

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 14, 2022 in the Administration Building of said Park District. President Cooke called the meeting to order at 7:08 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

Visitors:

Allan Crites

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Cooke questioned if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the June 23, 2022 Regular Meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF PAY REQUEST FROM UPLAND DESIGN, LTD.

Commissioner O'Malley moved to approve the pay request from Upland Design, Ltd. for professional services, including survey and data gathering and design development plans/cost estimates, for the Marshall Park Redevelopment Project in the amount of \$16,976.97.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote	<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.

APPROVAL OF PAY REQUEST #4 FROM TRANE

Commissioner Carlson moved to approve the pay request #4 from Trane for materials for the Rainbow Falls Boilers Replacement Project in the amount of \$113,717.00.

Commissioner Biedke seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote	<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.

APPROVAL OF ATHLETICS ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

Commissioner O'Malley moved to approve that the following individual be appointed to serve a two-year term as an advisory member to the following board:

Elk Grove Youth Baseball Advisory Board:

Paul Weiland

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote	<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		

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF ATHLETICS ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

Commissioner O'Malley moved to approve that the following individual be appointed to serve a two-year term as an advisory member to the following board:

Elk Grove Football and Cheer Advisory Board:

Berenice Lagrimas

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

LEISURE SERVICES UPDATE

Director Tiffany Greene gave the following update:

- As of June, the Sheila Ray Adult Center has 247 members. They added a walking club and are utilizing the walking space at Memorial Park with 15 members currently walking. Bingo continues to be a popular event at the Adult Center.
- > Aquatics had a total of 144 participants in swim lessons, and 910 in Aqua Wellness.
- > Sports Camps had a total of 399 registrants in the first 10 weeks of camps.
- > Football registration closes on July 18 for tackle and flag.
- > Registration is currently open for Fall Soccer, Fall Baseball and Fall Softball.
- > There were 46 registered for Skate Camp at Audubon in June.
- Art Camp has been running with full registration of 24+ campers each week, and Theater Camp is preparing for their performance of Guys and Dolls Jr. with 30 campers.
- ➤ The Pavilion Dance Companies held their recitals on June 11 and 12 at Harper College with over 1300 people in attendance.
- ➤ Dance Camp has been full each week.
- ➤ Early Childhood Camps have had over 100 campers each day.
- > There are currently 126 preschoolers registered for the 2022-23 school year.
- The Fitness Center's Group Exercise and Yoga participation numbers were at a total of 867 in June, and there were 93 personal training sessions in June as well. Also new in June was a Yoga class for Ascension Health personnel with 11 participants in the first class.
- ➤ Attendance at the Museum is at 296 for the year compared to 193 last June. The new exhibit opened on Friday, July 8.
- ➤ There were 91 total rentals in June with one of them being an entire park rental.
- ➤ Kids Club registration is open for the 2022-23 school year.
- The first Movie in the Park, Clifford the Big Red Dog, had approximately 150 people in attendance.
- ➤ There were 747 registrations between Voyager and Explorers camps during the first four weeks of June.
- ➤ Upcoming events include: Summer Blast Pool Party on July 15, Play, Picnic & Party on July 17, Roxy's Reptile River Regatta, also on July 17, Art at the Park at Marsh Park on July 20, Guys and Dolls Jr. theater performance on July 21 at Elk Grove High School, Art at the Park at Lindbergh Park on July 27, Night Slides at Rainbow Falls on July 31, Movie in the Park on the Pavilion Grounds on August 5, and the second Summer Blast Pool Party on August 5.

PARKS AND PLANNING UPDATE

Director Mark Kosbab stated that as we pass the halfway point of summer, Parks and Planning staff continue to work hard to provide the safe and exceptional facilities that residents can come to expect here in Elk Grove. Examples include extensive clean-up after major storm damage last week. It took staff over two days to get through all the parks to ensure trees, branches and debris had been removed. Facility staff continue to make sure HVAC and building systems are functioning properly through the summer heat and humidity, while the Aquatics staff make sure the aquatic features at Rainbow Falls, Pavilion Aquatics and Fountain Square are up and running. The Construction/Special Projects Crew are working on various projects at the Ridge School playground and then will be moving on to Hattendorf Center to complete some projects there as well.

Commissioner Biedke asked Director Kosbab if the new bleachers have been installed at Community Athletics Fields. Director Kosbab replied that the new bleachers are on site and will be installed by mid August in time for the fall season.

BUSINESS SERVICES UPDATE

Director Brad Sholes gave the following update:

- The District still has open positions to fill, including two full time positions. The District offers great usage benefits to employees.
- The new Fox Run menu is now available. Live music is scheduled for July 15 from 7-10pm with Mark Konzen performing.
- > IT has completed the WAN upgrade. The District also received the smartboard displays for preschool. This project was made possible by a significant donation from the Parks Foundation.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Director Kelly Carbon shared the following information:

- > The Play, Picnic & Party is this weekend. Thank you to our sponsors, Williams Architects, Meijer and Village Realty for their sponsorship of this event.
- > The Marketing staff if working with the Athletics Departments to promote registration for Football and Travel Baseball tryouts.
- The fall guide will be delivered at the end of July with registration beginning August 4, for residents. The guide will be available on our website by the end of next week.
- ➤ The Pavilion and Hattendorf customer service are selling Duck Race tickets for \$5 each. Tickets will also be sold at the Play, Picnic & Party event. The Duck Race will take place on August 7.

Commissioner Walz would like to discuss, at a future meeting, going back to direct mailers for information. He stated he would prefer that over e-blasts. Director Carbon replied that during Covid, two general e-blasts went out each month. Now Marketing is moving towards more segmented marketing. President Cooke suggested putting an insert into the program guides. Director Carbon replied that she is budgeting that for next year.

Commissioner O'Malley questioned why a duck race expense was on the list of bills. He was told that the District was reimbursed from the Foundation for that purchase.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Executive Director Ben Curcio gave a public service announcement stating that beginning Monday, July 18 through August 7, Rainbow Falls will close at 6:00pm Monday through Friday, due to lifeguard shortage. Twilight hours will be adjusted to 4:00-6:00pm. Rainbow Falls members can use the Pavilion Aquatics Center from 4:00-6:00pm for no charge. Director Curcio also said that next week is Rotary Fest and the Village Concert, so beginning Monday, July 18 through Sunday, July 24 parking will be limited and to please consider carpooling, using car services, or using our satellite parking options. These options include Grove Jr High, Hattendorf Center, Morton Park, and Salt Creek School. The District will also be offering a shuttle service running from the Pavilion South parking lot to Rainbow Falls and back to the Pavilion beginning at 10:30am Monday-Friday and 11:00 on Saturday and Sunday during Rotary Fest days.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Biedke asked if the other Commissioners were aware that Travel Baseball increased their fees from \$250 to \$800. Commissioner Biedke asked if staff was aware of this increase, and if they had advanced notice. Director Greene replied that the Baseball Board voted in favor of the increase at the last Travel Baseball board meeting that was held on June 27. Director Greene also explained that in past years, the registration fee was separate from the uniform fee, the sponsorship fee and the training fee but this year they combined all the fees together, so the cost did not go up as much as it appears. Commissioner Biedke questioned the cost of the dollar amount for sponsorship. Director Greene said they are waiting for a response from the President of Travel Baseball on that. Commissioner Biedke questioned whether or not there needs to be a policy put in place that any fee change goes through the Park District. He said that as a Chair of the Athletics Committee, he was unaware of the new fee until he read an email that was released to the community and he has a huge issue with that. Commissioner Biedke added that this should have first come through the Athletics Committee for discussion and then they could have posed it to the rest of the Commissioners before a decision on the new fee was made. He suggested that maybe we need to create a policy so this never happens again. He also wants to make sure this is the right decision for the program because he fears losing participants that cannot afford the cost of the program. Commissioner Biedke asked if all the financials that he requested were in the email that he received today. Director Sholes replied he is putting together the financial information to share with him. President Cooke suggested that Commissioner Biedke and Commissioner Carlson meet with the Travel Baseball to discuss this further and if he thinks the Board needs to address anything bring that information back to them. Director Sholes added from a financial standpoint, the Travel Baseball Board is doing everything right by communicating their fee increases before try-outs.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Commissioner Walz moved to authorize Director Curcio to make payment of the bills in the amount of \$155,714.45 for June 23, 2022, \$4,262.50 for June 23, 2022, \$236,168.62 for June 30, 2022 and \$79,466.30 for July 7, 2022.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

SUMMARY LIST OF BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL ON JULY 1				
SUMMARY BY FUND: 6/23/2022 6/23/2022 6/30/2022				
CORPORATE FUND	\$ 64,339.52		\$ 12,023.83	\$ 28,503.30
AUDIT	\$ 2,150.00			
POLICE			\$ 2,835.00	
LIABILITY			\$ 67,364.73	
RECREATION FUND	\$ 59,754.58		\$ 27,373.97	\$ 13,177.06
PAVING & LIGHTING FUND				
MUSEUM FUND	\$ 43.67		\$ 146.48	\$ 38.51
SPECIAL RECREATION				
ASSOCIATIONS	\$ 2,785.00	\$ 4,262.50	\$ 7,873.54	\$ 29,548.41
BOND & INTEREST FUND				
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 13,242.00		\$ 112,135.05	\$ 886.25
FOX RUN GOLF LINKS FUND	\$ 13,399.68		\$ 6,416.02	\$ 7,312.77
	\$ 155,714.45	\$ 4,262.50	\$ 236,168.62	\$ 79,466.30

Roll Call Vote	<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.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Carlson moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote	<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.

The Regular Meeting of July 14, 2022 was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Scott Carlson, Secretary