



Elk Grove Park District Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2023

5:00 p.m.

President Walz called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

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

DISCUSSION ON FITNESS CENTER

Director Greene stated that they have been working with a designer on paint and graphics for the Fitness Center renovation project. Staff will continue pursuing quotes to paint the area as the initial quotes were coming in higher than expected. The consensus from the board was to continue moving forward with the design.

Results from the survey regarding the usage of the televisions built into the machines have been tallied. Roughly 50% of the patrons who responded stated that they use the televisions. Staff will take this into account when ordering equipment in the future.

DISCUSSION ON NWSRA USER BENEFITS

A short discussion outlined the current policy and compared it to participating programs. The consensus of the board is to continue with the current policy of not granting user benefits to NWSRA staff members.

DISCUSSION ON 2024 CAPITALS

Director Sholes opened the discussion on the 2024 Capital Project list. He stated the total for all the projects is approximately \$5.9 million. Director Sholes recommends a \$2.5 million bond issuance. All of the funds have healthy balances and the Park District can begin exploring larger projects as part of a 5 to 7 year plan.

PARKS

Mead - Scoreboards - Executive Director Curcio explained that Mead is the premier field for the softball program. The softball association will use \$20,000.00 of their funds to offset the \$100,000.00 price for two scoreboards.

Fountain Square - Mini-Golf Feature - A private donor has come forward suggesting that a mini-golf/putting feature be installed at the park to honor a family member. The donor would fund approximately 50% of the project. Executive Director Curcio asked that a plan and budget be put together before moving forward.

Marshall Park - Pickleball Courts - The board discussed the need for additional courts with staff replying that the sport has been rapidly expanding for a few years. The district has added additional classes and levels to meet demand. The consensus was to move forward with adding 6 courts.

Johnson Park - Widening Walking Path - A resident made a suggestion to widen the walking path at the park so that cyclists can use it as well. Staff will need to further explore the project's details.

FACILITIES

PowerCaddy, Cleaning Equipment - Staff provided a further explanation of what this equipment is and how it will be utilized.

Administration Building - Grounds Maintenance Building - This renovation would provide space for employees who are currently working out of 140 Lively to move over to the Administration Building/Parks and Planning area. Having all employees of the department in one area would enhance communication and efficiency within the department.

Al Hattendorf Community Center - Preschool Sensory Walls - Director Kosbab, Executive Director Ben Curcio and Commissioner Biedke explained the reasoning behind installing a sensory wall at the preschool. Director Kosbab added that some of the park's playgrounds already have sensory walls installed.

Pavilion - Garden Terrace Landscape - Director Kosbab explained that this is the next step after re-doing the patio area. The current water feature is leaking and will be removed. The cost includes the formal garden and a replacement water feature.

Pavilion - Fitness Center - Functional Training Equipment - Commissioner O'Malley noted the increased cost for the area and questioned if the area is duplicating what the TRX room offers. Director Greene explained that the TRX room is used for classes and by trainers. Executive Director Curcio added that the renovation is taking dead space and making it usable floor space for members. The equipment portion of the project was approved in 2023.

Pavilion - PAC - Outdoor Pool Lighting Upgrade - Director Kosbab explained to the board that the LED lights will be a cost savings. It was requested that Director Kosbab research the amount saved and possible rebates available for the upgrade.

Rainbow Falls - Pool Shell Painting - Members of the board expressed concern for painting areas that will eventually be renovated. Executive Director Curcio explained that the majority of the areas in need of painting will not be impacted by future renovations.

FOX RUN GOLF LINKS

Course Improvements - Irrigation Pump Station Replacement - Staff explained that this project has a 6 month lead time and that they hope to have it finished by Spring.

Equipment Replacement and Purchases - Wastewater Treatment System - This purchase is needed due to the current system getting clogged and emitting foul odors affecting customers around the club house.

ADA PARKS & FACILITIES

Administration - ADA Transition Plan - WT will be enlisted to create the plan which is required for park district accreditation. Staff will explore reducing cost if some of the work is done in-house.

PAC & RBF - Pool Lifts - The lifts are beyond their life expectancy and their operation has been inconsistent.

TECHNOLOGY

Phone System Migration - The new phone system will be installed at Fox Run before the end of 2023. The rest of the park district's system will be replaced in 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

The change orders for Hacienda Landscaping through Upland Design, Part 5d of tonight's Regular Business Meeting, will be pulled in order to update the figures.

SUSPENSION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Commissioner O'Malley moved to suspend the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 6:58 p.m. until after the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

RECONVENE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Commissioner Biedke moved to reconvene the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

DISCUSSION ON TAX LEVY

Director Sholes started by reviewing the information provided to the board, starting with the prior year's tax levy. Director Sholes then reviewed collections of personal property replacement tax (PPRT) and recently above budget and historic collections. Director Sholes recommends continuing to use the unbudgeted portion of collected PPRT for capital improvements.

Director Sholes then reviewed a change made in 2022 in the property tax code that allows for flexibility to the park district by providing an option for these taxing bodies to forgo increasing the annual tax levy by the CPI growth without losing the opportunity to capture that growth forever. This new optional mechanism is subject to specific restrictions such as a 3-year recapture limitation and a 5% cap on the increase over the district's tax extension for the prior year.

The board discussed factors including the increasing cost of staffing and minimum wage increase impact, supply costs increases, the continued high level of inflation and increase in fees in 2023. Options were discussed and the board consensus was to keep the increase to a minimum and forgo the maximum allowed increase, deciding on a 1.9% levy increase while maintaining the option to recapture the allowed extension in succeeding years if necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Biedle moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried