



Elk Grove Park District Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2023

6:00 p.m.

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Biedke

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

Visitors: Allan Crites

DISCUSSION ON FITNESS CENTER MEMBERSHIP FEES

Allan Crites, a resident of Elk Grove, stated he respectfully requested that the Elk Grove Park District hereby authorize, for the immediate present and ongoing future, that any and all persons presently serving, or have previously served as a member of the U.S. Military in an active or reserve capacity, and who are currently a resident of Elk Grove Village, and can when required, exhibit evidence of being honorably discharged, are then being immediately exempt from payment of any and all charges and/or fee required for participation in any and all present and future activities of the Elk Grove Park District.

Director Greene stated that it is unknown how many veterans currently are members of the Fitness Center. She explained the Silver Sneakers and similar programs are another option for seniors and veterans for reduced fees as the programs reimburse the park district to supplement the membership fees. Commissioner Carlson questioned if the discount currently being discussed would be made available to fire and police personnel as well. Commissioner Cooke cautioned all about the 'slippery slope' aspect, questioned "discount vs. free", and reminded everyone that veterans are honored with free amenities on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. President Walz would like staff to track the number of veteran memberships at the Fitness Center once the new year begins and the new pricing structure for that demographic goes into effect.

DISCUSSION ON MARSHALL PARK WATERLINE

Director Kosbab stated that the Village requested that the water line that feeds the property be changed from 3 inch pipe to 4 inch diameter pipe. The park district pressure tested the current line and it failed. The low bid was for \$95,000.00. Executive Director Curcio noted that the additional costs will be allocated to the project.

DISCUSSION ON COMPENSATION STUDY RESULTS

Director Sholes opened the discussion by explaining that the park district hired an outside consultant to conduct a compensation study. It has been ten years since the district's last

professional compensation study. After discussion on the study, the consensus was to have the consultant attend a future board meeting to present their findings.

DISCUSSION ON YOUTH ADVISORY BOARDS

Executive Director Curcio explained he was approached by members of Travel Soccer and Travel Baseball Youth advisory boards about the board considering compensation for advisory board members, whether that be in the form of monetary or user benefits. He noted the board previously discussed this topic in 2020. The consensus was that the Advisory Board members are volunteers and the board is not in favor of providing compensation.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Cooke spoke about a patron's comments regarding sharing lanes in the pool at pavilion aquatics center and whether any schedule changes could be done to ease the situation. Director Greene stated they take patron usage into consideration when making the schedule and that current lane-sharing is what was the norm prior to the pandemic.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Carlson moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Cooke seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried