

MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ELBURN PARKS COMMISSION
APRIL 18, 2023
ELBURN VILLAGE HALL

Members Present: Dave Dickinson, Dawn Kuefler, Chairman Rob Reilley, Tim White

Members Absent: Brian McCarty, Bill Ott, Amy Szumny

Staff Members Present: Village Administrator John Nevenhoven

Others Present: Kerri Lee-Young (Grilled Cheese Food Truck), Rebecca Moore

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:
 - Kerri Lee-Young asked if food trucks could be allowed at the parks in town, especially with baseball season happening. John Nevenhoven will look into that request and respond back to Ms. Lee-Young.
 - The Commission discussed having a food truck at "Movie in the Park" night. Ms. Lee-Young does the bookkeeping for the Grilled Cheese Food Truck, and she stated that they would waive any minimum for the movie night. She also has some connections with other trucks. The topic of sponsors was brought up, and what a sponsor receives for doing so. A sponsor can advertise on the screen, and they are mentioned on social media as well. Ms. Lee-Young stated that if the Commission had someone/company sponsor the movie, the Grilled Cheese Truck would donate a percentage of their profits from the sales. It was also suggested to partner with one of the elementary schools. Discussion occurred about a date to have the movie night, location, time, and movie to be shown. As of now, a tentative date would be August 11, 2023. Ms. Lee-Young recommended having the truck for 2-2.5 hours. The Commission still needs to narrow down a location as well as the movie to be shown. Reilley will contact the company with the video equipment to check his availability. In conclusion, the Commission wants to try bringing in a food truck(s) for "Movie in the Park" to draw more attendance.
 - The Commission thanked Kerri Lee-Young for her suggestions.
5. Approval of Minutes - March 21, 2023: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Kuefler and seconded by Commissioner Reilley. A roll call vote ensued. Ayes: Dickinson, Kuefler, Reilley, White. Nays: None. Motion carried.
6. Parks Budget:
 - Nevenhoven stated the Village Board passed the budget, and there are no changes to the Parks Budget for the year.
 - May 2, 2023 at 10am is a kick-off meeting with Upland Design for the OSLAD Grant for Prairie Park.
7. Commissioners' Projects:
 - Elburn Station Community Park improvements are complete except for the restoration and asphalt of the path. A drinking fountain has been ordered. The Public Works Dept. will be working with a contractor to stripe out the basketball courts at the park.

- Nevenhoven spoke with a member from Elburn softball who would like more fields in town. As of now, the Village does not have the land/space for more fields.
- Blackberry Creek HOA wants to install some park benches this summer. Reilley stated he had someone wanting to purchase/sponsor one of the benches. He will have her reach out to Nevenhoven.

8. Other Business:

- Kerri Lee-Young asked if any parks could have cornhole sets installed? The Commission agreed that Prairie Park would be a good location.
- Building a new park in Elburn was mentioned. Nevenhoven explained that the response from the public in the Strategic Plan was that residents want the current facilities and equipment updated and maintained prior to building any new parks. Also, to build a new park, the developer said there would need to be a Grant involved; therefore, a new park in the Village is not happening now. The Commission will be focusing on Prairie Park improvements and the OSLAD Grant.
- Reilley contacted Otter Cover Waterpark in St. Charles regarding a potential discount to Elburn residents. He has not heard back yet.
- The Race in August currently has two sponsors. Registration is on track for what it was last year.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Katie Johnston
Deputy Village Clerk