



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

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July 28, 2022

6:00 p.m.

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President Cooke called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

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

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

Absent: Kelly Carbon

### **DISCUSSION ON PURCHASING POLICY**

Director Sholes said that the state passed legislation increasing the competitive bid threshold from \$25,000 to \$30,000. In updating the District's purchasing policy to reflect this change, Director Sholes also increased a couple positions approval levels from \$1000 to \$1,500, and six positions from \$500 to \$1,000.

Commissioner O'Malley asked for clarification on the tip process since he sees line items on the list of bills for tips that were already paid out. Director Sholes explained that Kelly Repp has a cash bank for that and makes out a check to reimburse the bank when cash is used for a tip. Commissioner O'Malley asked if the tip was already paid, then why is the Board approving it on the list of bills? Director Sholes explained it works the same way as P-card purchases, items purchased with a P-card are already paid for prior to Board approval as well.

Commissioner Biedke asked if Travel Baseball is still using P-cards because he is under the impression that Mike and Rudy are the only ones making purchases. Director Sholes said a decision was made by the Travel Board that Mike and Rudy take over the purchasing so there was more control of the spending. President Cooke said to confirm that if other Athletics members are no longer making purchases, and if not, they should be removed from the list on the purchasing policy.

### **DISCUSSION ON MARSHALL PARK DESIGN**

Executive Director Curcio led the discussion as a follow up from the last meeting regarding the design from Upland Design for Marshall Park. He started by sharing photos of some possible playground equipment that can be added to the original proposed Marshall Park playground design. Any additional equipment would add on to the current cost. Director Curcio said they do not need to decide tonight, but hopefully by the next meeting. Director Curcio then addressed the other items that the Board wanted more information on at the last meeting. He gave a comparison of cost for a drain to waste splash pad versus a recycling system, which showed the cost for a recycling system would be between \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 more than a drain to waste system. Commissioner Carlson asked what the lifespan of a splash pad is. Director Curcio replied the lifespan is about 20 years. Another item that was discussed at the last meeting was adding glass backboards to the basketball hoops. Director Curcio stated this will be done.

There was also a suggestion to add lighting to the soccer field. Director Curcio said that staff has reached out to Musco for a proposal. He will share the cost with the Board once received. Director Curcio stated that before we move forward with lights a postcard should be sent out to surrounding residents to make them aware of this possibility and suggested making this a separate capital project.

One Commissioner had inquired about adding a zipline to the playground. Director Curcio said the cost would be \$40,000, but pointed out that we have put a zipline at the last two playground renovations. The consensus of the Board was to not consider adding a zipline to Marshall Park.

Adding four pickleball courts was another suggestion, possibly as a dual use with the basketball court. Director Curcio explained that pickleball courts will not fit where the basketball court is going, but could possibly be added in the open space area or look at putting them at another park like Mead where there are lights. Commissioner Walz suggested repurposing the inline rink at Mead. The consensus of the Board was to make pickleball courts a separate capital project.

Commissioner Walz had suggested adding a Wiffle Ball field at Marshall Park. Director Curcio said a Wiffle Ball field can be set up at any park. The District already has the fencing and can purchase a back stop for \$200. Director Greene added that she has already instructed her Athletics staff to look into this as a future program.

President Cooke had asked about adding additional shaded seating around the splash pad. Director Curcio said he does not have an update from Upland Design on that yet.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Biedke reached out to Travel Baseball regarding the issues he brought up at the last meeting. They are going to set up a meeting for further discussion. Commissioner Biedke also requested a President's Meeting be scheduled to address these issues.

Commissioner Biedke said the Football program had under 100 participants sign up for the program and would like to reduce or suspend the non-resident fee to help increase participation. Currently, the non-resident fee for Football is an additional \$50 of the resident registration fee. Commissioner Walz is in favor of dropping the non-resident fee entirely for all sports. President Cooke said he is in favor of suspending Football's non-resident fee because they have an immediate need but feels that those that pay taxes should have a better rate. The consensus of the Board was to eliminate the non-resident fee for youth football indefinitely.

Commissioner Biedke shared that Travel Baseball 9U may potentially not have a team due to low turnout at tryouts. Commissioner Carlson said that Travel gets tricky with non-residents on a team. Commissioner Walz replied that the Residency Policy clearly states that a resident cannot be cut for a non-resident.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Commissioners were shown photos of the shoreline on hole 18 that is crumbling and in need of immediate repair. Executive Director Curcio said the estimated cost of repair is \$125,000. He will be getting more information for the Board as well as going out to bid on that project to be completed this fall.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Biedke moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

**Motion Carried**