

**ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF RECREATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
November 25, 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 7:34 PM.

Board Members Present: Pettigano, Scolaro, Tommolillo, Tisellano

Board Members Absent: Scarpulla, Fakhoury, Herget

Recreation Department: Puglisi

Council Liaison: Balistrieri

Motion made by Scolaro to approve the Meeting Minutes from the September 16, 2019 meeting.
Motion seconded by Tisellano.

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

Motion made by Tommolillo to open the public portion of the meeting. Motion seconded by Tisellano.

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

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

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

Director's Report:

Basketball: Puglisi stated basketball was just getting started. The basketball draft is tonight and practices will be starting soon.

Soccer: Crew, KinderCrew, and Crew Fall Training are all finished.

Holiday Tree Lighting: The Holiday Tree Lighting is next Friday, December 6th. There will be a DJ, indoor ice skating, the Human Snow Globe, hot chocolate, cookies. The fire department should be providing the department with Santa.

Recreation Liaison Report:

Councilwoman Balistreri asked about the covers on the dugouts. Puglisi stated the covers are all installed. Puglisi also mentioned there is a new door on the softball hut and the department will be installing 5 more.

Councilwoman Balistreri started a conversation about the dog park and the ribbon cutting. She mentioned the corrections were made. Pettigano asked about the six foot fence. Puglisi stated the fence cannot be added on to and the fence would have to be completely replaced. She also mentioned the rumor that the dog park will have an extension for bigger dogs. She stated if that were to happen, the current park would be for big dogs and an addition would be for smaller dogs. Tisellano stated he read articles online regarding dog parks and that most are fences are four feet. He also mentioned a post he saw about the benches being too close to the fence. Councilwoman Balistreri stated Scott Karcz from the DPW took a look and found no safety issue. Tisellano inquired about the parking lot for the dog park as well as lights. Puglisi stated it will be in the lot next to it and there will be no lights.

Pettigano started a brief conversation about the marina. Councilwoman Balistreri stated she has not been in the discussion recently, but will get an update. Pettigano asked about the Open Space grants. Puglisi stated the marina and Rosemont applications went in. Councilwoman Balistreri asked about the basketball court and Puglisi said it is still in discussion.

Old Business:

- **Completion (Near) Cherry Hill:** All of the equipment is in for the playground. Puglisi stated she is waiting for the third quote for the special fencing, but has yet to receive it. She mentioned the three different proposals for the handicap parking spots on the top of the hill. The engineer had concerns regarding vehicular and pedestrian traffic. A metal barrier will be put in place.

New Business:

- **2020 Meeting Dates:** Puglisi stated the department needs to know who will be attending since it is an inconvenience to whoever shows up and the result is no quorum. Scolaro informed everyone he will not be able to stay on the board if the board keeps having no quorum since it interferes with his work schedule. Puglisi mentioned three absences can mean the member is replaced. Councilwoman Balistreri asked if it had to be three absences in a row, but Puglisi was unsure. Puglisi asked if the board if bimonthly meetings were preferred. Pettigano suggested making the advisory board a commission board again. Puglisi mentioned a conversation between herself and Mayor Golabek regarding only needing an appeals committee.
 - **2020 Meeting Dates:** January 27, February 24, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15, September 21, October 19, November 23, December 14

Commissioner Reports:**Pettigano – Progress.**

Pettigano inquired about the council's plan. Puglisi explained how the masterplan works and the issues with the engineer.

Pettigano asked about the street hockey rink. Puglisi mentioned the Street Hockey coordinator was lost due to a legal issue. There was interest from another coordinator; however, he needed assistance from parents and none would help. Puglisi stated it is a shame since it was an up and coming program and Fair Lawn has started one as well. Councilwoman Balistreri asked if there was an advertisement out. Puglisi sent out a blast email, but received no response. Pettigano asked if the rink could be flooded. Puglisi will ask the engineer about the flooring. Tisellano suggested opening it to the public, but Puglisi is worried skateboard and bicycles will ruin the floor. Tommolillo suggested reaching out to Fair Lawn.

Scolaro – Progress.

For basketball, Scolaro mentioned 3rd & 4th grade has four teams, 5th & 6th grade has 6 teams, 7th & 8th grade has eight teams. The timing for the games will be changing. Scolaro thanked Coach Tuohey from the high school for evaluating the players. He mentioned an issue with the rims on the big nets. He also mentioned they are working on a clinic for younger kids. Scolaro suggested having an officer stationed at the Friday night basketball games for safety. Puglisi stated it will be expensive.

Scolaro stepped down as basketball liaison until the end of the basketball season. Pettigano offered to swap. Scolaro is the new soccer liaison and Pettigano is the new basketball liaison.

Scolaro started a conversation about the office hours. Tisellano mentioned it was discussed for one late night a week in September's meeting. Puglisi stated that was the recommendation, but it has to go through the Mayor and Council. Councilwoman Balistreri stated she will bring it up, but they might want to give it more time. Puglisi, Pettigano, and Scolaro all agreed it has been a year and attendance is minimal.

Scarpulla –

Tommolillo – Progress.

Fakhoury –

Herget –

Tisellano – Progress.

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

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

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.