



## Elk Grove Park District Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

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March 25, 2021

6:30 p.m.

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President O'Malley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Guest: Scott Carlson, Park Board Candidate

### **DISCUSSION ON DOG PARK**

Director Tim White stated at the last meeting the Board directed staff to look at different sites again for a potential dog park. Director White thinks that going back to Udall and utilizing a part of the ComEd property might be the best option. He shared a copy of the proposed layout stating the only amenity that would be sacrificed is the sled hill. This plan includes parking and over 5 acres of dog park that would be divided equally for small dogs and large dogs. Executive Director Curcio added that the basketball courts would also have to be relocated. Commissioner Souder said the sled hill is used heavily and we would get a lot of push back from residents if it were to be removed. Director White replied if the sled hill were to remain, there would still be plenty of acreage for a dog park. Commissioner Cooke suggested movable fencing so the sled hill could be used in the winter when usage of the dog park would be down. Director White stated adjustments can be made to these plans if the Board wants to move forward with this location. He asked if he should proceed with ComEd and get WT Engineering to start drawing up construction documents. The consensus of the Board, with the exception of Commissioner Biedke, was to move forward with plans and to set up a public meeting with residents to get their input. Executive Director Curcio suggested starting with the group of residents that attended a recent Board Meeting opposing the dog park.

### **DISCUSSION ON JAYCEE PARK PLAYGROUND**

Director White stated he is putting together two public meetings for Jaycee Park to get input. The meetings will be held virtually on April 7 and at the park on April 13. He shared drawings of the potential playground equipment and explained the features. There will be a 5-12 age playground area and a 2-5 age area. These new playground designs would meet minimum ADA accessible play components. Director White said he would like to move the 2-5 age playground area away from the street, or add durabuilt fencing to keep the children from going by the street.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Director White asked if any of the Commissioners had any comments from the survey for Marshall Park and if so, to turn them in tonight so he can start working with Upland Design.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Commissioner Souder seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

**Motion Carried**