



Elk Grove Park District Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2020

5:30 p.m.

President O'Malley called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

In attendance: President O'Malley, Commissioner Biedke (remotely), Commissioner Cooke (remotely), Commissioner Souder, Commissioner Walz (remotely)

Staff: Ben Curcio, Brad Sholes, Kelly Carbon (remotely), Tiffany Greene (remotely), Tim White (remotely)

DISCUSSION ON TAX LEVY

Director Sholes explained that PTELL is 2.3% for tax levy purposes which equals \$243,000. Director Sholes stated the TIF District expires this year, so \$11.3 million will come back on to the tax levy. Staff recommendation is to grab the TIF money, which is approximately \$75,000. After discussion, the consensus of the board was to levy a 1.57% increase.

DISCUSSION ON 2021 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board reviewed the proposed meeting dates for 2021. Director Carbon stated that the NRPA Conference is scheduled for September 23, 2021, so the consensus of the Board was to move the meeting that was proposed to take place on that date to the following Thursday, September 30, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS

President O'Malley asked for a Chelmsford update. Executive Director Curcio replied the seed blanket is down and the fence around the playground will come down by next week. The playground will reopen to the public at that time. A drinking fountain will go in the next week or so and some patch work will be done on the parking lot.

Commissioner Biedke asked for clarification on the minutes from October 22, 2020 regarding the dog park at Udall. Executive Director Curcio responded that part of the discussion was investigating the likelihood of ComEd granting access to their property at Udall for a dog park. This property backs up to commercial property away from the residential homes.

Commissioner Walz asked the other Commissioners if they had a chance to read the email from a resident stating she would like the Board to form a committee to be highly involved in the planning of the Chelmsford property. Commissioner Souder responded that he does not want the processes to change due to this group; staff comes up with a plan with direction given by the board and then receives input from the community.

Commissioner Biedke asked for an update on the Cook County Forest Preserve as a possible dog park site. Executive Director Curcio said he spoke with Ted and believes the Cook County Board will re-evaluate. Director Curcio will do a rendering of what the District wants and will include maintenance of the property. Director Curcio added that if the County agreed to a dog park there, we may not be able to limit it to residents. President O'Malley said if this location is five times bigger, and the District has to pay for all of it he does not think that would be fair to the residents.

Commissioner Cooke asked for an update on Thorguard. Executive Director Curcio replied that it has been shut down and winterized until spring.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Director Curcio informed the Board that ComEd would like to add another transformer on Biesterfield Rd on Park District property. Commissioner Biedke questioned if allowing this would affect future projects such as expanding Pirates Cove. Director Curcio replied that we would still have the existing drive for the entrance. President O'Malley asked what benefit would there be to the Park District to allow them to put it on our property. Director Curcio responded that he would like to put together a list to present to ComEd such as expediting work at Fox Run. Commissioner Cooke asked Director Curcio to find out why they want to put it on our property rather than the easement.

Commissioner Cooke inquired what was going on at Hattendorf on the west side by the preschool as he noticed a hole dug in that area. Director Curcio replied that he will look into it.

President O'Malley asked for an update on the Fitness Manager position. Director Curcio replied that Jeff is checking references and they are close to making an offer.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Souder moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Commissioner Walz seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried