

**ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF RECREATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
September 28, 2015**

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 1, 2014.

Vice Chairman Sandy Balistrieri called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Wally Nowosielecki, Sandy Balistrieri, Lori Sproviero, Bob Calabro, Rich DeLorenzo and George Shamah

Commissioners Absent: Bob Burke

Recreation Department – Donna Puglisi

Council Liaison: Councilman Joe Dombrowski

A motion was made by Bob Calabro to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2015 meeting. Motion seconded by Lori Sproviero

	RB	BC	GS	WN	LS	RDL	SB
YES	A		A	X	X	X	X
NO							
ABSTAIN		A					

A motion was made by Lori Sproviero to defer the approval of the minutes of the July 27, 2015 meeting as there was no quorum to vote on the minutes of the July meeting. Motion seconded by Sandy Balistrieri

A motion was made by Lori Sproviero to deviate from the regular meeting agenda so as to go into executive session. Motion seconded by Bob Calabro

	RB	BC	GS	WN	LS	RDL	SB
YES	A	X	X	X	X	X	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

A motion was made to close executive session was made by Bob Calabro, seconded by Rich DeLorenzo

	RB	BC	GS	WN	LS	RDL	SB
YES	A	X	X	X	X	X	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

A motion was made by Wally Nowosielecki to open the public portion of the meeting. Motion seconded by Bob Calabro.

	RB	BC	GS	WN	LS	RDL	SB
YES	A	X	X	X	X	X	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

Keith Work informed the Trustees that the County is looking to charge for the use of the baseball fields on Gilbert Ave. This cost will be a major concern for not only baseball but football, etc. Donna will speak with Councilman Dombrowski and get back to the Trustees. Bob Calabro requested that the Recreation Department be proactive and start now to have conversations with the County.

Keith Work thanked the Board for the use of the upstairs of the Hut building. He requested that baseball be allowed to keep their equipment on the 2nd floor. Donna stated that this would be fine until renovations begin in that building and then the equipment must be removed.

Mr. Work informed the Trustees that the dugouts in the baseball fields are not covered. Little League would like to get the dugouts on Boro Field and Pine Street covered. Keith gave Donna pictures and pricing for the dugouts. Donna stated she will look into it. Councilman Dombrowski replied stating that Little League should look into asking the Hall of Fame for funding or sponsorship of the dugouts.

Councilman Dombrowski stated that at the last Council meeting, the 12 year old baseball team was recognized for their championship season. Councilman Dombrowski stated that he would like to see signage for teams winning their divisions as is done in other towns. Donna stated a place for such signage might be the fence by the Hut. Donna will look into this.

Tom Conboy stated that he thought it was a great idea for the sport recognition. Mr. Conboy asked that the governing body (Mayor & Council) send a letter to the County Executive that our town teams should not be subject to paying for fields.

Mr. Conboy stated that he heard that the After School Program was going to produce a huge windfall. He asked what the predictions for the After School Program were. Donna informed Mr. Conboy that he would need to OPRA that request.

Mr. Conboy stated that he was glad to see open space money went through for Cherry Hill Park. Mr. Conboy stated that more than likely the money will not be seen until the Fall of 216 and installation will not be realized until Spring 2017. Tom asked for a status update on the hockey rink. Donna said that is

next year's project. It should be completed in 2016 and will be placed where the outside basketball courts are currently located. Councilman Dombrowski stated that he was not in favor of eliminating the basketball courts. Mr. Conboy asked if the Commission has seen the plans as yet. Councilman Dombrowski stated that he will ask Keith Kaczmark for a copy of the plans.

Tom Conboy asked for an update on the soccer scoreboard. Donna stated that more funding is needed. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the scoreboard and soccer.

A motion was made by Lori Sproviero to close the public portion of the meeting. Motion seconded by Rich DeLorenzo

	RB	BC	GS	WN	LS	RDL	SB
YES	A	X	X	X	X	X	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

A motion was made by Lori Sproviero to open the work portion of the meeting. Motion seconded by George Shamah.

	RB	BC	GS	WN	LS	RDL	SB
YES	A	X	X	X	X	X	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

Director's Report

Donna stated that in the original conversations with the Board of Education, the morning care was approximately 20-25 students. The actual number of morning care students is 75.

Club Soccer – Lori Sproviero asked Donna for a breakdown of soccer and asked why so many refunds were made for Crew Soccer. Donna will speak with Romano and have a soccer update for the end of November for the Board.

Councilman Dombrowski handed out a request from the Chamber of Commerce for a project that they are asking for support to purchase recycling bins for the town. The Board approves this idea and feels it is a great opportunity for the town.

Old Business

Bob Calabro asked if the parks are still being locked up at night. Mr. Calabro stated that he would like to see all parks have gates so that they could be locked up from dusk to dawn. Ms. Puglisi stated that it would be a waste to get gates on all the parks.

Harvest Day

George Shamah asked if the items for this event were purchased or on consignment. Donna stated that they were purchased and if not sold, they would be used for the Halloween party and decorating of the Boro.

Committee Reports

George Shamah stated that he received an email about the soccer nets and a video was made of the soccer team moving them. Councilman Martino also saw who moved them. Donna will look into this.

Bob Calabro stated that one team was still playing. The season is winding down. A post season meeting will be held on September 29, 2015 for the 2016 Board.

Lori Sproviero asked about bids for the softball bathroom. Councilman Dombrowski stated that they were condemned by the Board of Health. Sandy Balistrieri stated that was a shame to let the bathrooms deteriorate. Rich DeLorenzo stated that the Boro Engineer said all of the senior center floors would have to be uprooted to fix the outside bathroom. Lori Sproviero asked if there were any plans for a new outside bathroom facility. Donna stated that Port – O – Johns are placed around all sporting facilities.

Rich DeLorenzo spoke to Scott Karcz about the baseball fields. Scott has done some of the work such as raising quite a bit of the earth so far. Scott will be putting together a do's and don'ts list on field maintenance. Rich wants to publicly thank the DPW for all the hard work on maintaining the fields.

Rich stated that he noticed that a soccer meeting was held and he was not invited. Donna will contact the Soccer coordinator to make sure that Rich is invited to all meetings.

Sandy Balistrieri stated she would like to sit down with Donna to discuss the softball bathrooms.

Wally Nowosielecki – Progress

A motion was made by Bob Calabro to close the work portion of the meeting. Motion seconded by Lori Sproviero

	RB	BC	GS	WN	LS	RDL	SB
YES	A	X	X	X	X	X	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

A motion was made by Bob Calabro to close the Recreation Department meeting at 9:29pm. Motion seconded by Lori Sproviero

	RB	BC	GS	WN	LS	RDL	SB
YES	A	X	X	X	X	X	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

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