



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 11, 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

Thomas G. Hoffman, Attorney

Absent: Robert R. Biedke, Vice President, and 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:

Connie Cundiff
Lori Christensen
Jessica Beirich, Dance Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Walz questioned if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the June 27, 2024 Efficiency Meeting, the June 27, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting and the June 27, 2024 Regular Meeting.

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

Commissioner O'Malley moved to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2024 Closed Session Meeting.

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		

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President Walz X

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Jim, Sean and Lauren Kilty introduced themselves. Their son/younger brother Cole Kilty passed away in March of 2023. The family described Cole as an avid sports participant with the Elk Grove Park District. Along with Cole’s classmates from the Air Force Academy, the family held a golf fundraiser with the proceeds going to the Cole Kilty Memorial Fund. The Kilty’s thanked all who helped out with the fundraiser and came out to support the family. To honor Cole’s legacy, the Kilty Family donated \$15,000.00 to the Elk Grove Parks Foundation to go towards scholarships and park enhancements. Scott Saxe from the Foundation thanked the family and spoke about the mission of the foundation and how it aligns with how the Kilty family wants to honor Cole.

Commissioner O’Malley stated that the donation was a great way to recognize Cole and thanked the family on behalf of the Board. Commissioner O’Malley explained how the donation will go into a restricted fund that will only be used as the family wished. Other funds that are donated, but not specifically allocated for a purpose, go into the general Foundation fund and can be used as the Foundation sees fit.

Commissioner Cooke added that the Parks Foundation consists of all volunteers.

Jessie Beirich, Dance Supervisor then introduced herself. The Ignite Dance Company was supposed to also be in attendance but they were still making their way back from the National Competition in Texas after the recent hurricane. Even though the National Finals were canceled due to the weather, the team had a lot to celebrate at the competition. Earlier this year the dance department held their Beatles-themed Spring Recital at Harper College. The recital’s live stream had over 500 views while 1300 in-person tickets were sold. Ms. Bierich has been with the park district for 13 years. This year she especially enjoyed hearing the families share their own Beatles experiences with her. Opening number for the show was a nine-minute compilation of Beatles songs. Ms. Beirich finished by thanking all of the volunteers and noting that the 2024-25 Dance Book is currently out. Over 40 classes are offered for ages toddler to adult and registration begins July 29th. The park district dancers will be performing in September’s Hometown Parade.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

President Walz had the following comments:

- The current program guide is being mailed to residents today. Please look through the guide because there is much in there to explore.

**APPROVAL OF ATHLETICS
ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER**

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Commissioner O’Malley moved to approve that the following individuals be appointed to serve a two-year term as an advisory member to the following boards:

Elk Grove Travel Soccer Advisory Board:

- Alex Huggett
- Michelle Urritia

Elk Grove Youth Basketball Advisory Board:

- Gina Katsoulos

Commissioner Carlson 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 36-MONTH SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH COEO SOLUTIONS

Commissioner O’Malley moved to approve the 36-month service agreement with CoEo Solutions of Downers Grove, IL for fiber optic network services in the amount of \$159,408.00.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

Director Sholes explained that CoEo Solutions is the current provider for the park district’s primary network.

<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.

APPROVAL OF PAY REQUEST FROM UPLAND DESIGN, LTD FOR MARSHALL PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Commissioner Carlson moved to approve the pay request from Upland Design, Ltd. of Plainfield, IL for professional services for the Marshall Park Redevelopment Project in the amount of \$11,824.61.

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Commissioner Cooke seconded the motion.

Director Kosbab explained that this fee covers design and engineering costs for the pickleball courts as well as a few items with the playground.

<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 PAY APPLICATION #10 FROM HACIENDA LANDSCAPING, INC.
FOR MARSHALL PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

Commissioner O’Malley moved to approve Pay Application #10 from Hacienda Landscaping, Inc. of Minooka, IL for the Marshall Park Redevelopment Project in the amount of \$228,881.98.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

Director Kosbab noted that this is not the final payment to the contractor. The park district has approximately \$100,000.00 left to pay out which includes a 5% retainage. The contractor has begun to work on the punch list.

Commissioner O’Malley questioned if the recent heavy rain events caused any water problems at the park. Director Kosbab responded that there were some pockets of water in the large detention area but the small area stayed dry.

Director Kosbab also explained the seeding process and timeline for the native plant species that will be grown in the detention areas. The plants will be two to three feet tall and attract hummingbirds and other pollinators. A cover crop will be planted now with the native species seeds following in November so they can germinate over the winter.

<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.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Commissioner Cooke had no report.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Carlson had no report.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

President Walz shared that during the last Committee of the Whole meeting the board discussed the upgrade to the Pavilion Fire Alarm System and pickleball at Marshall Park.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Commissioner Carlson had no report.

GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE

Commissioner O’Malley had no report but stated that the committee will meet after Labor Day.

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Commissioner Biedke is absent.

ADULT CENTER COMMITTEE

Commissioner Cooke had no report..

PAVILION COMMITTEE

Commissioner O’Malley had no report.

LEISURE SERVICES UPDATE

Director Greene gave the following update:

- Sheila Ray Adult Center - The Sheila Ray Adult Center’s membership is at 308. The Rotary Club treated the center to pizza and gift card prizes during Bingo. The Luau Luncheon was a great success with 99 attendees, and the Geneva Safari Trip was enjoyed by 38 adventurers.
- Aquatics -There were 85 Private Lessons in June and 318 total swim lesson participants and 24 Camp Swim Lesson participants. Aqua Wellness numbers were at 1,378 for the month. Aquatics Staff received a StarGuard ELITE Audit in June and earned 4 Stars. The Reptile River 5K event was held on June 30th with 95 participants. In June, there were 113 participants in Aqua Camp.
- Athletics, Youth Instruction - Shotokan Karate has 68 registered. Summer Session 1 of Tennis has 25 participants. Tumbling Times Summer Session 1 enrollments are at 116 participants. Hot Shots Sports is at 72 participants. For the first four weeks of Sports Camp there have been 165 campers.

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- Athletics, Youth Leagues - Basketball has approximately 140 registered for the first summer league. Registration is open for Fall Softball, Recreational Soccer and Fall Baseball. Travel and Recreation Soccer seasons ended the week of June 8-9. Travel Soccer will begin in mid-August and expects 230 players. Tackle Football is expected to reach 120 players for the program.
- Audubon Skate Park - Skate Camp is in full swing, and there were 25 campers in June.
- Cultural Arts - Summer Music Classes are underway. There are 24 students in private lessons: 17 Piano, 3 Guitar and 4 in Drum. Summer Theatre camp is running with 45 campers, which is 5 above the maximum. They are rehearsing Alice in Wonderland Jr. Art Camp is averaging 27 campers per week.
- Early Childhood - Staff launched Early Childhood camps in June by servicing 350 campers during the month. Preschool registration is at 123 students for the 2024-25 school year.
- Fitness Center Programs and Operations - Total Group Exercise Participants for June was 1,664. Personal Training was at 144 sessions. Open Gym had 462 drop-ins. The Rejuvenation Area continues to be a hit with 1,605 tracked uses. Summer Pass sales ended June 30th. In total, 155 passes were sold this year compared to 114 in 2023.
- Pirates' Cove had 5,004 daily admissions for the month of June and 344 pass visits.
- Rainbow Falls had 19,934 daily admissions for June with 4,653 pass visits.
- Rentals - There were 189 rentals for the month of June. There were 19 bookings for Pavilion gym rentals via CatchCorner in June.
- School Care Programs - Kids Club registration is open for the 2024-2025 school year. Camp Explorer welcomed 93 campers and Camp Voyager welcomed 184 campers for the month of June. New this summer is the Summer Scene Camp at Rainbow Falls Community Center, designed for 11 and 12 year olds. This new program had 65 campers in June. Kids Club registration is open for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Upcoming Events and Important Dates:
 - July 12 - Movie in the Park - Wonka at 8pm at the Pavilion Field - FREE
 - July 14 - Play, Picnic, Party from 12 to 4pm at the Pavilion Grounds - FREE
 - July 17 - Art @ the Park from 3 to 5pm at Marsh Park - FREE
 - July 19 - Summer Blast Pool Night for Teens from 8:15 to 10:15pm at Rainbow Falls, Grades 6 to 11 - FREE
 - July 24 & 25 - Alice in Wonderland Jr Production at 6pm at Elk Grove High School. Tickets required and can be purchased on-line or at customer service.
 - July 25 - Christmas in July from 12 to 4pm at the Pavilion Aquatics Center - all ages - FREE
 - July 26 - Movie in the Park - Trolls Band Together at 8pm at the Pavilion Field - FREE
 - July 24 - Art @ the Park from 1 to 3pm at Carson Park - FREE
 - July 31 - Art @ the Park from 3 to 5pm at Clark Park - FREE
- The blood pressure machine in the Fitness Center needs to be replaced. Staff have received four quotes with replacement costs ranging from \$4,000 to \$8,000. The board will be provided more detailed information at the next meeting.

PARKS AND PLANNING UPDATE

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Director Kosbab gave the following report:

Newberry Park and Clark Park Playgrounds are scheduled to be renovated this month. Newberry Park began July 9th with the installation of a construction fence and Kids Around the World removing the existing playground. The Clark Park playground will begin shortly after that and will be completed in-house. Only the equipment designed for 5-12 year olds will be replaced at Clark Park. The equipment for 2-5 year olds was replaced in 2020.

A pipe burst in the Pavilion on Thursday, June 27th around 10:30 pm. The water damage was fairly significant in the hallway and main corridor of the PAC and Fitness Center areas. The damage was quickly cleaned up by Friday morning and the Fitness Center was able to open by 8:00 am as soon as water service was restored and the last bit of debris was cleaned up. Staff will work with the insurance adjuster and restoration company to make the necessary repairs.

The park district has worked with the Morton Arboretum and Chicago Region Tree Initiative to plant trees around Elk Grove Village. Continuing this year, the Park District accepted 50 trees this Spring that were distributed around the parks to offset the removal of trees over time. The Park District will accept another 50 trees in the Fall.

A home run fence is going to be installed at Mead Park. The temporary fence would remain up for roughly 4 -5 months of May through June and September through October. The temporary fence would last approximately 15 years and cost an additional \$9,000.00. The original, permanent home run fence cost \$48,000.00

Demolition at the Fitness Center has begun. The contractor is off to a great start. Dust and debris have been contained with little disruption to daily business. The only unexpected issue to note was the presence of a concrete pad they discovered during demolition.

Marshall Park grass areas have been seeded. The plan is to remove some of the fencing in the fall. The soccer field will not have programs on it until 2025.

Commissioner O'Malley noted that new soccer board members will be coming on board and wanted to thank Effie Cirbo for her over 10 years of service. Ms. Cirbo had a commitment to the soccer program and worked to grow it. President Walz added that soccer plays three seasons and she was very passionate about it.

BUSINESS SERVICES UPDATE

Director Sholes gave the following update:

- Upcoming events at Fox Run:
 - Friday, July 12th is the 40th Anniversary 4-man Scramble. Fox Run collaborated with Marketing for this event to showcase the history of the golf course.
 - July 27 - Dueling Pianos returns - \$5 cover charge
 - August 3 - Rob Post Band from 7 to 10 pm. Double Brew will be opening.

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- August 30 - Nine and Stein
- September 29 - The return of the Pig Roast at Fox Run. Golf and food only packages will be available.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Director Carbon shared the following information:

- The Fall Guides are being mailed out to residences
- Play, Picnic Party is this Sunday. Thank you to all of the sponsors.
- Website traffic has more than doubled since the feature on Fox 32
- Follow the Park District on Facebook for the latest information on programs and facilities. The most talked about topic currently is Marshall Park.
- The duck race for the Parks Foundation is scheduled for August 11th at Rainbow Falls. Duck tickets are \$5.00.
- Microfoam Brewery will be holding an event on August 3rd from noon to 5pm to benefit the Parks Foundation's and Elk Grove Youth Committee's scholarship programs

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Executive Director Curcio gave the following report:

- Parking for Rainbow Falls will be extremely limited during Rotary Fest. Hattendorf, Grove Jr. High, and Salt Creek Elementary School offer additional parking.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Carlson asked the board to provide the history of the Queen of the Rosary/ Rainbow Falls parking situation.

Per the Board, the Park District initially had an agreement with the Archdiocese to use the parking lot. After the agreement expired, the two parties had a year-to-year agreement. Eventually the Archdiocese attempted to triple the fee that the Park District paid for using the lot and also requested the Park District acquire insurance that would absolve the Archdiocese from all liability. The insurance policy requested would also remove any cap on settlement amounts. These terms were unacceptable by the Park District, the District's insurance carrier and the District's legal team. The Park District has attempted to negotiate. Queen of the Rosary formed a committee to assist with those negotiations. The Park District has offered to buy the parking lot or give a donation to the church. Father Dan wrote a nice letter outlining the situation in the parish bulletin. No resolution between the two parties has ever been able to be made.

The gates on the parking lot belong to Queen of the Rosary and the Archdiocese. The Park District has no control over them. The Board requests that patrons honor the No Parking signs. Parking is available in Rotary Park lot and at the high school.

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The Board will continue to rely on Staff, the District’s insurance carrier, and the District’s legal team regarding the parking lot issue.

Separately, the Park District donated the playground equipment that sits on Queen of the Rosary’s property. The Archdiocese fenced the playground in.

Commissioner O’Malley expressed the Board’s condolences to the Vanderweel Family after the passing of their mother. Nanci Vanderweel was a founding Elk Grove Village resident and was thought to be one of the most influential women in local government during her decades of public service with the Village and the Elk Grove Township.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Commissioner O’Malley moved to authorize Executive Director Curcio to make payment of the bills in the amount of \$176,214.10 for June 28, 2024 and \$187,325.42 for July 5, 2024.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

ELK GROVE PARK DISTRICT		
SUMMARY LIST OF BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL ON JULY 11, 2024		
<u>SUMMARY BY FUND:</u>	<u>6/28/2024</u>	<u>7/5/2024</u>
CORPORATE FUND	\$ 68,968.82	\$ 6,813.65
AUDIT	\$ 460.00	
POLICE		
LIABILITY		
RECREATION FUND	\$ 74,890.33	\$ 20,204.05
PAVING & LIGHTING FUND		
MUSEUM FUND	\$ 1,656.28	\$ 106.95
SPECIAL RECREATION		
ASSOCIATIONS	\$ 10,916.25	\$ 9,295.23
BOND & INTEREST FUND		
CAPITAL PROJECTS		\$ 141,957.64
FOX RUN GOLF LINKS FUND	\$ 19,322.42	\$ 8,947.90
	\$ 176,214.10	\$ 187,325.42

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

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President Walz X

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Carlson moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of July 11, 2024.

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		
President Walz	X		

Motion carried.

The Regular Meeting of July 11, 2024 was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Scott Carlson, Secretary