



Elk Grove Park District Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2020

6:00 p.m.

President Walz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

DISCUSSION ON FUTURE BOARD POSITIONS

President Walz started the discussion on future board positions. Commissioner O'Malley expressed interest in being the Board President and Commissioners Cooke and Biedke both expressed interest in becoming Vice President. President Walz stated he would like to be the treasurer since he has not been that before. Commissioner Souder replied he was fine with being Commissioner. Commissioner Cooke and Commissioner Biedke shared why they were interested in being the Vice President. Commissioners Cooke and Biedke will discuss amongst themselves who will take on that role, and if needed reach out to the other Commissioners for their thoughts.

DISCUSSION ON FFCRA SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENT TO SICK LEAVE AND FMLA

Director Sholes explained this is a supplemental document to the District's Sick Leave and FMLA policies due to the enactment of the Family First Coronavirus Response Act. This document will comply with the provisions in that Act. Director Sholes stated that everything in the supplemental document has been mandated.

DISCUSSION ON YOUTH LEAGUES

Director Greene stated that she recently sat in on all the board meetings of the youth athletics leagues. House Baseball, House Softball, House Soccer and Travel Soccer have all decided to move forward with cancelling their seasons based on the Governor's reopening plan in phases. Travel Baseball is still in question. They have a board meeting set for the end of the month. Director Greene is hoping for a decision from that league to be made at that time. Executive Director Curcio asked the Commissioners two questions. The first question was if they would have an issue with travel teams going to other states to play tournaments. He asked PDRMA and is awaiting their response as well. President Walz responded that he received a call from Marty Rogers stating if Illinois opens up they would be interested in playing a couple games a week until school starts. Marty also asked if Illinois is still closed, can they take their team to another state to play a tournament and would they be covered by PDRMA. Director Curcio's second question was if PDRMA says no, would we allow them to get their own insurance. President Walz responded that if they are not going under PDRMA there is no way they can mandate what they can do. but they cannot wear Elk Grove Park District uniforms.

Commissioner Biedke asked about practices. Director Greene responded that this has been discussed with travel baseball and they know that practices cannot not begin until phase 4. Commissioner Cooke stated that he feels if Illinois is still closed, that should apply to them too to prevent transmission back and forth from states. Commissioner Souder stated we need to ask PDRMA that if they say no and we allow them to get their own insurance will that compromise the District in any way. Commissioner Biedke asked if they would go, will the District release guidelines? Director Greene responded we can put protocol for practices here but can't control what happens when they go out of state. Director Curcio commented that he believes Travel Baseball is looking to the Park District for guidance. Commissioner O'Malley said he is not going to weigh in on this until he sees what takes place over the next several weeks but agrees with Commissioner Cooke that we need to follow the rules that are currently in place. Commissioner Biedke shared that there is one team that is looking to play in an out of state tournament at the end of May so once Director Curcio receives an answer from PDRMA we will pass that information on to them.

DISCUSSION ON YOUTH TRAVEL SOCCER CLUB

Director Curcio stated he has been in contact with the Soccer Advisory Board and they are still interested in becoming independent of the Park District. Director Curcio provided the Board with the draft agreement. He also shared it with staff and Attorney Hoffman. His next step would be to discuss this agreement with the soccer advisory board at their next meeting. Director Curcio said the soccer board asked if the District will be charging them rent. They also asked if they could take their money with them. Commissioner Cooke does not agree with having an agreement with them stating if they want to be independent of the Park District then they should be on their own for everything. Commissioner Cooke also inquired if the soccer board was made up of house and travel people. If so, he thinks that would be a conflict of interest. Director Curcio explained that anyone on travel will take their leadership with them. Commissioner Souder asked why we are not handling this the same way we handled travel softball. President Walz stated it comes down to why they want to leave. Commissioner Biedke asked Director Greene if she could explain why they wanted to leave. Director Greene responded they want more freedom than what the park district is offering. Commissioner Biedke is concerned if soccer goes away and longer a program of the Park District it would cause a void in our town. He would prefer to give residents an opportunity to play here. President Walz reiterated that they want to leave us. Commissioner Biedke asked Director Greene to get a list of specific reasons why the travel program wants to leave. Director Curcio added that he will work on the sliding scale for field rentals and discuss with them that there would be some type of discount but it would need to be worked out.

DISCUSSION ON SEASONAL AND OTHER FACILITIES

Director Curcio stated a decision needed to be made tonight regarding the Rainbow Fall. With the phasing put out by the Governor it will restrict our ability to effectively open that facility. Director Curcio asked the Board for consideration to not open Rainbow Falls this summer. Director Curcio said we can be a little more fluid with Pirates Cove because it is easier to open that facility if the Governor allows for it. Commissioner Souder asked how much time would be needed to open Rainbow Falls. Director Curcio replied a minimum of two weeks to get the pools ready plus a minimum of three weeks to train lifeguards for a total of three to five weeks. The consensus of all Commissioners was to not open Rainbow Falls this season.

Commissioner Cooke inquired how long it would take PAC to open. Director Curcio responded it would take less than two weeks to fill, treat and heat but then we would need train lifeguards and with the guidelines, we would have to wait until June for that. He hopes to open PAC in July and leave open through September.

As far as Pavilion Fitness, Director Curcio shared that staff is planning on moving some equipment down to the multi-purpose gym to spread the machines out and make it more safe and make people feel more comfortable when they return. Director Curcio anticipates being able to reopen the fitness center mid to end of June or early July.

DISCUSSION ON GOLF COURSE PROJECT FINANCES

Director Curcio stated he and Director Sholes provided the actual budget and documents from the past few weeks. Director Sholes explained the Golf Course Project Funding plan sheet. He stated the year end fund balance policy projections will be a little different due to what has been going on. He explained how the numbers are subject to change based on different scenarios related to how and when our facilities will open up again. The project costs right now is just under \$10 million dollars. After the updated temporary conditions, we are still looking to issue \$6.5 million in bonds. \$1.75 million will come from the corporate fund that will be transferring into the capital fund. That leaves just under \$1 million to come from either a 2021 capital bond issue or corporate fund balance after 2020.

Director Curcio stated his plan would be to continue through the permitting and bid opening process and then towards the end of June discuss what the market is telling us about the budget. Director Curcio also shared that recently, the Governor has issued an opportunity for two grants that we are actively pursuing that if awarded will give us additional funding for this project. President Walz inquired if Director Curcio has researched getting a grant writer to work with him. Director Curcio responded he has engaged with Upland Design. Commissioner Cooke asked if these grants could apply to the Dog Park project. Director Sholes replied no, the Dog Park project will not cost enough to qualify.

President Walz asked for a consensus that we move forward with the bidding process for this project. Commissioners Cooke, Souder and Walz were in favor. Commissioner O'Malley was in favor but with the same concerns he brought up at the last meeting. Commissioner Biedke expressed concern with moving forward at this time with the potential of future layoffs. President Walz stated they will have to further discuss this project but would he like to give Ben the authority to continue through the bid process knowing the project can be cancelled at any time. President Walz would like Director Curcio to plan an extended Committee of the Whole to further discuss this project.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Biedke moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:12 p.m.

President Cooke seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried