



Elk Grove Park District Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2021

6:00 p.m.

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Biedke

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

DISCUSSION ON PICKLEBALL / TENNIS COURTS

Director Greene shared information on pickleball rules. She pointed out that the rules state the "Open Play" rule only applies when all courts are in use, therefore; the group that was accused of not following the rules in fact did not break the rules. Director Greene said that the two groups involved in the conflict were of different skill levels. The one group's skill level is between 1-3 while the other group's skill level is well over 5 with mostly 7-8 skill level players. She added that play is more enjoyable when playing against even level players. An updated sign with more detailed rules will be posted at the courts. Director Greene stated that staff will continue to monitor the courts usage but since they began on October 4 there was only one Saturday that all courts were in use. President Cooke would like a customer service number printed on the new sign. President Cooke would like someone to call the resident group of pickleball players to follow up on the rules.

DISCUSSION ON WARM WATER THERAPY POOL

Director Curcio stated the pump for the warm water therapy pool went bad. A new pump is on order but is coming from Germany and isn't expected to come until January. Staff came up with a solution to get the pool running by mid-November by using a train pump. Director Curcio feels confident that staff can make this pump work. Director Kosbab added that the train pump can be kept as back up once the German pump arrives. Commissioner O'Malley asked if all classes have been moved to the regular pool, then what is the need to have a temporary fix? Director Greene responded that some members put their membership on hold until the therapy pool is up and running again. Commissioner Walz questioned refurbishing the pump. Director Kosbab replied that he went to a place in Glen Ellyn today to have a tech look at it and was told he did not feel comfortable attempting to repair it.

DISCUSSION ON FITNESS CENTER EQUIPMENT

Director Greene shared a compiled list of the proposed 3-year fitness equipment replacement plan. She also included a complete list of all fitness equipment. President Cooke stated he wanted to see this information to justify since the membership numbers are down.

Commissioner O'Malley stated ellipticals are the most expensive piece of equipment and questioned whether all six needed to be replaced. Director Greene responded that cardio equipment needs repairs most often, and the cost of repairs can become more than the cost of replacing. President Cooke added that he does not want to hold off then have to replace a large amount of equipment at the same time. Director Sholes said that if we do not buy any equipment this year it will be three years since we last did and we normally budget for \$100,000 per year. Executive Director Curcio stated he does not want to get behind on replacements. The fitness equipment will be on the agenda for approval at the next board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

President Cooke asked for an update on mask wearing. Executive Director Curcio replied that the Governor still has not removed his order but he is hearing that some other fitness centers are not complying and the health department can shut them down. President Cooke suggested having Director Curcio contact our local representative to discuss the mask mandate.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner O'Malley stated that 85% of the Fitness members keep their mask below their nose and staff is letting it slide. Executive Director Curcio said that staff team up to approach a member about pulling their mask up. He added that it has been hard to watch the Fitness Center staff get abused by patrons not wanting to comply with the mask mandate.

Commissioner Carlson inquired if we charge out of district fees to participate in sports. Director Greene replied non-residents get charged 20% more, or a maximum of \$50. Commissioner Carlson suggested lowering that fee to attract more non-residents. Director Sholes said he would like to remove the non-resident fees for all programs. President Cooke asked Commissioner Carlson to talk to his co-chair on the Athletics Committee for a recommendation.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried