



## Elk Grove Park District Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

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May 9, 2019

6:00 p.m.

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

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

Staff: Ben Curcio, Tammy Miller and Brad Sholes, Jeff Collier, Brian O'Malley

Guests: Tim Burns, Resident  
RJ Gomez, Elk Grove Girls Softball  
Nick Moser, Elk Grove Girls Softball

### **DISCUSSION ON GIRLS TRAVEL SOFTBALL**

Commissioner Souder stated that there has been a request from resident, Tim Burns, to offer a full time travel Girls Softball team as a Park District program. Currently, we have a house team and are in the process of putting together a part time travel team. The thought was to start with a part-time travel team that would play at the end of the house season and see if the program grows. There was a full time travel softball team but they left a few years ago because they were not able to meet the residency requirements. Since that request, a series of emails have been going back and forth that were hard to follow so Commissioner Souder suggested getting everyone in the room together to discuss. Director Miller stated after the initial request was received, staff took the first step to find out if there was an interest by more than one person for a full time travel team. A survey was emailed to 436 people of which a little over half of the people viewed it and 73 people responded to the survey and provided feedback. (Director Miller did not have all the statistics in front of her at the meeting but shared them after: number of surveys emailed out-436; number of surveys opened/viewed-220; number of people that clicked through the survey-87; number of people that answered all the questions-73; number of people that said they would be interested in a travel softball team-57; number of people that would register for a travel softball team-49). The survey did not include any demographics, such as age.

Tim Burns stated he would like to see a cost structure of the program developed. Jeff Collier replied that they should determine if there is an interest first then we can look at expenses and who would coach the teams. Tim Burns disagreed stating he wants action first before interest. Commissioner Souder stated we cannot advertise a program that does not yet exist. President Walz asked Tim Burns if he knew of other interested parties to have them contact the District to which Tim Burns replied it was not his job to do that.

The first try-out for the part time travel team, the Fire, was held with a low amount of girls coming out for it. Tim Burns feels this is because there was not adequate advertising for it. A second try-out will take place on May 19. There will be more advertising for this try-out than the first one. Nick Moser stated they would need a minimum of 11 girls for each level but 12 or 13 would be even better in case girls are not able to make a game. In addition, staff will collect more data from those that completed the survey to determine the ages of those that are interested. When Tim Burns asked for a date for review, President Walz stated a date would not be set until further information was gathered. Tim Burns accused the Park District of being arbitrary and capricious and threatened to go to contact the IL Department of Human Rights stating the Park District is gender biased.

### **DISCUSSION ON FITNESS CENTER FLOORING REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Director Miller stated the flooring replacement in the Fitness Center will begin the second week of September and should take two weeks to complete. In acknowledgement of the inconvenience this may cause, members will have an additional week added on to their memberships. For those that do still come to work out, they will receive one guest pass each time they come to use after the project is completed. In addition, they will also receive a free t-shirt.

### **REVIEW OF ARTIST ASSOCIATION ADVISORY BOARD MANUAL**

Director Miller shared that she and Jeff Collier met with the Artist Association members and they are excited to become a part of the Park District. She asked if the Board had any questions regarding the board manual. They did not.

### **DISCUSSION ON MEETING WITH NEW COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

Director Curcio asked the Board when they would like to meet with the new Cook County Commissioner, Kevin Morrison. It was decided he would be invited to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting

### **DISCUSSION ON COMMITTEE POSITIONS**

The consensus of the Commissioners was to keep their current committee positions for another year.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Biedke suggested the Youth Scholarship winners be presented their awards at the June 27, 2019 Board Meeting. All were in agreement with that date.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Souder moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

**Motion Carried**