



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

A Regular scheduled meeting of the Elk Grove Park District, Cook County, State of Illinois was held on September 12, 2019 in the Administration Building of said Park District. President Walz called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and upon the roll being called, President Walz, being physically present at such time and place and the following Park Commissioners, also being physically present at said time and place, answered present:

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

### Administrative Staff:

Ben Curcio, Executive Director  
Tammy Miller, Director of Leisure Services  
Brad Sholes, Director of Business Services  
Tim White, Director of Parks and Planning  
Kelly Carbon, Director of Marketing and Communications  
Tom Klaas, Manager, Fox Run Golf Links

## PUBLIC HEARING

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At 7:06 p.m., President Walz announced that the next agenda item for the Board of Park Commissioners was a public hearing (the "*Hearing*") to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds in the amount of \$6,800,000 to pay the costs of demolishing the Fox Run Golf Links clubhouse and maintenance facility and constructing and equipping a new clubhouse and maintenance facility (the "*Park Bonds*") and explained that all persons desiring to be heard would have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony with respect thereto.

President Walz opened the discussion and explained the reasons for the proposed issuance of the Park Bonds were as follows: to pay the costs of demolishing the Fox Run Golf Links clubhouse and maintenance facility and constructing and equipping a new clubhouse and maintenance facility.

Whereupon the President asked for additional comments from the Park Commissioners. Additional comments were made by the following: None were made.

Written testimony concerning the proposed issuance of the Park Bonds was read into the record by the Secretary and is attached hereto as *Exhibit I*. None were made.

Whereupon the President asked for oral testimony or any public comments concerning the proposed issuance of the Park Bonds. Statements were made by the following: None were made.

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The President then announced that all persons desiring to be heard had been given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed issuance of the Park Bonds. Park Commissioner Souder moved and Park Commissioner Biedke seconded the motion that the Hearing be finally adjourned.

After a full discussion thereof, the President directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and the Hearing was finally adjourned.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Walz questioned if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the August 22, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting and the August 22, 2019 Regular Meeting. There being none, the minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Souder moved to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2019 Closed Session Meeting.

Commissioner Cooke 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 O'Malley	X		
President Walz	X		

Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF ESTIMATED COSTS OF TRAVEL, MEALS AND LODGING FOR 2019 NRPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Commissioner O'Malley moved to approve the estimated costs of travel, meals and lodging for the 2019 NRPA Annual Conference for Commissioner Cooke at \$1,837.49 and Commissioner O'Malley at \$1,743.49.

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Commissioner Walz seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF ATHLETICS  
ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS**

Commissioner Souder moved to approve the following individuals be appointed to serve a two year term as advisory members to the following boards:

The Elk Grove Soccer Advisory Board;  
Tom Wekony

The Elk Grove Basketball Advisory Board;  
Diana Garcia  
Tom Wnukowski

Commissioner Biedke seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Cooke inquired if these were replacements to finish out another board member's term or for a full term. Director Miller responded they are appointed for a full term.

**APPROVAL OF PAY REQUEST #5  
FROM SCHAEFGES BROTHERS, INC.**

Commissioner Souder moved to approve the Pay Request #5 from Schaeffges Brothers, Inc. for services and materials for the Audubon Outdoor Skate Park concrete portion of the project in the amount of \$102,914.10.

Commissioner Cooke seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

**LEISURE SERVICES UPDATE**

Director Tammy Miller gave the following report:

- It is budget season. Director Miller explained the process the Leisure Services staff go to during this time.
- The Fitness Center flooring is in the process of being replaced. T-shirts and passes are being given to members to acknowledge the inconveniences. Director Miller thanks the patrons for their patience and understanding. She also thanked the Parks staff for their help moving the equipment and A.J. Collier for putting the protective flooring down before the equipment was placed.
- The Pavilion Aquatics Center has reopened after its annual maintenance shutdown.
- Pioneer Day took place last Sunday at the Farmhouse Museum and was well attended. The Wall of Fame plaques for Darlene Greaves and Jim Issel were unveiled at this event.
- Preschool started on Monday.
- Dance classes started this week with two new instructors.
- Camp Under the Stars at Pirates' Cove is Friday, September 13. Fifty-nine children and fifty-nine adults are registered for this event.
- The Teen Bonfire will be held on October 5 from 8:00-10:00pm at Lions Park.
- Jay Nardiello, our Maintenance Supervisor at the Pavilion will be retiring after a total of 30 years with the Park District.

**PARKS AND PLANNING UPDATE**

Director White gave the following update:

- The new outdoor Audubon Skate Park is 99% complete. The grand opening ceremony will be on October 5 at 10:00am
- Bids for the Capital Project - Jensen Park South drainage came in high. The project is now on hold until we can re-evaluate.

**GOLF OPERATIONS UPDATE**

Tom Klaas gave the following update:

- August was a great month with the highest greens fees since 2009.
- Club Championship takes place this Saturday and Sunday.
- The 3 Club Challenge will be on September 29 and the Par 3 Challenge is October 11.
- The grounds crew has been working on fall maintenance. They aerated the tee boxes last week. The greens will be aerated September 23 and September 24, weather permitting.

