



Elk Grove Park District Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2020

5:00 p.m.

President O'Malley called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

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

DISCUSSION 2021 CAPITAL PROJECTS

Director Sholes led the discussion by stating that \$530,000 has been rolled over from the 2020 Capital Funds. He is recommending a bond issue of \$2.5 million. Director Sholes added that Paving & Lighting, and ADA have additional funds available. Some highlights of the discussion include:

Morton Park (Pedestrian Bridge) - Commissioner Cooke asked if lighting was included. Director White said it was not, but he can look into it.

Rainbow Falls (Inline Rink) - Commissioner Walz questioned if we are keeping the rink up for years to come. Executive Director Curcio replied that we cannot do anything with it until 2023, He said it is money well spent because we have to maintain our assets.. Commissioner Cooke asked if we ruled out taking down the side boards for Rainbow Falls Waterpark parking. Commissioner Souder replied the better option was to expand the parking on the Village lot.

Udall Park (Dog Park) - Commissioner Cooke stated that this is for budgeting purposes, but it does not have to be at Udall. Commissioner Souder said if the District were to purchase land it would cost more than \$550,000. Commissioner Cooke replied that we still have to have a placeholder because we want it built in 2021. Executive Director Curcio asked if the consensus of the three Board members present was that the dog park would not be built at Udall. Commissioner Souder replied that a resident brought up valid concerns at the last board meeting so he is a no for Udall. Commissioners Cooke and Walz said they are not ready to give up on the dog park idea but we need to find the right location.

Pavilion Fitness Center (Fitness Equipment) - Commissioner Cooke questioned who came up with the dollar amount for this project. Director Sholes said this amount was put in just as a placeholder. No equipment was replaced in 2019 or 2020, so we are falling behind with what is in our 10 year capital plan. Commissioner Cooke said with the membership numbers down and the temporary closure, the equipment is not getting the usual wear and year. Commissioner Souder replied that this amount is almost one half of the usual amount budgeted. Commissioner Cooke would like it noted as a placeholder and would like equipment identified that needs to be replaced.

Pirates Cove (Playground Addition) - Commissioner Cooke questioned this project. Director White explained the stairs that lead to the slide are not ADA compliant and in order to replace them to be compliant, a portion of the retaining wall has to be removed and replaced with a new wall to fit the new ADA stairs.

Fox Run Golf Links (Split Rail Fencing) - Commissioner Walz questioned if this project is moving forward after some of the complaints the District has received. Executive Director Curcio replied there are some residents that do not like it, but there are others that do. This fence is more durable and maintenance free. His recommendation is to continue the project. Commissioner Cooke would like the description changed to “white rail fence”.

Fox Run Golf Links (A&E Fees, CM Fees, and Clubhouse and Maintenance Project) - Director Sholes said he will update the budget numbers once he has accurate projections for the year.

Marketing (LED Digital Display) - Commissioner Cooke would like to get Channel 6 involved as far as connectivity. Director Carbon questioned if the screen has a capability of having a stage with it. Commissioner Cooke replied that the one he has seen was a stand alone on a trailer attached to a truck. Director Carbon said she is getting quotes for a 30’ and a 40 foot screen. She would like it to be elevated for maximum viewing capabilities.

Technology (WAN Upgrade/Replacement/WWAN Tower) - Director Sholes explained this is part of buildout costs associated with upgrading our current fiber optic solution. IT wants to have a tower put up to be used as our primary system which will allow us to have one big fiber connection at Admin that will shoot out to our other facilities and eventually in our parks for wifi and cameras.

Elk Grove High School (Tennis Court Lighting) - Executive Director Curcio said that we have renewed our existing three year agreement and also signed a new agreement for lights. Musco came out and verified that the budget numbers were accurate. Commissioner Walz said maybe we can use one existing of the lights used for the football field.

Removed Items:

Commissioner Souder asked why the item “New Admin Entrance Sign” was removed from the list. Executive Director Curcio responded the dollar amount was too low and that more research needs to be done.

Other topics for discussion included:

Commissioner Cooke stated that many people walk by Morton Park and there are no street lights. He suggested talking to Ray at the Village about adding lights, especially with the new bridge project. Director White replied that we can do low voltage LED lights but would want to ask the neighbors. Executive Director Curcio said he will approach the subject with Ray.

Commissioner Cooke asked Executive Director Curcio to look at other options for Dog Parks in non-residential areas. Director Curcio said there is property available in the industrial area. He has reached out to the developer for a price but he has not heard back yet. He added that there are not a lot of non-residential areas available. Director Curcio added that he asked Ray Rummel if there are any areas in the Business Park available for a dog park and Ray said no.

Executive Director Curcio also spoke to Kevin Morrison's assistant, Ted, and he said he will reach out to the Cook County Board again. Director Curcio told Ted to tell them the Park District will maintain the Dog Park and Soccer Field. Commissioner Walz said if all non-residential areas fall through, he likes the idea of putting the dog park at CAF where field #4 is. Commissioner Souder agreed with Commissioner Walz but thinks parking on certain nights could be an issue. Commissioner Souder said if we built a dog park there, we would need better access to that field. Commissioner Cooke thinks the lower level of CAF would have less impact and added that lighting there would be a plus. Director Curcio said he is concerned with flood water going into the creek but he will contact the Village of Itasca first, then FEMA. Commissioner Souder asked about the Driving Range as a location for a dog park. Director Curcio replied he already spoke with MWRD and they are open to having a dog park there. He said we could redesign the range to accommodate a dog park. Director Sholes said he will leave the Dog Park on the capitals list and put the location as TBD. Commissioner Cooke would like Director Curcio to check with ComEd about using their property at Udall and to also figure out location and acreage before ruling Udall Park out.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Sholes inquired about a direction for the upcoming tax levy. He informed the board the village had an expiring TIF district that would affect the upcoming levy. Director Sholes estimated the added EAV from the TIF would equate to \$75,000-\$90,000 in property tax for the park district. Director Sholes also informed the board CPI was trending at 2% for 2020, which equates to approximately \$200,000, if the board chooses to levy for additional funds. Commissioner Souder and Commissioner Walz were in favor of capturing the additional TIF dollars, but above that. Commissioner Cooke wanted to know what the projected 2021 budget was. It was decided to continue the discussion when the entire board was present.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cooke moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Commissioner Souder seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners Cooke, Souder and Walz

Nays: None

Motion Carried