



Elk Grove Park District Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

May 28, 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 GOLF COURSE PROJECT

Executive Director Curcio stated he wanted to make sure all the Commissioners were on board with going forward with the bidding process for the golf course project. He asked if anyone had questions on the additional financial information Director Sholes provided in the board packet. Director Curcio said, if in agreement, he would move forward with the plan for the bidding process to be completed towards the end of June. Commissioner Cooke asked how long is the term for the bonds? Director Sholes replied it was a six year bond but a five year repayment plan. Director Sholes said it would be tiered similar like the PAC bond issue with an interest only payment only for 2020 and principal payments starting in 2021 with higher payments in the next three or four years and then tapering off.

DISCUSSION ON TRAVEL SOCCER

Director Greene stated a memo was submitted for Travel Soccer for review. She and Brad Wessel worked on completing a chart for the fall and spring season so the Board can get an understanding of travel soccer's field usage and costs if we were to charge them current rental rates. Director Greene said that according to the current field rental rates, the total cost of the full price would be \$27,643 for the year. That amount broken down by hours is 732.5 hours of soccer, which does not include light usage of 90.5 hours. Commissioner O'Malley stated he agrees with Commissioner Cooke's comment from the last discussion that if they choose to not be a part of the Park District they will need to pay for fields. Commissioner O'Malley added that he is not opposed to giving them some type of discount but they should not be getting free usage. Commissioner Biedke thinks instead of looking at this as they are either in or out, we should be looking at what we can do for our residents and we should allow our residents to use our fields. President Walz stated it seems as if Soccer is the one asking if they leave what they will get. He would like to hear from the Soccer Board why they want to leave the Park District. Director Curcio said he thinks it's a combination of conflict between the Soccer President and staff, along with a philosophy change in where they want to be more competitive, and in order to do so they need to go outside of Elk Grove. Commissioner Biedke replied that he spoke with Effie and her intention is not to bring non-residents into the program. Commissioner Souder stated that he doesn't want an outside team to get the same benefits we have through our programs.

Commissioner O'Malley related the request from Travel Soccer to not have to pay for fields if they leave the Park District to the fact that other residents that play in our softball or basketball programs have to pay a fee so why would they expect free usage when they're no longer a part of our programs. Commissioner Biedke said we are in the recreation field and we should be providing that to our residents. Commissioner O'Malley replied that we are with our house program.

President Walz asked Director Greene what was said at the last Travel Soccer Board Meeting. Director Greene responded that they wanted to table the discussion until their June 10th Board Meeting when they would have more information on what the costs would be to go on their own. President Walz stated it seems like they are asking if they choose to leave, would they get a discount of fields, so as a Board they need to come up with an answer for them. Director Curcio agreed and asked for a consensus of the Board to offer them a discount based on the costs that Director Greene shared with them tonight. He added that he is comfortable with a bulk hourly discount because they are purchasing a lot of hours. The consensus of the Board was as long as each team meets the residency rates they would be in favor of some type of discount. President Walz asked Director Greene to go to the Soccer Board and tell them the consensus is to offer a discount and ask them what amount of discount they are looking for as a starting point. Commissioner Cooke told Director Curcio to ask Executive Directors from other Park Districts what type of discounts they offer in their community so we can be in the range of what is fair. Commissioner Biedke requested that Director Curcio ask about residency rates along with their price.

DISCUSSION ON MSBL SEASON

Executive Director Curcio stated he wanted to follow up to make sure the Board feels there is good communication about the MSBL season. He went on to say that right now we are waiting for Marty and Rudy to come up with and finalize a refund plan for the league. They want to incorporate a shortened season as part of the refund. Initially, Marty stated he wanted to give a 50% refund to those teams that are not interested in a shortened season. Director Curcio is concerned that teams will not be happy with that and contact the Park District since the checks for the MSBL get written out to us. President Walz received a text from Marty stating he is in on this meeting. President Walz invited Marty to unmute and join the meeting. Marty explained how he and Rudy came to this amount. He started by saying the MSBL rules state that the fees are not refundable, but Marty feels during this situation they should not follow that. Marty said that he and Rudy looked at the money that has gone out as well as how much time they have put in and all the costs they have incurred and came up with half. Marty said the first refund policy would be a credit for the following year with the exception of the 14U teams that they would have to handle differently. Any team that plays in any games or tournaments would not get any money back. Marty asked the Board and staff for guidance on the refund amount of \$300 saying if they don't agree they are open to coming up with a different amount. Marty said that most towns are up for playing games in July and August, if possible. The city teams are different because they are not going to be allowed to play in any parks so they want their money back. Marty suggested that the city teams defer their home field and just pay for the umpire. He said some seemed to like that idea but he does not know if all will take it. Marty said step one is to try to get something approved through the Park District, step two is to send an email out to see who is in.

President Walz asked Marty to send the Board and Directors the information on expenses that he sent to Brian before giving him guidance. Director Curcio asked if any team had asked for a full refund. Marty responded just one. Marty found the email he sent Brian. The breakdown was each team paid \$600. They received 15 t-shirts at \$3.50 each, their 18 game schedule was entered into the website, there is an admin fee and team website managing and communication for a total cost of \$300.

Commissioner Biedke said he just received a message asking if fields are open for practice. President Walz replied to tell that person to contact Brian. Director Curcio added practices with under 10 people are ok but games are not. Tiffany also added they cannot share equipment and they must be social distancing during practice. Director Curcio said that Brian needs communication with the coaches if they want to start practicing to make sure they have this information. President Walz asked Commissioner Souder to include in his Athletics Committee Update to remind coaches they need to adhere to the guidelines in phase 3.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Commissioner Cooke seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried