



Elk Grove Park District Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2018

5:00 p.m.

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Biedke

Staff: Tom Busby, Rhonda Brewer, Ben Curcio, Tammy Miller, Tom Klaas
and Jeff Collier

Guests: Mayor Johnson
Ray Rummel

PRESENTATION ON 2019 CONCERT SERIES

Mayor Johnson and Ray Rummel attending tonight's meeting to share the 2019 Summer Concert Series Line-up,

- July 4 – Melissa Etheridge
- July 9 – Boz Scaggs
- July 16 – Commodores
- July 23 – Wynona & The Big Noise
- July 30 – Night Ranger

This line-up will be announced publically at the November 13 Village Board meeting.

Director Busby informed the Mayor that the Parks Foundation would like to hold a 50/50 raffle during the concerts. Mayor Johnson replied he does not allow that during the concerts. He added that many people have asked and he does not want people to feel pressured to spend money when they attend a free event.

DISCUSSION ON HEALTH INSURANCE

Director Rhonda Brewer stated initially we received a quote for an 8.72% increase but we were able to get the cost down to 5.45% increase. The national average increased by 5%. The District will be staying with Blue Cross Blue Shield. Commissioner O'Malley asked if we got pricing from any another company other than Vista National. Director Brewer replied yes; initially United's preliminary quote was lower, but after the actual census, they came in higher.

UPDATE ON NOVEMBER 9, 2018 BUDGET MEETING TIME

The Board and staff agreed on a 5:00 p.m. start time for the 2019 Budget Meeting on November 29, 2018.

DISCUSSION ON CHANGE OF SCOPE OF 2018 ART/CRAFT ROOM PROJECT

Director Miller stated that the original project was budgeted to replace just the cabinet fronts and counter tops in both the Art and Craft rooms. It was then determined that the cabinets in the Art Room are in worse shape than originally thought so staff would like to change the scope of the project to replace the entire cabinets in the Art Room along with the counter tops. In addition, staff would like to add a magnetic wall to display artwork. The Craft Room work will be budgeted for 2020. Director Miller stated a contractor is ready to begin work in the Art Room, if approved. The consensus of the Board was to approve the changes to the original scope of work for this project.

DISCUSSION ON GOLF CART RECOMMENDATION

Tom Klaas explained this was the fifth year for the current fleet of golf carts and many of the carts are no longer working. He shared information on three different golf carts they are considering. Based on results of test driving as well as features offered, Tom is recommending the purchase of seventy-five 2019 Yamaha Drive, Electronic Fuel Injected Golf Carts. The consensus of the Board was to approve this purchase.

DISCUSSION ON ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS

Discussion continued on changes that would be made if the athletic associations decide to become a Park District program. Director Busby stated he is expecting more visitors at tonight's Board meeting to get answers to some of their questions such as registration reimbursement for board members and coaches. Four out of the seven associations currently do not give reimbursements so Director Busby is suggesting we stick with the Board consensus to not allow this going forward if they choose to become a park district program. Commissioner Souder questioned paying trainers. Director Busby replied he is in favor of paying licensed trainers. Brad Sholes stated he thinks they will also ask what will happen to their fund balance if they choose to go off on their own. Director Busby stated if they go off on their own, we need to be consistent with how they handled softball when they went off on their own last year. President Walz stated we should meet with each association separately to discuss a plan if they choose to leave.

Commissioner Souder asked Director Busby to look into Sam's Club Premium Plus for members for the associations to purchase concession items. He added that some of the associations have expressed an interest in being able to purchase non-Pepsi products. Director Busby stated our agreement with Pepsi does not expire until May 31, 2019. He would have to see how it would affect other areas, such as Garden Terrace, if we do not renew with Pepsi. Director Miller added that it is stated in our current Volunteer Board Manual to purchase Pepsi products.

OLD BUSINESS

Director Busby shared that he received an email from Tim Burns. Mr. Burns does not agree with the decision of having current athletic board members automatically become advisory board members if they become a park district program. He is suggesting a 90-day interim until a new board is selected.

Director Busby does not agree with Mr. Burns stating the current members already know how their associations are run. Commissioner Cooke feels they should be allowed to finish out the term they were already elected to. Jeff Collier explained the current association board members were told to figure out a staggering term so they will not all be replaced at the same time. They could still nominate members the same way they have been, but the Park Board will have the final say. Jeff also asked if we were going to require them to be residents of Elk Grove. Commissioner O'Malley responded that was not necessary as long as they pass the screening process.

Jeff Collier shared information from a recent Athletic Leadership Committee meeting. Elk Grove Youth Football is trying to figure out how to become a feeder program. They are considering K-6th grade kids play flag football under the Park District umbrella and develop two tackle programs, one at Conant and the other at Elk Grove High School.

With participation in athletic programs declining, Commissioner Cooke asked staff to explore ways to increase numbers.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Miller shared details of the proposed agreement with the Arlington Heights Park District. Their residents will be able to use the Pavilion Aquatics Center at our resident rates for one year in exchange our residents can use the Forest View Tennis Courts at a 25% discount.

Director Busby asked the Commissioner who will be attending the IPRA Conference in January. Commissioners Souder and Cooke confirmed they would be attending from Friday –Sunday. Commissioners O'Malley and Walz were not sure yet.

Director Busby shared that Maggie Jablonski told him there was a new federal law allowing cell companies to build a 45' tower in roadways. The company wants to put one by Byrd School.

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 Cooke, Souder, O'Malley and President Walz

Nays: None

Motion Carried