. Director Curcio stated that our current policy does not address Commissioners because they are elected officials, not employees, so changes need to be made to our existing policy. This addition is required by law to be added to the harassment policy by February 9, 2020.

DISCUSSION ON TRAVEL SOCCER CLUB

Executive Director Ben Curcio shared a memo with the board proposing that the Travel Soccer Club become independent of the Park District. Director Curcio stated that philosophically travel does not fit in with the Park District, and for them to be successful they should be on their own. With that being said, Director Curcio is proposing no rental fees for outdoor field usage for practices and games as long as they maintain our residency policy of 70% residents for the entire program. Director Curcio also explained that his understanding is that if the travel soccer club is a member of the Youth Soccer League, during any approved games and tournaments that they play in will be covered through the League's insurance. After discussion on this topic, no decision was made.

DISCUSSION ON LIONS PARK TURF OPTIONS

Executive Director Ben Curcio stated he received prices from WT Engineering to turf the baseball fields at Lions Park. Both options were well over the anticipated costs, largely due to the area being in a flood plain. All Commissioners agreed that it was too expensive to consider. Director Curcio left a message with Bob Murphy of Elk Grove High School to discuss other options for field usage. He is waiting to hear back.

OLD BUSINESS

Director Tim White was informed that Earth Networks, the lightning detection system that we are considering to replace Thorguard, can no longer do what they originally promised. He benchmarked fifteen other park districts on what they use. Five of them do not have any lightning detection system, ten of them use Thorguard or a similar system, and one uses an app. Director White stated we can go another year on Thorguard and then start notifying the public that they will be removed.

ADJOURNMENT

President Walz moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Commissioner Souder seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried