



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

A Regular scheduled meeting of the Elk Grove Park District, Cook County, State of Illinois was held on June 9, 2022 in the Administration Building of said Park District. President Cooke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and upon the roll being called, President Cooke, being physically present at such time and place and the following Park Commissioners, also being physically present at said time and place, answered present:

Thomas E. Cooke, President, and Commissioner
Robert R. Biedke, Vice President, and Commissioner
Scott Carlson, Secretary, and Commissioner
John R. Walz, Treasurer, and Commissioner
William B. O'Malley, Commissioner

Administrative Staff:

Ben Curcio, Executive Director
Brad Sholes, Director of Business Services
Mark Kosbab, Director of Parks and Planning
Kelly Carbon, Director of Marketing and Communications
Tiffany Greene, Director of Leisure Services

Special Guests:

Michael Delgado, Pavilion Fitness Manager
Ashlee Felten, Graphic Designer
Lily Medina, Marketing and Communications Manager
Kelly Cunningham, Fox Run Food & Beverage Manager
Britney Gillespie, Risk Manager

Visitors:

Allan Crites

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Cooke questioned if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the May 26, 2022 Regular Meeting and the June 2, 2022 Golf Committee Meeting.

There being none, the minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner O'Malley moved to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2022 Closed Session Meeting.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

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<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Commissioner Biedke	X		
Commissioner Carlson	X		
Commissioner Walz	X		
Commissioner O'Malley	X		
President Cooke	X		

Motion carried.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Michael Delgado is the new Fitness Manager. He came to the District with over 13 years of fitness experience. Michael and his team have already begun exploring memberships and how to compete with other fitness facilities in the area. They also completed an analysis of what these other facilities offer. Michael and his staff are also looking into having special events.

Ashlee Felton is the new full time Graphic Designer. Her main responsibility will be creating the seasonal program guides. Prior to coming to the Elk Grove Park District, Ashlee worked as a Graphic Designer for 6 years in the private sector.

Lily Medina is the new Marketing and Communications Manager. She has a total of 18 years experience in this field. Most recently, Lily worked 8 years at West Chicago Park District, before that she spent 10 years at Hanover Park Park District. Coming from a small District where Lily had no staff working under her, she is excited for the opportunity to work with a team at a larger Park District.

Kelly Cunningham is the new Fox Run Food & Beverage Manager. She has 15 years experience in the Food & Beverage industry. Kelly is excited to be a part of a brand new facility. President Cooke said he is looking forward to Kelly making her mark on this facility and making it a success. Commissioner Carlson asked Kelly to promote some upcoming events at the clubhouse. Kelly shared she is preparing the food and beverage for some scheduled golf outings as well as planning for two live bands which will be performing on July 1 and July 15 from 7-10pm.

Britney Gillespie is the new Risk Manager. Britney has prior work experience at several park districts. For the past 6 years Britney has worked for PDRMA, 3 years as Office Coordinator and 4 years as the Property Casualty Program Coordinator. She is looking forward to incorporating everything she learned at PDRMA into her work at the Elk Grove Park District.

**ACCEPTANCE OF BID FROM
CORRECT DIGITAL DISPLAYS, INC.**

Commissioner O'Malley moved to accept the bid from Correct Digital Displays, Inc. of Sandwich, IL for the Rainbow Falls Electronic Sign project in the amount of \$72,206.44.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

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<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Commissioner Carlson	X		
Commissioner Walz	X		
Commissioner O'Malley	X		
Commissioner Biedke	X		
President Cooke	X		

Motion carried.

LEISURE SERVICES UPDATE

Director Tiffany Greene gave the following update:

Adult Center

- The Adult Center has 236 members as of the end of May.
- The seniors went to White Fence Farm on May 4, and had Dancing with the Band on May 5.
- Thank you to the Rotary Club of Elk Grove for providing pizza and bingo prizes for 60 participants on May 12.
- The Derby Day Luncheon was a success with 80 in attendance.
- Thank you to Chief Mikel of the Fire Dept. for attending and presenting at the Adult Center Current Events.
- Twenty three seniors enjoyed their lunch trip to Fox Run.
- A Sin City Murder Mystery dinner was held on May 20 with 31 in attendance.

Aquatics

- There were 112 total private lessons in May, which is 39 more than the previous month.
- Group Swim Lessons had 386 participants in May, compared to 240 in April.
- Preschool Swim Lessons had 90 participants in May, compared to 65 in April.
- There were 921 total participants in Aqua Wellness classes in May.

Athletics

- The Beginner Pickleball Clinic finished up on May 24. There were 2 classes and both were full with 16 participants in each class.
- Registration for Fall Coed Softball League is now open.
- Spring Tennis Classes ended on June 2 with all three classes filled with 24 participants.
- Tumbling Times had a total of 109 participants in 13 classes.
- Hot Shots Sports ended its spring season with 53 participants in 5 classes.
- Travel Baseball is in the middle of their season. All Ball Pallooza is scheduled for Saturday, June 11.
- Softball is also in the middle of their season with their Home Run Derby, Skills Competition, and the All Star games scheduled for June 17 and 18.
- Basketball, Softball and Travel Baseball plan to participate in Play, Picnic & Party.
- Football 7v7 Spring League concluded May 15 with 72 players.
- Travel Soccer tryouts for the Fall 2022/Spring 2023 season were held on May 10 and 11. They will field a total of 11 teams between all age groups.
- Recreational Soccer is slated to end its season on June 11.
- House Baseball will have a Home Run Derby/Skills Night on June 17.

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Audubon Skate Park

- The Skateboarding Workshop had 27 participants, and there were 13 private lessons.

Cultural Arts, Art/Music/Theatre

- Spring Music lessons have concluded. The season ended with a Spring Music Concert on May 24 with 11 performers. The next session started on June 6.

Dance

- The 2021-2022 Dance Session is coming to an end with a final performance at the dance recital on June 11 and 12 at Harper College. There will be six different shows throughout the two days.

Early Childhood

- End of year programs were held on May 24 for the 3's, and Preschool graduation on May 25. Registration is open for the 2022-23 school year.

Fitness Center

- While offering a slightly higher number of classes in May, there are 133 classes now compared to 114 in May of 2021.
- Group Exercise/Yoga participation is significantly higher with a total of 1,331 participants, compared to 851 in May of last year.
- There were 467 total participants for Open Gym, not including members, in May.

Museum

- Attendance for programs, events and drop-ins are at 261 for the year.
- The Deike Store Exhibit is opening in July.

School Care Programs

- Kids Club daily utilization totaled 17,885 registrations for the 2021-2022 School year.
- Kids Club registration is now open for the 2022-2023 School year.

Tweens/Teens

- The Safe Babysitting class in May had its largest class to date with 14 participants.

Upcoming Events

- June 15 - Free Art at the Park at 1:00pm at Fountain Square.
- June 17 - Parent's Night Out from 5:30-8:30pm at Pavilion Aquatics Center.
- June 18 - Beers and Brats from 11:00am-2:00pm at the Museum Campus.
- June 22 - Free Art at the Park at 3:00pm at Appleseed Park
- June 24 - Free Movie in the Park featuring Clifford the Big Red Dog at 8:00pm on the Pavilion Grounds.
- June 25 - Free Family Fishing Derby.
- June 29 - Free Art at the Park at 1:00pm at Carson Park.

Commissioner O'Malley asked if there was any feedback from Memorial Day weekend opening of the seasonal facilities. Director Greene responded that things ran very smoothly. Rainbow Falls was packed on Monday, but the new signs helped patrons know where to park. Additional signage will be added to let patrons know that when Lions parking lot is full to park at the high school. Limited cars parked on the street and in the church parking lot. Director Greene added that the staff did an amazing job. President Cooke said he drove by and saw long lines. Director Greene replied that there were 10 admission staff working but there was a wait because the park was at capacity. President Cooke reminded residents that they can enter the water park a half hour prior to non-residents, which is helpful on hot days.

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He added that some local pools are not opening this summer due to a lifeguard shortage so that may bring larger crowds to Rainbow Falls. Executive Director Curcio asked Director Greene to explain to the Board what staff did to attract more applicants. Director Greene explained that they used what is called Geofencing to reach out to students at local high schools with advertising through Snapchat.

PARKS AND PLANNING UPDATE

Director Mark Kosbab shared the following information:

- The ballfields at Audubon Park have been renovated. Each field had 25 tons of in-field mix added and graded to provide the proper pitch for drainage and for play. The new mix will shorten the time needed for the fields to dry out between rain events, as well as minimize the amount of dust that is created during any dry spells.
- Other capital improvements include the completion of the Hattendorf splash pad, Hattendorf parking bumpers, which is still in progress, the Rainbow Falls Breezeway Gate that was completed prior to the facility opening for the season, the completion of the Rainbow Falls various pump, probe and parts replacement, and staff is currently working on the Ridge School playground.
- Shout out to Gina DelMedico and her staff for the great job they did planting native plants

BUSINESS SERVICES UPDATE

Director Brad Sholes gave the following update:

- The Aquatics Department has done a great job hiring, but they are still looking to fill positions for this summer, along with Rental Services, cooks for Fox Run and Customer Service for both the Fitness Center and Pavilion front desk. Please visit our website for more information. The District offers usage benefits to all our employees.
- The weather is starting to cooperate at Fox Run and we continue to get great feedback from patrons.
- Fox Run kitchen hours will be expanding. Our new cook, Danny Hughes, is working on menu renovation and will be rolling out the new menu next week.
- Staff is in the process of hiring a new Equipment Manager at Fox Run with the retirement of Pascual.
- All staff did an amazing job with the opening of the seasonal facilities.
- Thank you to long time Safety Manager Anita Healy on her many years of service and congratulate her on her retirement, as well as welcome Britney.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Director Kelly Carbon shared the following information:

- The two new staff that were introduced tonight bring a lot of new talent and energy to the Marketing Department.
- If anyone listening has a local business that would like to sponsor our Play Picnic Party event let her know.

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- The Annual Duck Race is on August 7 at 6:00pm. There are some great prizes this year, including Cubs tickets, gift card to the Container Store, 2023 Rainbow Falls season pass and Fox Run golf passes just to name a few. All proceeds go to the Foundation to assist Elk Grove Village families in need of assistance to participate in our programming. Duck Race tickets are sold at the customer service counters at both Pavilion and Hattendorf for \$5 each.
- There are new digital message boards at Rainbow Falls and Pirates Cove to promote memberships, programs and events.
- Customer Service has been very busy. This year alone, they have established over 1300 new household accounts.
- The Fall guide is in the design phase right now. They will be distributed through the mail in late July/early August.

President Cooke shared that the Duck Race is the main fundraiser for the Foundation. He also inquired about the new kiosk at Pirates Cove. Director Carbon explained it is a great opportunity to use a photo from your phone to upload a picture to purchase photo items. The Foundation will get a percentage of the proceeds from the purchases.

Commissioner O'Malley asked about the non-resident household fee and how long it works. Director Carbon explained you have to live or work in Elk Grove Village to be able to purchase an annual non-resident household membership to get resident rates. The membership is good for one year from the date of purchase.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Executive Director Ben Curcio reiterated that all upcoming events are listed on our app and on our website. Director Curcio shared that Cook County Commissioner, Kevin Morrison, is hosting a Fishing Derby on June 18 from 9:00am-noon at Busse Woods. Another upcoming event at the park district is the World's Largest Swim Lesson which takes place on June 23, from 9:30-10:00am at Rainbow Falls.

**APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR CURCIO AS THE
EGPD REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NWSRA BOARD**

Commissioner Walz moved to appoint Executive Director Ben Curcio as the Elk Grove Park District's Representative to the Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA) Board.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Commissioner Walz	X		
Commissioner O'Malley	X		
Commissioner Biedke	X		
Commissioner Carlson	X		
President Cooke	X		

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Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Commissioner O’Malley moved to authorize Director Curcio to make payment of the bills in the amount of \$162,411.72 for May 26, 2022, and \$153,436.84 for June 2, 2022.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

ELK GROVE PARK DISTRICT					
SUMMARY LIST OF BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL ON JUNE 9, 2022					
			5/26/2022	6/2/2022	
	SUMMARY BY FUND:				
	CORPORATE FUND		\$ 73,521.98	\$ 27,222.50	
	AUDIT				
	POLICE				
	LIABILITY				
	RECREATION FUND		\$ 50,639.10	\$ 32,587.78	
	PAVING & LIGHTING FUND				
	MUSEUM FUND		\$ 25.01	\$ 171.56	
	SPECIAL RECREATION				
	ASSOCIATIONS		\$ 210.09	\$ 19,718.19	
	BOND & INTEREST FUND				
	CAPITAL PROJECTS		\$ 15,239.09	\$ 56,249.04	
	FOX RUN GOLF LINKS FUND		\$ 22,776.45	\$ 17,487.77	
			<u>\$ 162,411.72</u>	<u>\$ 153,436.84</u>	

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Commissioner O’Malley	X		
Commissioner Biedke	X		
Commissioner Carlson	X		
Commissioner Walz	X		
President Cooke	X		

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner O’Malley moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

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<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Commissioner Biedke	X		
Commissioner Carlson	X		
Commissioner Walz	X		
Commissioner O'Malley	X		
President Cooke	X		

Motion Carried.

The Regular Meeting of June 9, 2022 was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Scott Carlson, Secretary