

**ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF RECREATION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
May 18, 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 or order at 7:37 p.m.

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

Commissioners Absent: Bob Burke and Bob Calabro

Recreation Department – Donna Puglisi

Council Liaison: Absent

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

	<b>RB</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>WN</b>	<b>LS</b>	<b>RDL</b>	<b>SB</b>
<b>YES</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>NO</b>							
<b>ABSTAIN</b>							

Jason Longacker informed the Committee of an incident that occurred with the EP Rec'ing Crew and is son. A detailed description was given. Donna informed the Committee that she met with all parties involved. Sandy asked Donna to find out who the kid was that hit the child and the Assistant Coach of the team and give the information at the next meeting.

John Messina addressed the conditions of the baseball field. There are many divots in the infield and the grass is sinking and leaving a big lip causing mishaps. Donna suggested that a representative from Little League meet with DPW to address this.

Steve Perez reiterated the situation with the field and that it also needs to be re-grated for safety reasons. Donna will have Scott Karcz and Al Ruth look at the fields. Mr. Perez stated that the County needs to be notified on the problems with the benches on Gilbert Ave fields. Mr. Perez thanked the Committee for the bleachers on Gall Ave.

Mr. Perez asked Donna to consider having a 35+ basketball league for the summer. Donna told him to get the information over to her and she will work with him to set this up.

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

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<b>YES</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>NO</b>							
<b>ABSTAIN</b>							

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

	<b>RB</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>WN</b>	<b>LS</b>	<b>RDL</b>	<b>SB</b>
<b>YES</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>NO</b>							
<b>ABSTAIN</b>							

#### Director's Report

Donna sated that the Awards dinner for Basketball will be held on May 21, 2015. The Soccer dinner will be May 14, 2015. There are over 140 registered for summer camp at this point. Community Day will be held on June 6, 2015.

The spray park will open June 29, 2015. Cost will be \$35.00 per person, pay for 3 and the 4<sup>th</sup> plus is free. Seniors over 65 are free as well as children under 2.

Family movie nights – The Spencer Bank will be sponsoring an outdoor movie night in September. The rec center will be hosting 3 movie nights in the summer in the gymnasium.

Summer camp register is quickly approaching the maximum of 400 campers. Donna will then take a waiting list. A brief discussion took place regarding summer camp.

#### Old Business

School Bus – Donna made a proposal to the Mayor and Council to purchase a recreation bus at a cost of \$85,000. She informed the Council that the cost to rent a bus for the year would be \$45,000. The cost of a new bus would be recouped within 2 years. The new bus will need to be purchased by December 31, 2015. Rich DeLorenzo asked Donna to speak with the superintendent of the schools to see if they would partner with the recreation center on the purchasing of the bus.

Tennis Courts – Donna spoke with the acting superintendent of schools with regards to partnering on the repairs to the tennis courts. The acting superintendent will contact Donna and she will report back to the board at the June meeting.

English Ave – The Engineer informed Donna that upon completion of English Ave, there would be 33 parking spaces, fencing, lights and the stump by the softball field would be removed as well as the debris at the end of the field cleaned. A brief discussion took place regarding the fencing.

#### New Business

After School Program – Donna informed the Board that she had been asked by the Acting Superintendent of Schools to take over their After School Program. The schools had been using mostly Aides to work and with the number of hours they were being paid, the schools would have to begin paying benefits to the employees. Currently, the school has 230 children in that program which includes early morning drop off, after school and Per Diems. Donna informed the Board that she would be unable to take over the morning drop off and would not take per diem. Donna is waiting for a response on this. A lengthy discussion took place on this program.

#### Park Proposal

Lori Sproviero stated she had spoken with Roy Riggatano regarding this project. The cost to do all the parks would cost approximately \$1,500,000 which includes the hut and an all-inclusive playground. After a brief discussion, it was decided to bring this back to the next meeting in June.

#### Committee Reports

George Shamah – Bombers have given a request to use the hut for sign ups and field dates. Donna stated that field dates will be discussed in June.

Wally Nowosielecki – Progress

Lori Sproviero – Progress

Sandy Balistriero – Asked if the town will be doing the bike riding on the Boulevard again this year. Donna stated that one Sunday per month has been designated as Bike Day. This will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June, July and August.

Rich DeLorenzo – The Little League will be having the car wash fundraiser May 23 from 9am – 1pm. Soccer – He has been receiving complaints about the goals not being maintained and not being moved back to their designated locations. After a brief discussion, it was decided that combination locks would be given for the nets to be chained to the fence and the coaches would have the combinations to open the locks and get the nets. Rich then asked Donna to reach out to Zenon to find out when the soccer meetings are held so that he can attend. Donna will speak with Zenon and have him contact Rich. Lori asked if the Soccer Club had food handlers licenses since they have bbq's and hand food. Donna stated that they do have the food handler's license.

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

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<b>YES</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>NO</b>							
<b>ABSTAIN</b>							

There being no further business, a motion was made by George Shamah to close the Recreation Advisory Board meeting at 9:50pm. Motion seconded by Lori Sproviero.

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