



Elk Grove Park District Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2021

5:30 p.m.

President O'Malley called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

In attendance: President O'Malley, Commissioner Biedke (arrived at 5:57pm),
Commissioner Cooke, Commissioner Walz

Absent: Commissioner Souder

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

Guest: Scott Carlson, Resident and Park Board Candidate

DISCUSSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH DISTRICT 214

Executive Director Curcio shared the proposed intergovernmental agreement between School District 214 and the Elk Grove Park District stating that there are no changes from the current agreement. He recommended the Board approval. After discussion on the usage of the District's grassy area, the consensus of the Board was to move forward with the approval of the intergovernmental agreement.

DISCUSSION ON EMPLOYEE USAGE BENEFITS

Director Greene provided the new proposed usage benefits. She stated they are streamlined to provide more incentives for employment. Director Greene also provided the current usage benefits and highlighted the changes that are being proposed. The Board was in agreement that unlimited rounds of golf should not be offered as a usage benefit for non IMRF employees. The only changes to full time usage benefits would be changing a dollar amount discount for camps, preschool, and before/after school programs to a percentage discount. Full-time and IMRF employee usage benefit groups will also be combined. Director Greene pointed out the disclaimer that will be included in the usage benefits that states no full paying resident will be displaced because of employee usage benefits.

DISCUSSION ON MASTER PLAN 5 YR ACTION PLAN WITH BIG LIST

Executive Director Curcio questioned if the Board had any comments about the Master Plan that was presented. He also stated that he wants to combine the 5 year Action Plan with the Big List to create one document. President O'Malley said to make sure to convey to staff that just because something is on the list doesn't mean it will happen.

2021 Big List Projects

Thor Guard - After discussion on replacing the Thor Guard lightning detection system there was a consensus to remove it because it is not dependable. Director Curcio stated we would need to communicate and educate the public that Thor Guard is being removed. Discussion will continue on whether or not the District will provide a lightning detection service in its place. Commissioner Walz would like staff to put together information on other options.

Tennis Court Lighting - Adding lighting to the tennis courts at Elk Grove High School has been put on hold since the Pavilion tennis courts are staying as is.

Pickleball Courts - The surface of the inline rink at Rainbow Falls is being redone to make it multi-purpose use for both skating and pickleball. Sturdy nets that are removable will be added. Adding pickleball will check off a box for a need in our community.

Morton Bridge - Director White shared a new concept of flagstone landscaping instead of a bridge that residents can use to fish off of and possibly launch a kayak off of. If the Board likes this idea he will try to work with the original \$250,000 budget

2022 Big List Projects

Driving Range Improvements - This will stay as a 2022 project unless the dog park goes there. In that case, it will be moved up to 2021.

Teen Center at Audubon - Staff to conduct a needs assessment. Director Curcio stated the description of the project should be changed to “multi-use”. Commissioner Cooke said that as long as skaters are still using the indoor skate park the purpose of the building is not likely to be changed. He suggested monitoring the usage before making any decisions.

Marshall Playground - A survey has gone out to staff about what kind of amenities they would like. The survey will go out to the Board next and then the community. Commissioner Walz would like to see a new Senior Center built on that property. President O’Malley stated he is reluctant to agree with that and would like something that would better serve more of the community. Commissioner Cooke suggested not rushing Marshall Park and would rather see another project moved up.

Pond Dredging at Fox Run - Director White said that dredging is important to do because the pond feeds into other parks. Commissioner Cooke said to check with the Village of Schaumburg regarding the land next to their Public Works building, that they are going to build homes on, to make sure water will not be coming to the golf course. Executive Director Curcio will contact the Village.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Director Curcio shared that Brian O’Malley received a request from Travel Baseball to place an ad on the back cover of the summer brochure for \$1,500. Director Curcio thinks if we were to do that it should be for all the athletic programs. This discussion was tabled for further discussion at another time.

A member of the Sheila Ray Adult Center is requesting an additional \$2.50 reduction on her and her husband's membership fees. The membership fee for this year was already reduced from \$30 to \$15. The consensus of the Board was to keep the fee at \$15.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Commissioner Walz seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried