



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

A Regular scheduled meeting of the Elk Grove Park District, Cook County, State of Illinois was held on May 9, 2024 in the Administration Building of said Park District. President Walz called the meeting to order at 7:01 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
Scott Carlson, Secretary and Commissioner
Thomas E. Cooke, Treasurer and Commissioner
William B. O'Malley, Commissioner

Absent: Robert R. Biedke, Vice President and Commissioner

Administrative Staff:

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

Visitors: Allan Crites, Resident
Cornelia Marceau Cundiff, Resident
Jeff Majewski, Resident
Kelly Francis, Resident
Lori Christensen, Resident
Sharon Chavoen, Resident
Mike DeSal
Bill Hlavin, Resident
Tim Burns, Resident
Steve Francis, Resident

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Walz questioned if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the April 25, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting and the April 25, 2024 Regular Meeting.

There being none, the minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote, 4-0.

Commissioner Carlson moved to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2024 Closed Session Meeting.

Commissioner Cooke seconded the motion.

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

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Motion carried.

President Walz questioned if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the May 3, 2024 Golf Meeting.

There being none, the minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote, 4-0.

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUEST

AARP Tax Preparer Representatives Roger Stoskoph and Fred Geinosky introduced themselves. Mr. Stoskoph explained that the program, providing tax preparation services to seniors and low-income residents, is funded by the IRS and AARP. The Elk Grove site at Hattendorf has 18 volunteers spread across three levels of function in the organization. All volunteers are certified annually. This year the group filed 496 tax forms versus 405 in 2023 which puts them at pre-Covid levels. They are targeting to file 500 forms next year by increasing the number of seats and appointments available. The group services mostly low-income seniors with 88% of their clients being 60 years or older. Roughly 40% of their clients have an adjusted gross income of less than \$20,000 per year. Mr. Stoskoph thanked the Sheila Ray Center Staff including the custodians who always had their areas ready and made changes to the layout of the room as needed.

President Walz thanked Mr. Stoskoph and Mr. Geinosky for their service and appreciated all that Mr. Geinosky has done for the village over the years.

Steve Thunder with Thunder Hearing & Sound introduced himself. He is a second generation acoustical engineer. His company analyzes pickleball court noise and how it impacts the nearby community. He explained that the company first performs an ambient noise survey recording over 24 hours. Afterward a known pickleball sample is added to the recordings to produce a sound map. Mr. Thunder stated that pickleball sounds are penalized by adding five (5) decibels to their levels. He stressed that the impact is the difference in levels between the ambient noise by itself and the level with pickleball sounds added. Evening hours may have to be reduced due to the lower levels of ambient noise to offset the pickleball sounds during those hours. Panels can contain some of the sound with full size (over head height) panels or barriers being the most effective. Trees and shrubbery can also help with sound mitigation. The pickleball sound sample used in the study accounts for six (6) courts in full use. Mr. Thunder can adapt the data accordingly using different models of screening.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Resident Crites gave a short presentation on the difference between decibels and sound pressure.

Resident Majewski read a written statement detailing his removal from the Elk Grove Travel Baseball Advisory Board for breach of the Letter of Understanding, specifying that if he had received proper training he would have done things differently as he was only following the ways of his predecessors.

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Resident Burns stated that while the PAC staff is wonderful, the facility is losing money. He suggested that they increase their hours to accommodate more people, have a lap-only admission pass, and swim-at-your-own-risk lap swim hours that are not overseen by a lifeguard.

Resident Hlavin questioned Mr. Thunder if annoying sounds can be mitigated. Mr. Thunder responded that pickleball is penalized five (5) decibels and that sound studies help determine what is a reasonable level for the population.

Resident Chavoen questioned why the park district is putting so many amenities into a small space making it more of a sports complex than a neighborhood park.

Resident Cundiff stated that 65 people object to lighting and pickleball being added to Marshall Park. Parks on the west side of town have more green space. Resident Cundiff noted the increased price of the park and that a lot is going into a little space. The walking path will be less appealing with all of the activities going on in the park. Resident Cundiff questioned what older people who don't play pickleball can do in the park. She noted that if the park district wraps the pickleball courts to abate the noise then it will become unsightly and increase the temperature inside the structure. Resident Cundiff stated that the residents in the area were unaware that a Phase 2 existed and that the park should be dawn to dusk. She added that the park should have no negative impact on the health and safety of the surrounding residents, noting the congestion and pollution from the additional traffic. Resident Cundiff suggested that the community wide survey results were misrepresented with regards to residents wanting pickleball. She also stated that the Pavilion tennis courts should be converted to pickleball and/or the pickleball courts should go inside a building like a number of communities are doing. Resident Cundiff noted that a number of communities are being sued over their pickleball courts.

CORRESPONDENCE

President Walz discussed the letter from Mayor Johnson regarding an incident in one of the parks involving an unleashed dog knocking down a child. In his letter Mayor Johnson wanted to emphasize that the Village requires all dogs to be leashed and asked for park district cooperation in enforcing village code. In response the park district has added a dozen signs to parks stating that dogs must be on a leash. The mobility of the signs allow them to be moved not only within a park but also between parks depending on circumstances.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner O'Malley had the following comments:

- He wants to satisfy the neighbors by lessening the sound of pickleball
- Additional hours for training can be a deterrent for people wanting to volunteer. The park district can offer opportunities but volunteers may not be able to follow through.
- Not every department or facility has to make money. Not seeing results at the aquatics center does not mean that staff are not discussing options.
- Marshall Park was never a park. It was a school and then a daycare center. Even with pickleball courts the park will have two and a half acres of open space. The park district has added amenities to the park to make it multi-generational. Demographics for the

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village are changing with more children moving in. Certain amenities were added to Marshall Park in order to qualify for the \$400,000.00 grant. The west side has some great parks with amenities including a tennis court with lighting and Fountain Square.

**APPROVAL OF ATHLETICS
ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER**

Commissioner Carlson moved to approve that the following individuals be appointed to serve a two-year term as an advisory member to the following board:

Elk Grove Travel Baseball Advisory Board:

- Steve Michelini
- Nicholas Moser
- Mike Shafar
- Rich Scheflow
- Thomas Wekony Jr.

Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASE FROM DIRECT FITNESS SOLUTIONS
FOR CARDIO FITNESS EQUIPMENT**

Commissioner Carlson moved to accept the purchase (including trade-in) from Direct Fitness Solutions of Mundelein, IL through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$75,460.00 for cardio fitness equipment.

Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion.

Director Greene confirmed for Commissioner Cooke that the overall budget for the project is \$108,000.00. The project is currently under budget.

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

Motion carried.

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**APPROVAL OF PURCHASE FROM MIDWEST COMMERCIAL FITNESS
FOR FITNESS FUNCTIONAL TRAINING EQUIPMENT**

Commissioner O’Malley moved to approve the purchase from Midwest Commercial Fitness of Aurora, IL in the amount of \$59,710.00 for the fitness functional training equipment.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FROM WT GROUP
FOR ADA TRANSITION PLAN**

Commissioner Carlson moved to approve the proposal from WT Group of Hoffman Estates, IL for the updating of the Park District’s ADA transition plan in the amount of \$73,250.00.

Commissioner Cooke seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS FROM
HACIENDA LANDSCAPING FOR MARSHALL PARK**

Commissioner O’Malley moved to approve change orders #1, 2, 3 and #5 from Hacienda Landscaping for the Marshall Park Redevelopment Project in the amount of \$12,852.00.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

Director Kosbab explained that the detention area needs to be expanded rather than digging it deeper.

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

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Commissioner Cooke X
President Walz X

Motion carried.

LEISURE SERVICES UPDATE

Director Greene gave the following update:

- Sheila Ray Adult Center - The Sheila Ray Adult Center’s membership is at 299 members. The Sheila Ray Rollers won their third straight Wii Bowling Tournament against Lisle Park District.
- Aquatics - There were 81 Private Lessons in April, and there were 323 total swim lesson participants. Aqua Wellness numbers were at 1,116 for the month. Summer staffing levels are good with over 90% of the needed staff in place.
- Athletics, Adult - Forty adults are signed up for the pickleball clinics. The Adult Recreational Pickleball League currently has 14 teams registered.
- Athletics, Youth Instruction - Youth and Junior Tennis clinics are full with a total of 28 participants. Hot Shots Sports has 71 registered. Tumbling Times has a total of 180 participants. Shotokan Karate has 85 participants. Volleyball Prep Clinics have maxed out at 24 participants.
- Athletics, Youth Leagues - House Baseball has a total of 215 players. Recreational Soccer has 264 players. Spring 7-on-7 Football has a total of 123 players. House Softball has 187 participants.
- Cultural Arts - The Spring Music Recital will be on May 29 with 17 students performing.
- Dance - Spring non-recital dance classes began the week of April 8 with a total of 37 dancers.
- Early Childhood - Currently for the Preschool 2024-25 school year enrollment is at 113 students and still accepting registrations.
- Fitness Center Programs and Operations - Total Group Exercise Participants for April was 2,301. Personal training was at 131 sessions for the month. Open Gym had 521 drop-ins for the month. The Rejuvenation Area continues to be a hit with 1,870 tracked uses for the month of April.
- Museum - The historical museum had 30 attendees at the reception for the new exhibit called History Reimagined. It’s a collaborative exhibit with the Elk Grove Village Artists Association.
- Rentals - There were 122 rentals for the month of April. To date, there have been 14 bookings for rentals via CatchCorner.
- School Care Programs - There were 2,361 registrations for Kids Club in April.
- Youth Programs - A new Video Game Lab class was offered and the class filled at 10 participants.
- Upcoming Events & Important Dates:
 - May 19 - Camp Swim Testing for anyone registered for summer camp
 - May 24 - Parent’s Night Out

PARKS AND PLANNING UPDATE

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Director Kosbab gave the following update:

- Staff are busy preparing seasonal facilities for the upcoming season.
- Rainbow Falls pools are beginning to be filled
- Staff had a successful day at Pirate’s Cove for the preschool

In response to Commissioner O’Malley’s query, Director Kosbab gave the following update regarding Marshall Park:

- MWRD, the village, the civil engineer and the architect work together to ensure surrounding neighbors will not be affected by the park’s stormwater management. Numerous inspections take place while the project is ongoing.
- Target date for opening remains Memorial Day weekend. Staff have met with the contractor. Portions of the park will be completed before others.

BUSINESS SERVICES UPDATE

Director Sholes gave the following update:

- Upcoming events at Fox Run:
 - 5/10 - Miller Shootout
 - 5/25 - No Limits from 7 to 10 pm
 - 6/15 - Sam Savage from 7 to 10 pm
 - Dueling Pianos will return in July
 - Rob Post Band will be performing in August

Director Sholes informed the board that second interviews are underway for the Human Resources position.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Director Carbon shared the following information:

- Working alongside Parks department on signage
- Window vinyls have been install at Pirates’ Cove
- Mark and Amelia appeared on EGTV’s In the Grove and talked about the parks and new exhibit
- The summer guide is out and registration is open.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Executive Director Curcio provided the following update:

- Shout out to staff and the departments for working together to onboard 500 employees over the last two months to get ready for the season.
- PDU Safety sessions are happening soon for staff.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

Commissioner O’Malley moved to authorize Executive Director Curcio to make payment of the bills in the amount of \$209,378.99 for April 26, 2024 and \$151,786.40 for May 3, 2024.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

ELK GROVE PARK DISTRICT		
SUMMARY LIST OF BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL ON MAY 9, 2024		
<u>SUMMARY BY FUND:</u>	<u>4/26/2024</u>	<u>5/3/2024</u>
CORPORATE FUND	\$ 74,395.33	\$ 42,842.32
AUDIT		
POLICE	\$ 825.00	\$ 1,899.00
LIABILITY		
RECREATION FUND	\$ 70,191.91	\$ 31,318.48
PAVING & LIGHTING FUND		
MUSEUM FUND	\$ 1,556.46	\$ 188.59
SPECIAL RECREATION		
ASSOCIATIONS	\$ 5,765.00	\$ 34,560.25
BOND & INTEREST FUND		
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 39,315.50	\$ 10,767.05
FOX RUN GOLF LINKS FUND	\$ 17,329.79	\$ 30,210.71
	\$ 209,378.99	\$ 151,786.40

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

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Carlson moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Commissioner Cooke seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

The Regular Meeting of May 9, 2024 was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Scott Carlson, Secretary