Director Brad Sholes gave the following update:

- Budget season is in full swing.
- There are several open positions with the District. Check our website for more information.
- I.T. has been busy wrapping up our seasonal facilities.

**MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE**

Director Kelly Carbon gave the following update:

- She pointed out the new logo that was installed on the Board Room wall.
- Pioneer Day was featured on the front page of the Elk Grove Journal
- She recently attended a Digital Summit Conference where she learned about trends in social media.
- The Elk Grove Hometown Parade will be on September 21 at 2:00. Members of the Pavilion Dance Centre and Pavilion Fitness Center, along with house baseball and softball will participate in the parade.
- The grand opening of the new Audubon Outdoor Skate Park will take place on October 5 from 10:00am-noon and the community is invited to attend. There will be a DJ, refreshments and give-aways.
- Leigh Ferstein has accepted the position of Customer Service Manager at Al Hattendorf Center and Pavilion. She replaced Deb D'onofrio who retired after 20 years.
- There are many fall events coming up. Stop by one of our facilities to pick up a pocket calendar or brochure for more information on these events.

Commissioner Souder questioned how many capital requests were submitted from the athletic programs. Director Sholes responded there were three.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE**

Executive Director Ben Curcio gave the following update:

- The Hampshire Park storm sewer improvements are close to being complete. This project will help improve the park drainage.
- Clark Park playground renovation started the beginning of August. This is to replace the 2-5 year old play equipment.
- The District is in the process of updating our Master Plan. We are in the process of finishing the analyze phase, which includes parks and facilities. Then we will be working towards the connect phase, which will include community engagement survey in October. This is all digital and can be done online. Once the information from this survey is compiled into a summary needs assessment we will schedule a Board workshop at a Committee of the Whole in November.
- Director Curcio thanked all staff for their hard work and dedication for making this summer fun and safe. He added they also are doing a great job preparing their 2020 operations and capital project budgets.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner O’Malley stated he would like to revisit allowing food into Rainbow Falls. He stated he does not feel patrons should be bringing in pizzas or buckets of chicken when we have vendors that sell that. He believes the intent was for patrons to be able to bring in homemade sandwiches or water.

Director Miller replied that our contract with RoccoVinos is over and we will be going out to bid for next season so we would need to know what is decided before then. President Walz stated this would be put on the Committee of the Whole agenda to discuss.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Commissioner O’Malley moved to authorize Director Curcio to make payment of the bills in the amount of \$40,714.12 for August 22, 2019, \$349,703.36 for August 29, 2019 and \$72,568.96 September 5, 2019.

Commissioner Souder seconded the motion.

<b>ELK GROVE PARK DISTRICT</b>				
<b>SUMMARY LIST OF BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2019</b>				
	<u>8/22/2019</u>	<u>8/29/2019</u>	<u>9/5/2019</u>	
SUMMARY BY FUND:				
CORPORATE FUND	6,916.60	89,663.40	9,367.78	
AUDIT				
POLICE		2,736.61		
LIABILITY				
RECREATION FUND	8,675.92	190,993.16	39,832.81	
PAVING & LIGHTING FUND		7,500.00		
MUSEUM FUND	11.74	365.45	1,656.00	
SPECIAL RECREATION		3,460.00	5,468.00	
ASSOCIATIONS	2,536.58	21,311.64		
BOND & INTEREST FUND				
2018 CAPITAL PROJECTS	4,000.00		7,100.00	
2019 CAPITAL PROJECTS	8,514.55	18,091.00	1,897.00	
FOX RUN GOLF LINKS FUND	10,058.73	15,582.10	7,247.37	
	<b>\$ 40,714.12</b>	<b>\$ 349,703.36</b>	<b>\$ 72,568.96</b>	

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

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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 O'Malley seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

After discussion on Personnel, Commissioner Cooke moved to reconvene the meeting to open session at 7:51 p.m.

Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Director Curcio and the Board had a discussion on low enrollment of our Youth Athletics programs. Commissioner Walz requested they re-evaluate the non-resident fee for students that end up going to Elk Grove High School. This may help to increase participation.

There was also discussion on allowing outside food into Rainbow Falls. Commissioner O'Malley requested Commissioners consider evaluating outside food from fast food companies. He stated this was not the intent of allowing food into the facility. The intent was for light picnic type food like sandwiches and snacks. Commissioner Souder commented we have a relationship with a Vendor and patrons should purchase food through them.

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Consensus from the Commissioners was to ask vendors questions on next year’s bid based on the following options: allow food no restrictions, allow food with restrictions and no outside food and after bids come in to bring back for discussion.

Commissioner Biedke stated the past few years, Travel Baseball teams have not received a sponsorship plaque for their sponsor and would like staff to look into why this is.

Director Curcio stated there is very limited parking available at Lions Park for Rainbow Falls patrons during Rotary Fest. He suggested Commissioners consider evaluating our options. Commissioner O’Malley responded that at this time doesn’t believe patrons will not come to Rainbow Falls because of limited parking during the festival.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner O’Malley moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Commissioner Walz seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

The Regular Meeting of September 12, 2019 was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Biedke, Secretary