

MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF ELBURN PARKS COMMISSION  
MARCH 21, 2023  
AT ELBURN VILLAGE HALL

Members Present: Dawn Kuefler, Chairman Rob Reilley, Amy Szumny, Tim White

Members Absent: Dave Dickinson, Brian McCarty, Bill Ott

Staff Members Present: Village Administrator John Nevenhoven

Others Present: Shane Yackley (Blow-It-Up Bounce and Entertainment)

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

Shane Yackley (Oswego, IL) stood and addressed the Commission. He is just starting out his business, Blow-It-Up Bounce and Entertainment. Mr. Yackley asked the Commission about its interest in continuing "Movies in the Park" this year. Mr. Yackley stated that he bought his equipment from the company that previously put on "Movies in the Park" in Elburn. Reilley told him of the low attendance last year and suggested bringing in a food truck to boost attendance numbers. Sponsors would also be needed. The commission discussed trying "Movies in the Park" for one date this summer, perhaps a Summer Kick-off event. White asked about rental cost. Mr. Yackley said it would be a flat \$500. Reilley said he would be in touch with Mr. Yackley about the summer date after food truck availability is determined.

5. Approval of Minutes: February 22, 2023 – A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Kuefler. A roll call vote ensued. Ayes: Kuefler, Reilley, Szumny, White. Nays: None. Motion carried.
6. Strategic Plan Final Draft:

Nevenhoven addressed the Commission and gave a brief overview of the final draft which includes more comments and public input. This will be the Commission's guide going forward as to what they want to accomplish. Reilley will share the Strategic Plan on social media once the Village Board has seen it at their April 3, 2023 meeting.

7. Parks Budget:
  - Nevenhoven discussed the Commission's revenue this past year and mentioned that *Run the Rails* race in 2022 brought in almost \$5500.
  - Prairie Park: The application for the OSLAD Grant for Prairie Park will be submitted in the fall. Provided that Elburn receives the grant, most of the grant money will be spent next year. The money possibly will be used for a band shell at the park. Residents are also requesting a Pickleball court.
  - Elburn Station Community Park: A water fountain and dog dish will be installed there as well as a path to connect to the park.
  - Nevenhoven said the Village is ordering more park benches. The Commission is going to think about where the benches should go in town.
  - White asked about planting more trees at Elburn's parks. The Tree Board is planting a tree for Arbor Day at Veterans Memorial Park this year.

8. Commissioners' Projects:

- Reilley said that Elburn has availability to use a field house located on North Ave. in town. It is a commercial building that has been rehabbed with artificial turf. The owner wanted to work with the Village if a class was ever needed to be held there.
- "Move with the Mayor" Event: Reilley is going to contact the company to get more information. Reilley suggested a "Bike with the Mayor" event instead.

9. Other Business: None

10. Adjourn: Commissioner Kuefler motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM with Commissioner Szumny seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Katie Johnston  
Deputy Village Clerk