



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

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August 9, 2018

5:30 p.m.

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President Walz called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

In attendance: President Walz, Commissioner Cooke, Commissioner O'Malley  
Commissioner Souder (arrived at 5:38 p.m.)

Absent: Commissioner Biedke,

Staff: Tom Busby, Rhonda Brewer and Tammy Miller

Absent: Ben Curcio

### **DISCUSSION ON LINDBERGH PARK PLAY SURFACE**

Executive Director Tom Busby shared a drawing he received from Rick King of School District 54 for a proposed two-story addition to Link School. This addition would cover most of the existing asphalt play area that is currently there. The school district is asking for permission to put a new asphalt play area just beyond the proposed addition, which would be on our property. The approximate size is 5,000 sf. This would not affect our soccer fields. Director Busby asked Rick who would pay for, and maintain, the new asphalt, and if they had looked into the water retention requirements. He is going to get back to Director Busby regarding those questions. Director Busby stated that he asked for a reduced gym rental fee and/or to add our after school care in their schools in exchange for the asphalt, but that is still being negotiated. Director Busby added that this was a verbal conversation and no proposal has been presented to the Park District yet. Commissioner Cooke asked what we would do if they school district does not agree to giving us a reduced rental fee or after school care. Director Busby responded then we would have to make a decision on whether we want to let them put the asphalt on our property.

### **DISCUSSION ON FOX RUN MAINTENANCE FACILITY**

Discussion continued on the three options that were proposed by Williams Architect at the last meeting. Executive Director Busby stated he is not looking for a decision from the Board today but we should discuss whether we want to stay in the banquet business since that is the big cost difference of option A and option B. President Walz agreed saying we cannot move forward with plans until that decision has been made. Commissioner Souder is in favor or no longer having full time banquets, but likes the idea of renting out space in the off-season. Commissioner Cooke thinks we should build the maintenance facility on hole #7, which is option C. He thinks we should leave the existing clubhouse for now and rebuild a new one once the new maintenance facility is paid off. He added he is not sure he is ready to get out of the banquet business at Fox Run.

He suggested closing Garden Terrace to see if that increases bookings at Fox Run. President Walz asked the board who else was in favor of building on hole #7. Commissioner Souder replied that even if we got a permit to build on hole #7, he would not be in favor. Director Busby said there would be an outcry of homeowners that live around there, but Commissioner Cooke responded that they are non-Elk Grove Park District tax paying residents. Director Busby added they are still Elk Grove Village residents. Jeremy commented that the area on hole #7 is not big enough to store branches and leaves or all their equipment. Commissioner O'Malley wanted to know what was wrong with the current facility. President Walz answered that the current building is too small and antiquated. Staff has to move equipment out of the way every morning in order to get to more equipment. The building also does not have air conditioning. Jeremy explained how the demands of a premium golf course have increased over the years and more maintenance is required in order to keep up with golfer's expectations. Commissioner O'Malley responded that as a board member, he has to justify spending this much money on a facility that a low percentage of residents use compared to other programs in the District. After continued discussion, Director Busby suggested the Commissioners tour the current facility to see the condition of the building. President Walz ended the conversation by asking if anyone would like staff to bring anything to the board to help make a decision on banquets. Commissioner O'Malley would like to know how many outings at Fox Run and Garden Terrace hosted over 100 guests. Commissioner Souder would like different options on enclosing the patio of option B with hard sides, soft sides, movable walls, etc. and the cost of tearing down part of the current building.

#### **DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED PAVILION AQUATICS CENTER RATE INCREASE**

Director Tammy Miller shared a spreadsheet she prepared of increased operating expenses for PAC over the past five years, as well as a report that breaks down Pavilion Aquatics Center visits by membership type. She stated staff is proposing to increase the daily admission fee by \$1 and the PAC membership fee by \$20 for an individual and family of two memberships. There has not been an increase since 2014. Commissioner Souder questioned why there was not a proposal to increase the senior rate. Director Miller replied that many of the seniors using the pool are Silver Sneakers members and the pool is a part of their membership. As long as the senior comes ten times each month, we break even. Commissioner O'Malley would like to know how many of them actually use the pool ten times each month so Director Miller will run a report from RecTrac to determine this. The consensus of the Board was to approve the proposed fee increase and revisit whether or not to increase the senior rates \$10. Commissioner Cooke instructed Director Miller to make sure that staff does not blame the commissioners for the rate increase but rather educate them on why the increase is necessary.

#### **DISCUSSION ON RECOGNITION REQUESTS**

Executive Director Busby stated we have three recommendations since approving the new recognition policy. The first recommendation came from the family of Ron Englebreit. Director Miller submitted the other two for Darlene Greaves and Jim Issel. The board approved all three recommendations for a plaque to be displayed at the location of their choice. Commissioner Cooke would like the sign at CAF for Ray Banak to be removed since it was hung without Board approval. Commissioners Souder, O'Malley and Walz did not agree, and think we should leave it alone.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Executive Director Busby shared that he rejected the request from School District 59 to use our fuel station based on how crowded the lot gets and how small our fuel pump is.

Executive Director Busby stated he learned that Parkway Trust owns the property by Udall Park. He has a call into the bank to discuss buying the property for the amount of their back taxes owed and if all liens are removed. Director Busby added that the only value the property has would be to turn it into a dog park.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Executive Director Busby stated he, Ben Curcio and Valerie Lemme met with Fr. Brian and Lisa from St. Julian church to inform them that the District plans to do a 1 ½ inch overlay of asphalt on the section we use. The date has not been determined yet but the cost would be approximately \$25,000. The church is considering looking into doing the same on the portion of the parking lot they use.

Executive Director Busby has been trying to contact Fr. Fred from Queen of the Rosary for the past two weeks, but he has not been available. The church did an overlay on the mid-section of their parking lot. Director Busby will suggest we do the same over our area at a cost of approximately \$100,000. This overlay should last ten years, so Director Busby will ask for a minimum ten year parking agreement.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Souder moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

**Motion Carried**