



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

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April 22, 2021

6:00 p.m.

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President O'Malley called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Commissioner elect

### **DISCUSSION ON YOUTH PROGRAMS AND SPORTS LODGING POLICY**

Executive Director Curcio said the Athletics Boards reviewed the policy and were concerned about money being in the budget for lodging expenses. They requested that the verbiage "It is the responsibility of each program or team to fundraise each calendar year for lodging expenses" be added to the paragraph in guideline 4.

### **DISCUSSION ON SOUND ENVIRONMENTAL EFFORTS RESOLUTION**

Executive Director Curcio stated that staff of the District's Earth Team were approached by a Girl Scout Troop about a project they are working on that would benefit the community, more specifically recycling in our parks. The girls would like designated recycling cans to be placed in all of our parks. In addition, they are asking the Board to renew the Resolution to support sound environmental efforts that was initially adopted in 2008. Commissioner Cooke questioned if the resolution should be updated. Director Curcio replied that he is happy with the way the resolution reads now and renewing it reaffirms our commitment. It was decided that recycle cans would be placed at Audubon Skate Park and Community Athletics Fields.

### **DISCUSSION ON RAINBOW FALLS OPERATIONS**

Executive Director Curcio started the discussion as a follow up from the last meeting's discussion on Rainbow Falls hours. At that meeting, it was suggested to allow residents and season pass holders in the waterpark one hour ahead instead of the current 30 minutes. After continued discussion tonight, it was decided that the hours would remain the same as in past years. There was also discussion on the 50% capacity limit that is in place with the Governor's current guidelines and how profitable that will be. Director Curcio replied that 50% of capacity is 600 patrons and he does not think it will be a problem to break even but on cooler days we can shut down quicker. Director Curcio added that he hopes to be in Phase 5 soon.

Director Curcio asked for guidance on the cooler size rule at Rainbow Falls. The consensus of the Board was to enforce a cooler size limit for entry into Rainbow Falls.

Director Curcio stated there will not be golf cart service at Rainbow Falls this season due to sidewalk improvements and the new parking lot, however; we will have buses running during Rotary Fest.

Commissioner asked for a sign to be placed on the Queen of the Rosary playground stating the Park District does not maintain it.

#### **DISCUSSION ON IMRF BENEFITS PROTECTION LEAVE**

Director Sholes said an employee on furlough applied for a Benefit Protection Leave to receive IMRF service credit while on furlough. Director Sholes stated a resolution would need to be passed for each individual employee that applies. Commissioner Cooke asked if this was something new as he thought employees were covered. Director Sholes explained that once the employee runs out of PTO and has no reportable wages, they won't receive service time up to 12 months. Director Sholes also stated that the Board has the right to approve or not approve the request on a case by case basis. The consensus of all five Commissioners was to not have furloughed employees receive this benefit.

#### **DISCUSSION ON YOUTH SPORTS INSURANCE**

Director Curcio shared the Elk Grove Park District Insurance Summary that will be discussed with each Youth Sports League to educate them on the District's insurance and what it covers for all Park District programs.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Director Sholes said IMRF came out with new rates and we are now 106% funded.

Fox Run was approached by Village staff to host a mini golf outing with five groups on a Saturday at 9:00am. Tom Klaas quoted them \$55. They would like a better deal. Given the day and time, the consensus was that \$55 was already a great price.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Souder moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Commissioner Cooke seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

**Motion Carried**