



Elk Grove Park District Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2023

5:30 p.m.

President Cooke called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

DISCUSSION ON COMMUNITY WIDE SURVEY

Director Carbon explained the district is working with Public Research Group of Naperville, IL including a community survey, focus groups and stakeholder meetings conducted by Public Research Group. She provided the board with a draft of the questionnaire and explained the timeline on distribution. The focus groups will be held June 8th and 14th. The board was asked if any additional questions or topics need to be included in the questionnaire. Commissioner Carlson inquired about lacrosse being included in the questions and Director Carbon confirmed it was included.

DISCUSSION ON PROPERTY NAMING RIGHTS

Executive Director Curcio provided the board with Property Naming Rights policy and Recognition Criteria Policy for review. President Cooke initiated discussion, based on comments by Commissioner Walz at a previous meeting, on considering the renaming of Marshall Park. After discussion, the board consensus was in favor of renaming the park with naming suggestions and discussion at a future meeting.

DISCUSSION ON FUTURE BOARD POSITIONS

Discussion took place about future Board positions. Consensus was to add a new board committee called the Pavilion Committee.

DISCUSSION ON FITNESS CENTER

Director Greene explained that Fitness Center staff have been busy interacting with members and collecting information regarding the removed fitness equipment and the new fitness equipment. She stated most of the negative comments were on the removal of the Hammer Strength equipment, but we have received positive feedback on the new equipment and shared a video of comments complimenting the new equipment. Executive Director Curcio explained the cost to purchase 5 pieces of Hammer Strength equipment would be approximately \$16,000. President Cooke asked how the equipment purchase would fit with the master plan and renovation for the fitness center. Commissioner Biedke wanted to confirm the members from the last board meeting were involved with the equipment selection. Commissioner Walz appreciated the comments about the new equipment and liked to see younger members in the fitness center and long term members' comments should be considered. Executive Director emphasized the importance of

receiving feedback from members for future equipment removal/purchase and fitness center projects similar to our playground and park improvement process, and that in order to be sustainable the fitness center needs new young members. Commissioner O'Malley acknowledged that the equipment removal resulted in the most comments and backlash in his tenure involving the fitness center. Board consensus was to purchase the 5 pieces of equipment and confirm those 5 pieces would be the most utilized by surveying members.

NEW BUSINESS

President Cooke asked for an update on the Riverwalking program at Rainbow Falls. Director Greene explained the program had not had a fee increase in years, while the costs of running the program have skyrocketed with the cost of lifeguards and as a result the program fee was adjusted this year, and even with the increase the program will run at a loss. Staff has adjusted some dates and we will monitor the results of the changes and adjust moving forward.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Biedke moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried