

Elk Grove Park District Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2023 5:30 p.m.

President Cooke called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

In attendance: President Cooke, Commissioner Carlson (arrived at 5:43 p.m.)

Commissioner O'Malley, Commissioner Walz

Absent: Commissioner Biedke

Staff: Ben Curcio, Brad Sholes, Kelly Carbon, Tiffany Greene, Mark Kosbab

DISCUSSION ON FOX RUN GOLF COURSE

Executive Director Curcio led the discussion on an incident where a staff member made the decision on their own to close the Fox Run kitchen earlier than the normal hours. Director Sholes stated that there was an event that evening that the employee was nervous about, but he had a follow up discussion with this employee and told them that was not their decision to make. President Cooke said staff does not seem to be in the right frame of mind that we are trying to make this more than a golf course restaurant. Commissioner Walz said that now that we have hired a new Bar and Event Manager, it should help. Director Sholes added that we also have a new General Manager who is doing a good job so far and would like to give him a little time. Director Sholes said that he set expectations of the Fox Run staff to make sure customer service is on point and also challenged the cook to expand the kitchen and late night menu.

Commissioner Walz suggested changing the name so it is not thought of as a golf course clubhouse, and using marketing to help get people in there. President Cooke said there need to be future discussion on this but is in favor of changing the name to give it its own identity. Commissioner O'Malley said that was not an isolated incident and had a few suggestions on improvements. He would like to see staff cross-trained and he would like to see tiered layers of food, meaning have an easier menu for later in the evening.

DISCUSSION ON GOLF CART GPS SYSTEM

Commissioner Walz said this GPS system is a good product to go along with the new carts. It is also a product that would interact with the golfers by knowing where they were. Geofence would help to keep the golfers off the greens on cart path only days. Commissioner O'Malley questioned if all the carts had to have this. He suggested two fleets, one with this GPS system and one without to save money. Commissioner Walz suggested raising the cost of carts to offset the cost of the GPS. The consensus of the Board was to move forward with the recommendation for this GPS system as long as there is an increase in cart fee.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner O'Malley moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Commissioner Walz seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried