

**ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF RECREATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
September 16, 2019**

Prior to the start of the meeting the following statement of compliance was read:

Now therefore be advised that the notice requirements of this meeting have been satisfied by providing an annual notice of posting a schedule of such meetings in a conspicuous place in the Municipal Building and by filing a copy of such schedule in the office of the Municipal Clerk which said notices were filed or provided on December 3rd, 2018.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM.

Board Members Present: Pettigano, Scolaro, Tommolillo, Fakhoury, Tisellano

Board Members Absent: Scarpulla, Herget

Recreation Department: Puglisi

Council Liaison: Balistrieri (A)

Motion made by Tisellano to approve the Meeting Minutes from the July 15th, 2019 meeting with the proper correction made. Motion seconded by Scolaro.

	PETTIGANO	SCOLARO	SCARPULLA	TOMMOLILLO	FAKHOURY	HERGET	TISELLANO
YES	X	X	A	X	X	A	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

Motion made by Scolaro to open the public portion of the meeting. Motion seconded by Fakhoury.

	PETTIGANO	SCOLARO	SCARPULLA	TOMMOLILLO	FAKHOURY	HERGET	TISELLANO
YES	X	X	A	X	X	A	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

Motion made by Tommolillo to close the public portion of the meeting. Motion seconded by Scolaro.

	PETTIGANO	SCOLARO	SCARPULLA	TOMMOLILLO	FAKHOURY	HERGET	TISELLANO
YES	X	X	A	X	X	A	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

Motion made by Tommolillo to open the work portion of the meeting. Motion seconded by Fakhoury.

	PETTIGANO	SCOLARO	SCARPULLA	TOMMOLILLO	FAKHOURY	HERGET	TISELLANO
YES	X	X	A	X	X	A	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

Director's Report:

Music & Food Truck Festival: The festival went off without a hitch and even the weather cooperated.

Crew Soccer: Our travel soccer fall season has begun.

Kinder Crew: Soccer registration is now open for boys and girls ages 4-6.

Crew Fall Training Sessions: Registration is now open for boys and girls ages 7-10.

Basketball: Registration is now open for boys and girls in 3rd-8th grades.

Movie Under the Stars: Will take place on Friday, Sept. 20th at 7:30pm. We are showing "Monsters University". The movie is sponsored by Spencer Savings bank.

Parks and Playgrounds: The dog park equipment and fence haven been installed. I am awaiting a quote for a water fountain and sign. I am also awaiting an installation date for Cherry Hill Park. Tisellano asked if there will be a grand opening for the dog park. Puglisi stated there will be.

After School & Morning Care Program: The program is completely full.

Puglisi added the previous bus driver has retired. The department had the advertisement up for three months and only received a few responses that did not work out. The department reached out to eight different busing companies for quotes and only one company was interested. The company that was hired asked for \$300 per day and subtracted out to a company that had a contract with Paterson. Puglisi stated Superintendent Anthony Iachetti is the best superintendent she has worked with. Puglisi, Iachetti, and Borough Administrator Foligno were able to sort the busing situation out within ten minutes. The After School Program is spilt temporarily. Puglisi mentioned the After School Program director, Andrew Kanasky, volunteered to obtain his CDL license.

Puglisi reported an act of vandalism to the fencing behind the bandshell. She informed the board she is pressing charges for reimbursement since it was recorded.

Recreation Liaison Report: Councilwoman Balistrieri was absent.

Old Business:

- **Dog park:** Covered in director's report.
- **Cherry Hill playground addition:** Covered in director's report.
- **Recap End of Summer Bash:** Covered in director's report.

New Business:

- **After School Program:** Covered in the director's report.

Commissioner Reports:

Pettigano – Pettigano stated the recreation system runs extraordinarily well. He commended Puglisi, her staff, and the board for everything that was done in the last six years.

Scolaro – Progress. Scolaro stated the concerts were great, but it was a shame people had to be turned away.

Scarpulla –

Tommolillo – Progress. Tommolillo stated the music and food festival was great. Puglisi thanked Tommolillo and his wife for the work they put into the festival.

Fakhoury – Fakhoury stated the parks look great. He mentioned some people in town were complaining about the lack of advertisement for the programs and events. Pettigano suggested the unused political boards in town. Fakhoury suggested asking the school to display recreation programs on their digital board.

Herget –

Tisellano – Progress.

Puglisi mentioned the iron work for the awnings is complete. She is just waiting on the canvas for them.

Pettigano started a brief conversation about the tennis courts. Puglisi stated she believed the agreement was it was open to the public on weekends. Pettigano inquired about a tennis league for seniors.

Scolaro started a conversation about the night hours for the office. Puglisi stated it is horrible. Scolaro stated there is no chemistry in the office since the staff has scattered hours now. Puglisi and Scolaro agreed that keeping the office open until 6:00PM makes sense. Tisellano suggested one night a week until 9:00PM.

Motion made by Scolaro to close the work portion of the meeting. Motion seconded by Tommolillo.

	PETTIGANO	SCOLARO	SCARPULLA	TOMMOLILLO	FAKHOURY	HERGET	TISELLANO
YES	X	X	A	X	X	A	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

Motion made by Tommolillo to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Tisellano.

	PETTIGANO	SCOLARO	SCARPULLA	TOMMOLILLO	FAKHOURY	HERGET	TISELLANO
YES	X	X	A	X	X	A	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.