



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

A regular scheduled meeting of the Elk Grove Park District, Cook County, State of Illinois was held on July 9, 2020. President O'Malley called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and upon the roll being called, the following Park Commissioners answered present:

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

Administrative Staff:

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

Special Guests:

David Gora and Family, Youth Committee Scholarship Winner
Sarah McNamara and Family, Youth Committee and Frank Czarnik Scholarship Winner
Sydney Arnold and Family, Frank Czarnik Scholarship Winner
Aliya Blackburn and Family, Frank Czarnik Scholarship Winner
Abigail Henley and Family, Frank Czarnik Scholarship Winner
Noah Morton and Family, Frank Czarnik Scholarship Winner
Ryan Steffens and Family, Frank Czarnik Scholarship Winner
Thomas Youhn and Family, Frank Czarnik Scholarship Winner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President O'Malley questioned if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the June 25, 2020 Regular Meeting. There being none, Commissioner Biedke moved to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Cooke seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Walz shared an email praising how well the summer camps are run and the great experience their children had. There have also been other letters praising the staff and how the program is running safe and fun for the kids.

Commissioner Biedke shared that residents are loving the animal display in front of the administration building.

Commissioner Souder stated he also received a call from a resident that went to the Pavilion Aquatics Center and their experience went smoothly and how refreshing it was to be able to get out and do something.

President O'Malley said in the days of social media there are usually more negative comments than positive and the Board is always proud of what staff is doing. He gave a shout out to Jeff Collier as someone who was identified by his staff as standing out during the recent crisis.

2020 YOUTH COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Commissioner Biedke stated that he and Commissioner Walz serve on the Youth Committee. This year there were 23 applicants for the Scholarships. The Village awarded five scholarships and the Parks Foundation awarded two. The two Parks Foundation winners were David Gora and Sarah McNamara. They both attended tonight's meeting to accept their scholarship award.

2020 FRANK J. CZARNIK/JIM HEFFERN SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Nancy Czarnik stated this is the first year that this is called the Frank Czarnik/Jim Heffern Scholarship. She explained that both men were very involved in the Park District. The next golf outing is scheduled for Friday, August 7. It will still be a 4 man scramble but because of the restrictions we are under tee times will be assigned in fifteen minute intervals. The price will include the golf cart and boxed lunch instead of a dinner, again due to the Covid. Nancy then introduced the following students as the 2020 Frank J Czarnik Scholarship/Jim Heffern winners: Sydney Arnold, Aliya Blackburn, Abigail Henley, Sarah McNamara, Noah Morton, Ryan Steffens and Thomas Youhn. Each winner accepted their award and shared where they will be attending college. Robert Stanislawski also was selected as a scholarship winner but was not able to attend the meeting tonight.

President O'Malley praised Nancy and applauded her for all the effort that goes into the golf outing that raises money for these scholarships.

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APPROVAL OF ATHLETIC ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

Commissioner Biedke moved that Joe Acino be appointed to serve a two year term as an advisory board member to the Elk Grove Youth Football Board.

Commissioner Souder seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PAY REQUEST #9
FROM WILLIAMS ARCHITECT**

Commissioner Souder moved to approve Pay Request #9 from Williams Architect for Professional Services and Construction Documents of the Golf Course Clubhouse and Maintenance Facility Project in the amount of \$33,704.57.

Commissioner Cooke seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

LEISURE SERVICES UPDATE

Director Tiffany Greene gave the following update:

- Summer Care Camp kicked off on June 15 with approximately 30 campers per week for a total of 202 campers over the eight weeks.
- Recital Dance classes returned to finish their season. 219 registered dancers have returned for a total of 39 classes. More details regarding the Showcase to come.
- There were almost 1,000 visits during the first week of the Fitness Center reopening on June 29. The locker rooms were also reopened for members on July 6.
- Lap lanes continue to fill during peak hours, especially the outdoor lanes. There are 19 registrants for private swim lessons and 38 total registrations for the developmental stroke clinics. Spots are still available.

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- Staff met with the ride inspector on July 2 and all boxes are checked for the opening of Pirates Cove. We are waiting on further guidance from the state on when we will be able to move forward with opening the park.
- The Senior Center is scheduled to open Tuesday, September 8.
- Full Time staff are all doing a marvelous job assisting in various departments such as Camp, Aquatics and Fitness.

President O'Malley stated that at the last meeting he asked about reducing prices because all the amenities were not going to be available for Fitness members. Now that he sees how many more staff are working to make sure everything is clean and disinfected he realizes how much more money the District is spending on salaries now without raising fees. Director Curcio replied there is a real cost attached to maintaining the guidelines set to open the facility.

PARKS AND PLANNING UPDATE

Director Tim White gave the following update:

- He and Valerie Lemme met with Signature Demolition to discuss the Chelmsford tear-down. They went over dust mitigation and the construction schedule. He will provide the construction schedule next week but stated the dust control was stressed to be very important. They will take down the inside of the building first to contain dust and will use water. The residents will be notified soon of this project. Commissioner Walz asked if a construction fence will be put up around the playgrounds. Director White replied that a fence will be put up around the site.
- The bid opening for the Hattendorf OSLAD project and the installation of the Pavilion Aquatics Lagoon water features is next Tuesday.
- Staff is beginning work on 2021 capital projects.
- The Jensen Park South project was completed today. Holiday Sewer and Water did a great job completing the project.

President O'Malley asked for clarification on what the public should expect regarding Thor Guard. Director White responded that staff is evaluating new systems. At this point we continue to maintain those systems and residents should be following the detection technology of Thor Guard. Currently, four lightning detection systems are being researched: Thor Guard and Strike Guard, which both work off of lightning prediction technologies. The third option is called Earth Networks, and the last is a new company that recently reached out to the District called Perry Weather.

BUSINESS SERVICES UPDATE

Director Brad Sholes gave the following update:

- The golf course is operating at full capacity. The bar is open as well as an enhanced seating in the banquet area for social distancing. The Driving Range is also open using the same social distancing guidelines. Continue to book tee times online.
- HR is starting to prepare for fall. Visit our website for job openings.
- IT has been out in the parks testing a solar powered pole with WiFi capabilities for potential future use of WiFi in our parks.
- IT has completed phase 1 of the camera project at the facilities.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Director Kelly Carbon shared an article that was in the Journal last Thursday about the opening of the Fitness Center and the Pavilion pool. She also stated that customer service has been getting a lot of positive feedback regarding Dance, Fitness and Aquatics reopening. Other updates included:

- Football and Cheer registration deadline is July 18. This Sunday from 12:00-2:00 pm is their last uniform fitting.
- The fall brochure will also be online similar to the summer brochure. An online version enables staff to make updates so the information is always current. The fall brochure will be available online on August 5, which is also the registration date for residents.
- The Dance handbook will also be online.
- Director Carbon has been spending time at Customer Service. She shared that about one third of inquiries are coming from walk-ins leaving two-thirds coming as phone calls. The most popular inquiry is asking if Fountain Square is open. The answer is yes, it is open Monday through Friday 12:30-7:00pm and Saturday and Sundays from 10:30am-7:00pm. This information will go on on social media as well as in the next E-blast.
- Customer Service is available to assist with resetting online accounts for patrons.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Executive Director Ben Curcio reminded patrons to please wear a mask when entering the Pavilion for their safety as well as the safety of others. He added that it is ok to remove your mask while working out or swimming but you need to put it back on when walking through the building.

Director Curcio also shared that the Pavilion is a designated cooling center for residents that need to get out of the heat or if their homes do not have air conditioning. We do have restrictions limiting residents to remain in the lobby. There will be benches to sit on but no tables and chairs will be available. Again, please wear a mask while in the center.

Lastly, Director Curcio stated that we have had a tremendous turnout at Fountain Square. He reminded everyone to please follow the hours and please be respectful of the neighborhood.

President O'Malley stated the importance of being consistent with requiring everyone to wear masks throughout all our facilities. Commissioner Souder added a comment to the residents to do it for their fellow Elk Grovians.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Commissioner Souder moved to authorize Director Curcio to make payment of the bills in the amount of \$149,499.42 for July 25, 2020 and \$55,870.68 for July 2, 2020.

Commissioner Biedke seconded the motion.

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ELK GROVE PARK DISTRICT					
SUMMARY LIST OF BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL ON JULY 9, 2020					
	SUMMARY BY FUND:		6/25/2020		7/2/2020
	CORPORATE FUND		\$ 43,033.07		\$ 13,099.34
	AUDIT				\$ 2,150.00
	POLICE		\$ 2,835.00		
	LIABILITY				
	RECREATION FUND		\$ 36,819.66		\$ 12,254.11
	PAVING & LIGHTING FUND				\$ 9,382.95
	MUSEUM FUND		\$ 38.96		\$ 161.78
	SPECIAL RECREATION				
	ASSOCIATIONS				\$ 401.55
	BOND & INTEREST FUND				
	CAPITAL PROJECTS		\$ 30,779.62		\$ 13,047.41
	FOX RUN GOLF LINKS FUND		\$ 35,993.11		\$ 5,373.54
			\$ 149,499.42		\$ 55,870.68

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

Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Souder moved to adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel per 2(c)(1)

Commissioner Walz seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.

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RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

After discussion on personnel, President O’Malley moved to reconvene the meeting to Open Session at 8:57 pm.

Commissioner Walz seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

President O’Malley moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of July 9, 2020.

Commissioner Walz seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

The Regular Meeting of July 9, 2020 was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Biedke, Secretary