



Elk Grove Park District Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2022

6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Visitors: Mike Griffin, Elk Grove Travelers
Rudy Jimenez, Elk Grove Travelers
Jeff Majewski, Elk Grove Travelers
John Maher, Elk Grove Travelers

DISCUSSION MSBL TOURNAMENT MAINTENANCE FEES

Director Greene said that in a prior meeting, it was brought up to research the maintenance costs of MSBL tournaments. Staff worked with the Parks Department to determine how many hours they put in to prepare for these tournaments and came up with a dollar amount of \$4,200.

Mike Griffin, Elk Grove Travelers President, asked to speak on behalf of the Travel Baseball Board. Mike shared all that they do for the baseball program and the community as volunteers of Travel Baseball. Mike said he was made aware that the Park Board voted in favor of imposing a \$600 maintenance fee for the MSBL only after Drew came to a meeting and shared that information. Mike asked for better communication between the Park District and Travel Baseball, adding that since he has been on the Travel Baseball Board not one Park Board member has gone to their meetings. Commissioner Walz told Mike that this new proposed fee was not implemented by staff, but rather by some of the Commissioners. Commissioner O'Malley said he does not agree with Travel Baseball keeping all the proceeds while playing on the District's fields for free. He wants the District to get a percentage of what they bring in so the rest of the community is not subsidizing the Travel Baseball program. Commissioner O'Malley stated that in the past, the program used to contribute to some of the upgrades but now they do not so it is important for the District to get some of the money. Mike said they all agree that the Park District should be getting money from MSBL but he does not want it to be called a maintenance fee because the Baseball board members and parents do a lot of the work after the District staff does the initial field prep. Mike would also like to see how they calculated the dollar amount to be \$4,200. Commissioner Walz assured Mike that the fee will be implemented but they can discuss what to call it instead of a maintenance fee.

Regarding the registration fees for the 2023 season, Mike explained how they came up with the \$800 fee. He said in the past, the registration fee was \$250 for a resident and \$300 for non-resident. In addition, each player had to pay a \$200 sponsorship fee, and a \$125 uniform fee for a total of \$575.00. This year, the Travel Board approved combining those fees into one fee to be paid at registration. In addition, they offered parents the opportunity to get up to \$400 in sponsorships instead of \$200, so if a family is able to get \$400, their total fees would end up being only \$400 which comes out to \$125 less than last year.

Mike invited the Commissioners that are on the Athletics Committee to attend their next meeting on August 22. Commissioner Biedke said he cannot make that meeting due to a work commitment.

DISCUSSION ON NWSRA MEMBER DISTRICT ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

Executive Director Curcio said that the NWSRA Member District Annual Assessment is put on the agenda for discussion annually. The assessment amount for the 2023 calendar year is \$330,485.59. This amount is based on EAV (75%) and gross population (25%). President Cooke asked why the amount was higher if they had a surplus. Director Curcio explained that this year they did a 20% reduction but next year they are following the calculations they use. Commissioner O'Malley questioned who determines the EAV as he feels the population should be more of a factor in the dollar amount. Director Curcio replied he does not know when this formula came about but he can pose that question to the NWSRA Board.

DISCUSSION ON MARSHALL PARK DESIGN

Executive Director Curcio asked for consensus on the new playground design he shared at the last meeting. Four out of the five Commissioners were in favor of moving forward with it.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Biedke said the reason that he cannot make the next Travel Baseball board meeting is because he has a meeting at school that night.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried