



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 23, 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
Robert R. Biedke, Vice President and Commissioner
Scott Carlson, Secretary and Commissioner
Thomas E. Cooke, Treasurer and Commissioner
William B. O'Malley, Commissioner

Thomas G. Hoffman, Attorney

Administrative Staff:

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

Visitors: Allan Crites, Resident	Cynthia Marceau
Raj Patel, Resident	Ellie Messenger, Resident
Cornelia Marceau Cundiff, Resident	Lola Acino, Resident
Bill Hlavin, Resident	Margaret Ruffer, Resident
Helen Hlavin, Resident	Mauree May-Blanco, Resident
Joseph Neapolitan, Resident	Joe Laudont, Auditor
Ryan Lendy, Resident	Richard Nelson, Resident
Pat Mitchum, Resident	Victor Anderson, Resident
Ailish O'Connell, Resident	Lori Christensen, Resident
Patricia Katz, Resident	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Walz questioned if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the May 9, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting and the May 9, 2024 Regular Meeting.

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

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Joe Laudont with Lauterbach & Amen, LLP introduced himself. He has been on the district's audit for the district for 3 years, but this is his first year presenting. Mr. Laudont thanked Brad Sholes, Kelly Repp and the rest of their staff for working so cooperatively with the audit team.

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Mr. Laudont proceeded to give an overview of the 2023 audit and its findings. The auditors had an unmodified audit opinion which is the highest level allowed and finds the financial statements are presented true and fair in accordance with financial reporting standards. The district was awarded a GFOA Certificate of Achievement for the 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and is seeking the award for the 2023 report.

President Walz and Commissioner O'Malley clarified pension funding with Mr. Laudont.

Lauterbach & Amen, LLP are currently in the third year of a three year contract.

Liz Naumowicz, Customer Service Manager then introduced herself. She noted the following:

- Customer service has been busy with various registrations and tasks. The workload increases during the summer season
- The department has done 893 in-person camp registrations. Another 1,973 registrations have been completed on-line
- Summer brochure programs have had 407 registrations in-person and 524 on-line
- Personnel are actively selling Seasonal Memberships and Duck Race tickets
- Program registrations can be completed at both the Pavilion and the Hattendorf Customer Service counters

Ms. Naumowicz concluded her remarks by thanking the customer service staff for their strong sense of teamwork and putting forth their best efforts to assist customers on a daily basis.

Commissioner O'Malley stated that Ms. Naumowicz is a great asset to the park district. President Walz expressed the district's thanks.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Local high school students Ellie Messenger and Lola Acino spoke about how playing pickleball brings friends together to exercise and have fun. The courts are an investment in the community. They asked the board to plan for the future of Elk Grove Village because their generation is the future.

Resident Raj Patel is concerned that pickleball will have a negative effect on the neighborhood. He cited noise, irritating sounds in a quiet neighborhood, increased traffic, parking problems, loss of property value and destruction of privacy as main points of opposition. He urged the Board to think before they act.

Resident Victor Anderson stated that he is strongly against pickleball courts and lights. His patio is right off of the parking lot. He believes that Marshall Park is the wrong location for the courts and doesn't think that sound mitigation will work, resulting in a loss of peace and quiet. Resident Anderson expressed that the residents didn't feel like they had been listened to and that the project had been done behind their backs.

President Walz responded that a number of public meetings have been held regarding pickleball including here at the park district, the Elk Grove Village Plan Commission and the Elk Grove

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Village Board. President Walz also stated that no tournaments will be held at the pickleball courts.

Resident Maureen May-Blanco asked if pickleball at Marshall Park was off the table. The courts will change the dynamics of the neighborhood.

Resident Margaret Ruffer asked for the date of the next public meeting.

Commissioner O'Malley responded that the Village Board will give a 10 day notice for the next public meeting.

President Walz noted that more people will be notified of the next public meeting than had been done previously.

Resident Joseph Neapoletan stated that the area has always been quiet. He supports his neighbors while happy to see the area revitalized. Resident Neapoletan said that the park will be great for children but will be a lot noisier, will bring more adults into the park at night and the lights will be brighter.

Resident Raj Patel stated that adults will bring alcohol and drugs into the park and it will be a disaster for the peaceful neighborhood.

Resident Ryan Lendy is concerned that the courts will not be limited to Elk Grove residents only and that residents will not have enough space for them to play.

Resident Pat Mitchum stated that they used to feel heard and hopeful but have since changed their mind. Resident Mitchum noted that there was no notice sent out to residents before the meeting and that the district lacks communication and transparency.

Commissioner O'Malley reiterated that the Village is the party who will notify residents before the Village public meetings.

President Walz responded that numerous meetings have been held regarding pickleball at Marshall Park and that agendas are posted on the website.

Commissioner Cooke noted that staff has looked at other locations, they have held meetings where they listened to the public, the district has conducted an independent sound study that concluded that pickleball, with the planned sound mitigation, will have minimal impact on the neighborhood, and that staff have tried to address residents' concerns.

Resident Pat Mitchum stated that the park district should look at needs versus wants. Residents need open space for their sanity and the district is choosing pickleball over their sanity and their property values. Pickleball will look like a big black box and question what open space is left.

Resident Patricia Katz suggested that the district use the Biesterfield tennis courts instead.

Resident Connie Cundiff spoke regarding the following:

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- Density of the community
- Some neighbors are less than 100 feet from the courts
- The district was to leave two acres for open space
- Costs went from 2.3 million to 3 or 4 million. The extra money should be spent elsewhere in the district
- 2500 residents live within a half mile of the park
- Area housing units have approximately 17 children living in the area.
- The park's amenities do not reflect the local demographics
- The district should be more concerned about the people who live near the park
- Options have not been seriously considered
- Tennis courts should be converted
- The district has been unresponsive to the surrounding community and does not respect their needs

Resident Lori Christensen stated that the residents of Boardwalk have been totally disregarded.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner O'Malley:

- With the results of the independent sound study, noise is a non-issue
- Parking will not be an issue
- Impact to property values is unknown
- Petitions do matter but some people who signed them have members in the household who are pro-pickleball
- The area was never a park. It was a school with two playgrounds. The park district is making it into a park for multi-generational use.
- The HOA does not allow the community to use its open space. Marshall Park provides open space for everyone to use.
- Of the 3.6 million cost, \$700,000 went for playground equipment
- The minority cannot dictate the majority
- Residents on Yarmouth saw the Pavilion built where baseball and open fields used to be
- When the skate park was under discussion residents were opposed but nobody complains about Audubon now
- Issue still needs to go before the Village Board

Commissioner Carlson:

- A building in the industrial park would cost at least two million dollars
- The Village would never rezone for pickleball use

Commissioner Biedke:

- Still undecided
- Eleven years on the board and respects you and your area
- Time is now when building a new park
- Does not believe it will decrease property values
- Does not think the population that plays pickleball will bring in drugs
- Lighting will produce less than a candlelight of overflow

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- The district wants to do many things in the community but we are landlocked
- Pickleball is a fast growing sport
- He used to teach pickleball at school
- Appreciates everyone’s feedback

President Walz

- Will vote yes
- Elk Grove residents are needing to go to other towns to find courts
- District is behind the times with regards to pickleball
- Cannot restrict the park to only residents
- It’s the right thing to do for the entire community
- Non-residents subsidize park district programs
- There has been a lot of input and a lot of meetings
- The Mayor will notify residents about any upcoming Village meetings
- A true neighborhood park would have to be subsidized by the residents of that neighborhood

APPROVAL OF 2023 ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

Commissioner O’Malley moved to approve the 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF GORDON FLESCH COPIER AGREEMENT

Commissioner Biedke moved to approve the four (4) year Copier Lease Agreement with Gordon Flesch Company, Inc. of Geneva, IL in the amount of \$94,809.12.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

Commissioner Cooke suggested that a 5 year lease would be a cost savings and asked if the prepaid images portion could be on a separate one year agreement.

Director Sholes stated that 11 copiers are being replaced including a black and white copier which will become a color copier. Ink cartridges, toner and maintenance are included in the

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contract. Staff is open to a 5 year agreement but currently recommends four years. Copier contracts do not have to go out for bid.

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

Motion carried.

**APPROVAL TO RETURN TO VILLAGE BOARD
FOR PICKLEBALL AT MARSHALL PARK**

Commissioner O’Malley moved to approve directing the Executive Director to return to the Village Board for the approval of Pickleball at Marshall Park.

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		
Commission O’Malley	X		
Commissioner Biedke		X	
President Walz	X		

Motion carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF DOMINION LIGHTING
BID FOR FITNESS CENTER**

Commissioner O’Malley moved for acceptance of the bid from Dominion Lighting of Elmhurst, IL for the Fitness Center Lighting Upgrade in the amount of \$30,270.00.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

Director Kosbab stated that every year staff looks at ways for the district to become more energy efficient. With the Fitness Center undergoing renovations it is a good time to upgrade their lighting to LED.

President Walz asked if the project is subject to the ComEd rebate program.

Director Kosbab replied that the rebate will be issued to the district.

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

Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASE FROM
HOLIDAY OUTDOOR DECOR**

Commissioner Biedke moved to approve the purchase of holiday lighting from Holiday Outdoor Decor of Bethlehem, PA through the Buy Board cooperative group in the amount of \$62,438.75.

Commissioner Cooke seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PAY APPLICATION
FROM HACIENDA LANDSCAPING, INC.**

Commissioner Carlson moved to approve Pay Application #8 from Hacienda Landscaping, Inc. of Minooka, IL for the Marshall Park Redevelopment Project in the amount of \$359,243.00.

Commissioner Cooke seconded the motion.

Director Kosbab stated that he has been pressing the contractor to finish by Memorial Day weekend. The southern portion of the park will be finished by the target date. However, the parking lot is in disrepair and cannot be redone until the contractor is completely finished. The parking lot is scheduled to be resurfaced on June 7th and the project will be completed in one day.

