



Elk Grove Park District Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2020

6:30 p.m.

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Cooke

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

DISCUSSION ON ELK GROVE YOUTH TRAVEL SOCCER CLUB

Executive Director Ben Curcio stated that last week the Soccer Advisory Board met and had a long discussion on whether or not to leave the Park District. After that meeting and a recent meeting with the Advisory Board President, Director Curcio stated there was a consensus to become an independent Travel Soccer Club. The house program would remain under the Park District. Director Curcio shared guidelines the program would need to follow. His proposed plan is to not charge for field rentals during the fall and spring season for practices and games, as long as they maintain the 70% residency policy. Director Curcio shared proposed field rental rates based on a sliding scale if the soccer club fails to comply with the residency policy. Director Curcio said the club would need to provide rosters with names and staff would need to do their due diligence to make sure the residency is being met. President Walz suggested that if at any time during the season they do not meet the residency, they should have to revert back to a full season of non-residency fees. Commissioner O'Malley questioned if this was for the entire program or each team because you tend to lose residency as the kids get older. Commissioner Souder agreed and said the residency should be team by team. Director Curcio replied it can be capped at U14. Commissioner Biedke agreed with Director Curcio.

Director Curcio will create an agreement for review at the next meeting. Commissioner Biedke asked if an appeal process can be added if a team is close to the residency minimum requirement. Commissioner Souder suggested adding language that excludes hosted tournaments. Director Curcio replied tournaments, clinics and camps are run through the Leisure Serviced Department. President Walz asked about the travel soccer program fund balance. Director Curcio responded he thinks it should stay with the Park District. Director Sholes added we already set a precedent with the Heat that funds stay within the District. Commissioner Biedke thinks they should get some of the funds to get started. Director Curcio replied it will all be spelled out in a simple agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Curcio stated he would like to reconvene after the Regular Scheduled Meeting to discuss cancelling events due to the Governor and CDC recommendations relating to the coronavirus.

Commissioner O'Malley stated before he approved the purchase of new play equipment for Jumps n' Jiggle, he would like to hear what Jeff Collier, Deb Baum and Chris Fearing had to say about the amount of money being spent and the size of the new play equipment. Director Curcio responded that Chris played an integral part in picking the design. She wanted to be able to segregate the big kids from the little kids. Commissioner Souder questioned what would delaying by two weeks do to the project. Director White responded two weeks would not delay the start of the project.

SUSPENSION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Commissioner Souder moved to suspend the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7:02 p.m. President Walz seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

RECONVENE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Commissioner Souder moved to reconvene the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:53 p.m.

President Walz seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

CORONAVIRUS

Director Curcio shared his concerns about leaving the Senior Center open. Commissioner Biedke asked if Director Curcio had spoken to legal to which Director Curcio replied he talked to Attorney Hoffman twice and we told it is not his call. President Walz said if we do not close the Senior Center tomorrow, it would likely be closed Monday as other Park District's are already starting to close. Commissioner O'Malley suggested allowing the seniors to go to the Center tomorrow to pick up any belongings and then close on Monday. Director Curcio will instruct the Senior Center to close for a minimum of fourteen days, and then re-evaluate the situation.

President Walz asked what everyone's thoughts are for closing the Fitness Center. Director Curcio responded that there are no known cases in the area, and he thinks measures that are being taken will slow the spread of the virus. Commissioner O'Malley added that sleep, exercise and common sense are the three things that are important to staying healthy so we should not take one of those away, but have a policy in effect that members can put their membership on hold or extended.

Director Greene said staff has received fifteen calls from people that booked carousel events, one of them is within a four week period. Commissioner Biedke feels they should get refunds regardless of the time frame. President Walz agreed. Commissioner O'Malley would like staff to encourage rescheduling first rather than cancelling.

Director Carbon shared that we have AARP tax appointments until April 15 at Hattendorf. Director Curcio replied we will look to relocate them.

President Walz asked what the scenario would be in case of a full Park District shutdown. Director Sholes replied, per the employee policy manual, Full-time exempt employees would be paid. Full-time non-exempt and Part-time employees would not. Also, per the policy, employees cannot use their sick time. Director Curcio added that the Board can take action to say employees that do not fall in the Full-time exempt category can get paid.

Commissioner O'Malley questioned if the theatre production is still on for this weekend. Director Greene responded that staff from the Des Plaines theater is meeting tomorrow morning to make a decision. Potentially there could be up to 475 people there with the volunteers at that event.

Currently, the golf course is open and will stay open. President Walz said staff needs to be disinfecting each cart that comes back. Commissioner O'Malley suggested a user fee of \$5 on carts for cleaning.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Souder moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 8:36 p.m.

President Walz seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried