

## **DEC. 9<sup>th</sup> visit to the El Paso, IL Recreational Complex**

### **Village Board Members Present:**

John Cummings, Merle Weyeneth, Chris Bowers, Darin Alig

Meeting called to order at 9:00am CST by Mayor Cummings

Colton Scott- El Paso Director of Parks & Recreation briefed us on a variety of aspects and details concerning the development of their new complex, which opened in June of 2023.

- How was this funded? - Mr. Scott- “city paid for \$2 million of the overall \$5 million and the remaining \$3 million is from a loan at 2.6%” “they did not raise taxes to the Village residents.” Mr. Scott pointed out that using American Buildings (based in El Paso) helped to reduce the overall cost.
- Chris Bowers asked- What is the total operating cost? - Mr. Scott- “b/w \$20-25k per month” factored into this is the \$2k-\$3.5k for Ameren(electricity) and Mr. Scott also quoted staff costs of b/w \$3300 to \$5200, depending on the month of the year.
- Mr. Scott also referenced who they used for Engineering/Architectural plans, the flooring, the seating and the actual construction(American Buildings) of the complex
- Companies referenced included; Ringland & Johnson(Rockford, IL based), Floors, Inc, Carroll Seating Co., & American Buildings
- Mr. Scott also talked about the Placer Ai software that they use to track out-of-town visitors to the complex to see which local establishments they go to, etc.
- He talked about the 500-600 kids they have every Saturday for the local youth basketball leagues and the \$\$\$ that brings in
- He also mentioned their partnership with Illinois Clutch Academy AAU youth basketball tournaments and how much \$\$ that brings in, etc.
- Mr. Scott said that right now they only have @ 50-60 residents that have monthly or yearly memberships to the complex. While we were there, we could assume that most of these individuals use the complex to walk around the track or use it for pickle ball games. The cost of a yearly membership was \$144 for a Senior Citizen and @ \$400 for an entire family. Those are the only membership quotes that he referenced.
- Mr. Scott also talked about his plans to put in a golf simulator and a 4 Seasons area for 2025.
- He also talked about how families could rent out the complex for birthday parties and other events and how companies could also do the same. For the birthday parties, they offer a variety of fun activities for the younger kids,etc.
- The complex also had a small meeting area and also an underground take cover/storm shelter.

Our meeting ended at exactly 10:15am CST.

Darin Alig - Trustee