

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ELBURN PARKS COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 22, 2023
AT ELBURN VILLAGE HALL

Members Present: Dave Dickinson, Chairman Dan Kolzow, Dawn Kuefler, Brian McCarty, Bill Ott, Rob Reilley

Members Absent: Amy Szumny

Staff Members Present: President Jeff Walter, Village Administrator John Nevenhoven

Others Present: Resident Tim White

1. Call to Order: Chairman Kolzow called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Kolzow led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: A roll call ensued.
4. Public Comment:

Resignation of Chairman Dan Kolzow

- President Jeff Walter read a Proclamation honoring Chairman Dan Kolzow. The Village of Elburn recognized him as Chairman of the Parks Commission. Kolzow is resigning from the role.
- February 22, 2023 is now Dan Kolzow Day in the Village of Elburn.
- On behalf of the Village, President Walter thanked him for his service to the Village. Kolzow was given some parting gifts on behalf of the Village of Elburn.
- Rob Reilley has accepted the role of Chairman and will begin serving in that role at the next meeting.

New Commissioner

- There has been one application to serve on the commission.
- Resident Tim White was sworn in as a Parks Commissioner by President Jeff Walter.
 1. White has been in the Parks and Rec. industry for years.
 2. White received a degree in horticulture and has since worked in multiple park districts.
 3. White and his family moved into the Village of Elburn in December 2022.

5. Approval of Minutes: January 18, 2023 – A motion to approve the minutes was made by Reilley and seconded by Dickinson. The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.
6. Commissioners Projects:

Strategic Plan Goals Ranking:

- John Nevenhoven reviewed the short-term and long-term goals that were discussed at the last meeting.
- The number one short-term item is to update and/or fix the Village's current park equipment and facilities. The Commission will focus on this goal going forward.
- The Village is hoping to get selected for the OSLAD Grant for Prairie Path Park.
- NIU to send Nevenhoven a final report of the Strategic Plan.
- The Commission is not surprised by the overall result of the rankings.

Budget Ideas

- OSLAD Grant: Hoping to receive that a year from now
- Kolzow mentioned focusing on Liberty Park and Elburn Station Park.
- Commission will inspect all parks soon, leading into spring.

- Suggestion of a dog poop station and garbage can needed at Byerhof Park
- Suggestion of putting in port-a-potties at all parks
- Prairie Path Park: Adding an element for the residents living at The Meadows Apartments
- Reilley stated that he would like a drawing/graphic representation of all the parks to be put online.
- Dickinson suggested helping the Community Center to replace their communication sign.
- The Lions Club has an agreement with Bob Jass to put a permanent scrolling sign on the corner of their property, and the Village potentially will be able to utilize it as well.

Elburn Station Community Park

- Construction has begun. The water main is under Keslinger Rd.
- A drinking fountain and hard hydrant are to be installed.
- A stormwater drain is also to be installed to help drain excess water.
- There will be a continuation of the park path.

7. Other Business:

- A Resident mentioned to Reilley wanting lights for the ice rink.
- The village is losing the garage space at the Community Center to store the ice rink. For now, it will now be stored at Public Works.
- A Resident approached Reilley about doing a garbage pickup event.
- There are no sponsors yet for the race in August.

8. Adjourn: McCarty motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM with Kuefler seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Katie Johnston
Deputy Village Clerk