



Elk Grove Park District Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2020

6:30 p.m.

President O'Malley called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

President O'Malley asked for an update on Pirates Cove. Executive Director Curcio stated it will remain closed for a minimum of two more weeks. Director Greene added that we would need two to three weeks to prepare staff to open.

President O'Malley questioned what the value would be to open Pirates Cove for just weekends, if and when we are able to open it. Director Curcio replied that getting managers would be an issue, as well as staff heading back to school. Director Greene said that we reached out to current Pirates Cove staff to see if they were still interested in coming back if we opened. Of the 60 staff members, 39 stated they were interested, but only 7 were available for the postseason which would be an issue for August. President O'Malley asked the other Commissioners what their thoughts were on pursuing trying to open Pirates Cove this summer. After a discussion, the consensus was for staff to not continue to pursue opening the facility.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Souder asked for an update on fall sports. Director Greene responded that we are still following the Governor's guidelines but cheer practice has started. Also, registration for football and soccer are taking place now as we wait for further guidance on whether games can be played. Commissioner Biedke stated that IHSA is meeting tomorrow and will release a statement on July 29.

Commissioner Biedke asked if we are renting gym space yet. Director Greene replied we are not. She added that she followed up with surrounding park districts and none are with the exception of Waukegan.

Commissioner Cooke asked for an update on Preschool. Director Greene stated that Jen LoBosco did a survey with the preschool families. She asked if they are still interested in sending their child to preschool in the fall. 44% said yes, 16% said no, and 40% responded they were unsure. Jen also asked if they were interested in virtual classes to which 50% replied yes and 50% replied no. Jen also asked if there was an essential worker in the household. 57% replied yes. Director Greene said that she and Jen are also working on reduced classroom sizes as the plan is to open up for the school year. All teachers are interested in returning. Masks will be required.

Commissioner Biedke stated he was over at Rainbow Falls and noticed the weeds inside the fenced playground area of Queen of the Rosary are very high. He would like to put a sign up saying that it is owned by the church, not the Park District. President O'Malley suggested making a phone call to the Village. Director Curcio replied that he will call the church first.

Director Sholes shared that he received an email from a developer inquiring if we would be interested in selling Community Athletics Fields.

Commissioner Walz questioned if there were any projects that we pushed back that we can now add back in since we are saving money on the golf course project. Director Curcio replied possibly the 140 Lively roof replacement or Jumps n Jiggles, but he recommends still holding off on both. He added that we can further discuss this topic at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Walz moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Commissioner Souder seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried