



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

A regular scheduled meeting of the Elk Grove Park District, Cook County, State of Illinois was held on October 8, 2020. President O'Malley called the meeting to order at 7:01 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

Guests: Tom Robb, Elk Grove Journal
Chris Placek, Daily Herald
Tony and Cathy Damptz, Elk Grove Village Residents
Simon Malek, Elk Grove Village Resident
Len Vanderweel, Elk Grove Village Resident
Valerie and James Carroll, Elk Grove Village Residents

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President O'Malley questioned if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the September 24, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting and the September 24, 2020 Regular Meeting. There being none, the minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Executive Director Curcio stated he attended a meeting with the Plan Commission on September 28, 2020 as the first step of the long process to get approval to build a dog park on the property at Udall Park. A number of residents also attended this meeting and expressed their concern of the dog park at that location. Director Curcio decided to table the conversation so he could further discuss with the Commissioners the concerns of the residents. Director Curcio said he would like to possibly invite residents to a Town Hall meeting to get feedback from them. After the Town Hall meeting, he would then go back to the Plan Commission to discuss his findings, followed by the Village Board, and eventually back to the Park Board for approval.

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Len Vanderweel addressed the Board to express his concerns of the location for the proposed dog park. His home backs up to Udall Park. Mr. Vanderweel stated he is not opposed to dog parks, but his concern is the layout for this one. He shared articles that he found online related to his concerns of how close the proposed dog park would be from residential property lines. He also shared pictures of standing water in the park behind his yard. Mr Vanderweel feels there will not be ample parking for patrons so he believes they will park in front of his house while visiting the dog park. He is also concerned about dog noise, smell and curb appeal. Mr. Vanderweel stated the Park District tried to put a dog park at two different parks in the past. He shared a 2007 article that was in the Tribune after the two previous attempts to open a dog park in the Village. The article stated that the Park Board decided it will no longer seek to build dog runs in neighborhood parks. Mr. Vanderweel asked the Board if they are going to honor what the previous Board said. President O'Malley told Mr. Vanderweel that he understands his concerns and will further discuss them with staff. President O'Malley also asked Director Greene to research other dog parks in the area to determine the distance from residential property.

Valerie Carroll addressed the Board. She said she has the same concerns as Mr. Vanderweel, however, her biggest issue is that the dog park would be built in the middle of a densely populated area. Mrs. Carroll stated she spoke with a realtor and was told because of the close proximity of the dog park to her property line, they would need to disclose that if they were ever to sell their home.

Simon Malek owns three properties around the location of the proposed dog park. Mr. Malek is in the process of putting a list of families together and is starting a petition against the dog park. He stated that he has also retained the services of a zoning attorney as well as a real estate attorney that will be representing the families if this should go in front of the Village Board. He added they are prepared for a long legal battle should the plans progress. Mr. Malek asked the Board to take into consideration the pros and cons and to make the right decision.

Tim Carroll said he does not want to look out and see dogs running around and barking in his backyard.

President O'Malley thanked the residents for their comments. He said the Board will discuss this with staff as well as benchmark other Park Districts. President O'Malley said through focus groups and surveys over the years it was determined that the Elk Grove Community wants a dog park, but nobody wants it in their backyard. As the District moves forward, they will continue to address concerns, and the residents will be a part of the process.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT APPLICATION #1 FROM FRED QUINN CORPORATION

Commissioner Walz moved to approve payment application #1 from Fred Quinn Corporation for construction management services for the Fox Run Golf Links Clubhouse and Maintenance Facility project in the amount of \$127,201.00.

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Commissioner Biedke 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.

**APPROVAL OF PAY REQUEST #11
FROM WILLIAMS ARCHITECT**

Commissioner Walz moved to approve pay request #11 from Williams Architect for professional services and construction administration of the Fox Run Golf Course Clubhouse and Maintenance Facility Project in the amount of \$28,475.01.

Commissioner Biedke 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 PAYMENT APPLICATION #1
FROM STUCKEY CONSTRUCTION CO.**

Commissioner Walz moved to approve payment application #1 from Stuckey Construction Co. for services and materials for the installation of the aquatic play feature in the Pavilion Aquatics Center in the amount of \$42,210.00.

Commissioner Biedke 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		

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Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAY REQUEST #2 FROM SIGNATURE DEMOLITION SERVICES, INC.

Commissioner Walz moved to approve the pay request #2 from Signature Demolition Services, Inc. for services and materials for Marshall Park 711 Chelmsford Lane, Building Demolition project in the amount of \$41,400.00.

Commissioner Biedke seconded the motion.

<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.

Director White said the demolition including restoration should be completed within the next two weeks.

LEISURE SERVICES UPDATE

Director Tiffany Greene gave the following update:

Aquatics

- The warm water therapy pool is currently offering 28 hours of programming each week. This includes private swim lessons, parent/child swim lessons, Splashin Seniors, Arthritis Foundation Aqua Therapy and Aqua Fusion. In September alone, there were 516 total participants in Aqua Wellness. The therapy pool also offers approximately 50 hours of open swim time for patrons.
- Staff are working on opening additional private swim lessons. Nine more private lesson sections were offered in September.
- Participation in the District’s stroke clinic continues to increase up 24% in September.

Arts

- The 37th annual Juried Art Show has 31 entries. The show will be held virtually this year. You can view the gallery on the Elk Grove Park District website October 23 through November 15.

Audubon

- The Indoor Skate Park is now open for the season. Please check our website for admission fees and hours.

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Dance

- The 2020-2021 season of both recital and non-recital dance kicked off the week of September 14, with a total of 40 classes and over 250 registrants.
- Dance Company, Ignite, competed in their first outdoor competition in September. They received 6 High Golds, a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place overall placement and also Terrific Timing and Commitment Awards.

Early Childhood

- Currently, there are 89 children registered for Preschool. We are continuing to take registration for the 2020-2021 school year with in-person and virtual options available.

Museum

- Pioneer Day was hosted at the Museum on September 13, with 75-100 people in attendance.
- The Museum is now open and accepting Farmhouse tour reservations.

Pavilion Fitness Center

- Pickleball is currently being offered on Mondays and Fridays from 9:00am-noon. Face covering will be required.
- Open Gym schedule is set to be released in mid-October.
- There were 30 new Fitness memberships in the month of September.
- A Return to Fitness promotion is going on now. Contact the Fitness Center today to ask for your free 10 visit pass.

School Care Programs

- Kids Club had 151 registrations for the month of September.
- Kids Club registration opened on October 5 for the return to in-person learning. We are also extending Kids Club Camp at the Pavilion for the remote learning days. Parents have the option to register for both programs and choose the days that fit their needs.

Special Events

- The Museum Pumpkin Patch will be held on October 17, from 10:00am-noon and 1:00-3:00pm. There will be pumpkin decorating, hayrides, an inflatable corn maze, crafts and spooky tours of the Farmhouse. This event is temporarily replacing the annual Halloween Fest. There will also be a debut of the mini-exhibit held in the schoolhouse called Farming Women of Elk Grove Township. Registration is required for this event.

Youth Athletics

- A Flag Football program was created and started in mid-September with 69 registrants. They practiced once a week and held scrimmage games on Sundays.
- Karate resumed in September with 36 total participants.
- Fall Travel Soccer started Saturday scrimmages in September and continue to practice twice a week.
- Basketball will begin their modified season in January.

Commissioner Biedke questioned how the Fitness Center is handling if someone still has a concern over Covid, Director Greene replied members were offered to have their membership suspended through September. After that they would either choose to resume or cancel their membership.

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PARKS AND PLANNING UPDATE

Director Tim White gave the following update:

- The Hattendorf OSLAD project is going well. Hacienda has laid out all the drainage while the outdoor fitness equipment installation is being done in-house. Although there will be a soft opening in November, the grand opening will take place in the spring.
- The Flooring and Lighting Replacement project was done in room 159 at the Pavilion. The room has also been painted.
- Grounds Crew are working on pulling out summer annuals and planting fall plants.

BUSINESS SERVICES UPDATE

Director Brad Sholes gave the following update:

- The Fox Run demolition is almost complete. The building is down and tree removal has taken place. The course is still open and they are now operating out of the temporary clubhouse and will have food and beverage operations. The response to the temporary clubhouse has been fantastic.
- Continue to book and pay for your tee times online.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Director Kelly Carbon gave the following update:

- Starting today, a 30 second commercial is being aired on television promoting the Pavilion Fitness Center. This commercial will air until October 25.
- The Marketing Department is working on developing a “wayfinding” kiosk for the Pavilion lobby.
- Production is starting on new door signage for the Hattendorf building.
- The Marketing Department will be working with Debby Oneil to do a photo shoot to update the online gallery of Garden Terrace.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Executive Director Ben Curcio gave the following update:

- Aquatics is hosting a Parents Night Out on Friday, October 16 at the Lagoon Pool.
- Pavilion Front Door ADA Door Replacement Project will begin soon. Staff is working on a plan to communicate to patrons other entrance options while that project is being done. More information to come.
- The desert air units on the roof above the Pavilion Aquatic Center, on the lap side of the pool, are being replaced. You won't see it, but you will feel the temperature and better air quality.

Commissioner Souder asked for the down time on the front door project. Director White responded it will be three days.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

Commissioner Souder moved to authorize Director Curcio to make payment of the bills in the amount of \$150,113.22 for September 24, 2020 and \$82,124.56 for October 1, 2020.

Commissioner Biedke seconded the motion.

ELK GROVE PARK DISTRICT				
SUMMARY LIST OF BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL ON OCTOBER 8, 2020				
			<u>9/24/2020</u>	<u>10/1/2020</u>
	SUMMARY BY FUND:			
	CORPORATE FUND		\$ 64,296.18	\$ 18,365.96
	AUDIT			
	POLICE			\$ 2,835.00
	LIABILITY			
	RECREATION FUND		\$ 38,856.97	\$ 28,089.74
	PAVING & LIGHTING FUND		\$ 7,200.00	
	MUSEUM FUND		\$ 135.19	\$ 191.73
	SPECIAL RECREATION			
	ASSOCIATIONS		\$ 5,833.54	\$ 11,770.09
	BOND & INTEREST FUND			\$ 4,500.00
	CAPITAL PROJECTS		\$ 24,608.75	\$ 9,065.82
	FOX RUN GOLF LINKS FUND		\$ 9,182.59	\$ 7,306.22
			\$ 150,113.22	\$ 82,124.56

<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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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Biedke moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of October 8, 2020.

Commissioner Cooke 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.

The Regular Meeting of October 8, 2020 was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Biedke, Secretary