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

Motion carried.

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**APPROVAL OF PAY APPLICATION
FROM INNOVATION LANDSCAPE, INC.**

Commissioner Biedke moved to approve Pay Application #5 from Innovation Landscape, Inc. of Plainfield, IL for the Windemere Park Playground Project in the amount of \$31,110.08.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

Director Kosbab verified for the Board that this is a final payment.

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

Motion carried.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Commissioner Cooke had no report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Carlson gave the following report:

Corporate Fund

- \$78,471 in PPRT collected in April.
- All expense categories under budget.
- YTD of \$2,431,384 compared to a budget of \$1,936,301

Recreation Fund

- Fees & Admissions \$432,191 compared to a budget of \$469,840.
- Program fees were \$748,109 compared to a budget of \$749,341.
- All expense categories at or under budget except program contractual based on timing of payments and utilities.
- YTD of \$780,701 compared to a budget of \$347,465.

Golf Fund

- 3,415 rounds played in April. 6,310 rounds played to date. 2,536 more than last YTD
- Fees & Admissions \$270,903 compared to a budget of \$165,722.

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- All expense categories are at or under budget YTD except supplies and utilities
- Driving Range YTD of \$13,862 compared to a budget of (\$8,733).
- YTD of (\$74,103) compared to a budget of (\$394,180).

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

President Walz gave the following update:

- No meeting tonight.
- During previous meetings they discussed dogs being required to be on leash while in the parks and the ADA Transition Plan

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Commissioner Carlson gave the following report:

- Football met on Monday to discuss helmet caps, the practice and game schedule, number of participants and budgets

Commissioner Biedke asked what is the life expectancy of the helmet caps.

Commissioner Carlson replied that it is 4 years. Mount Prospect has had the caps for 7 years. Cost offsets come from not having to repaint the helmets every year. Helmets will still need to be certified on an annual basis.

GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE

Commissioner O'Malley gave the following report:

- The committee plans to meet in June.
- No Limits will be playing on Saturday. There is no cover charge.

President Walz stated that some golfers are questioning why the district has bands during the summer months.

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Commissioner Biedke announced that scholarship winners will be invited to a board meeting in June where Scott Saxe, President of the Parks Foundation, will speak.

ADULT CENTER COMMITTEE

Commissioner Cooke met with the committee in May and reported that membership at the Senior Center is 299. Upcoming events and activities include: A trip to the Botanic Garden, a Bocce Ball Tournament, Rotary pizza luncheon, new member coffee, Dancing with the Band and an estate planning workshop. The center recently purchased new couches and shelf units.

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Recently passed Senior Advisory Board member Joe Hauser’s estate donated \$10,000 to the Center. Staff are working on how to use the funds and honor him.

PAVILION COMMITTEE

Commissioner O’Malley stated that the committee will meet at 4:00 pm on the second Thursday of June.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Biedke asked if the district’s jumbotron can be rented out by residents.

Executive Director Curcio responded that schools can rent it but the district has no plans to rent it to residents. The district uses the screen for special events such as the golf championship and to show summer movies.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Commissioner Biedke moved to authorize Executive Director Curcio to make payment of the bills in the amount of \$123,010.22 for April 2024 P-Cards, \$163,035.86 for May 10, 2024 and \$305,513.18 for May 17, 2024.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

ELK GROVE PARK DISTRICT			
SUMMARY LIST OF BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL ON MAY 23, 2024			
<u>SUMMARY BY FUND:</u>	<u>April 2024 P-Cards</u>	<u>5/10/2024</u>	<u>5/17/2024</u>
CORPORATE FUND	\$ 31,916.90	\$ 18,972.12	\$ 101,834.68
AUDIT			
POLICE	\$ 233.78		
LIABILITY			
RECREATION FUND	\$ 50,221.60	\$ 36,474.78	\$ 50,997.39
PAVING & LIGHTING FUND			\$ 6,700.00
MUSEUM FUND	\$ 856.71	\$ 302.89	
SPECIAL RECREATION			
ASSOCIATIONS	\$ 4,528.41	\$ 15,758.23	\$ 20,136.94
BOND & INTEREST			

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FUND			
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 19,214.69	\$ 86,160.63	\$ 80,675.71
FOX RUN GOLF LINKS FUND	\$ 16,038.13	\$ 5,367.21	\$ 45,168.46
	\$ 123,010.22	\$ 163,035.86	\$ 305,513.18

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

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Biedke moved to adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing litigation per 2(c)(11).

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

After discussion regarding litigation per 2(c)(11) President Walz moved to reconvene the meeting to Open Session at 8:55 p.m.

Commissioner O’Malley seconded the motion.

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

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Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

President Walz recommended all of the Commissioners be in attendance at the June 18 Village Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Walz moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Commissioner O’Malley 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		
Commissioner Biedke	X		
President Walz	X		

Motion carried.

The Regular Meeting of May 23, 2024 was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Scott Carlson, Secretary