

**ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF RECREATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
May 4, 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 George Shamah called the meeting or order at 7:40 p.m.

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

Commissioners Absent: Sandy Balistrieri

Recreation Department – Donna Puglisi and Romano Intriari

Council Liaison: Glen Pettigano

A motion was made by Bob Calabro to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2015 meeting. Motion seconded by Bob Burke.

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

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

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

Tom Conboy asked the Committee and/or Donna Puglisi how much monies were in the Trust Account and how much monies had been taken out. Councilman Pettigano stated that there was approximately \$350,000 in the Account. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the Trust Account. Mr. Conboy then

inquired about the meeting agenda. Donna informed the members that if they wanted the agenda emailed earlier, she would need to have the items for the agenda sent sooner.

Mr. Conboy then asked about the playground in Cherry Hill Park. Donna advised Mr. Conboy that they were working on this Park. Mr. Conboy then inquired about who was responsible for the repair of the score board on Pine Street. A discussion took place regarding this and Donna will look into this.

Mr. Conboy asked if the hockey rink is still on the Recreation agenda. Donna stated that there is \$140,000 allotted for the Hockey rink for next spring. The rink will be placed by the Basketball Courts and should be installed by September 2016.

Peter Scolaro informed the Committee that Soccer had fundraised for the scoreboard for the soccer field and Spencer Bank was giving funding for this scoreboard. There was still an issue on installation and electrical work.

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

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

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

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

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.

Donna gave the committee the Park's Proposal and asked that they review this document and return next month with any concerns/comments.

Donna stated that the fencing for the softball field was done and the batting cages will be done next month.

Donna made a presentation to the Mayor/Council for the new bus that the Recreation Department is looking to purchase. The Mayor/Council requested that she speak with the Recreation Committee. After discussion, Donna will put in a call to the Superintendent of Schools to see about sharing the bus. Two quotes were received for a new bus. The bid amount received was \$85,000. The life span of a new bus is 20 years. Rich DeLorenzo asked to look into renting buses. Donna will look into renting buses.

Rich DeLorenzo asked Donna if children were able to play up and be borrowed for soccer. It was noted that if they do this, they would need to be double carded. Rich asked if it was mandatory to do fundraising for Club Soccer and if there was a penalty if you did not want to fundraise. Donna stated that there is no penalty if you do not wish to fundraise.

Mr. DeLorenzo then asked how many games basketball had. Donna stated that there were approximately 19 games in the 7/8 division, 11 games in the 5/6 grade division, 12 games in the 3//4 grade division and some travel games.

Rich asked if there was a budget set up for Community Day. Donna stated that there was no budget. This year the band will be \$590.00, and there will be no petting zoo or pony rides saving Community Day approximately \$2,000. This year there are fewer vendors.

Liaison Report

Councilman Pettigano stated that there was nothing new at this time to report.

Old Business

Ordinance – A copy of the ordinance for the new Recreation Committee was given to all Trustees.

Parking Repairs – Donna informed the Committee that DPW had repaired both sides of the parking lots and did an exemplary job.

Boro Field Hut Renovations Bob Calabro asked for a status update on the renovations. Donna stated that there was not enough money left for this.

Garbage Cans – Bob Calabro asked if recycling receptacles could be placed on Boro Field. Donna will contact Pt Burke and have them placed in Boro Field.

Lights outside Parking Lot – Donna stated that the electrician is scheduled to come and work on this.

Softball Bathroom – Donna stated that there were 3 leaks found in the softball bathroom causing many cracks in the room. DPW has since fixed this.

New Business

Marina Planting – The Passaic Valley Water Commission has grant money to have canoeing and kayaking on the Passaic River. They are looking to create an eco-system path. Donna stated that the PVWC is working on a resolution for this.

Tennis Courts – Donna informed that Committee that she will be speaking with the School to see about a 50/50 split to repair the tennis courts. This will be reported on at the next meeting.

Fencing Boro Field – Bob Calabro stated that higher fencing should be looked into for boro field. This would keep spectators safe from foul balls and also address the issues that are on Pine Street with the Soccer balls. Donna will set up a meeting with the Fence Company and Bob Calabro to look into this.

Parks and Recreation Department – Donna stated that she sent a letter to the Mayor/Council to change the Recreation Department to the Parks and Recreation Department. The Recreation Department would then like to have 2 individuals that would be responsible solely for parks and fields maintenance as well as the maintenance of the recreation building and field house. The request made by Donna was for 3 full time employees and 2 seasonal employees (part time).

Field Lighting – Bob Calabro asked if the lighting in the parking lot could be lowered so that it is not in the batters eyes. Donna will look into this.

Committee Reports

Wally Nowosielecki – Apologized for missing the last meeting however he had work responsibilities. Wally stated that as a follow up to Mr. Conboy’s request, Mr. Riggatano should be asked for an analysis of the Trust account from January 2, 2015 to present. Donna will speak with Roy and get the information over to the Trustees. Donna asked Wally to give her his new email and cell number.

Bob Calabro stated that baseball is ongoing. He has been going to all the fields and they are in good shape. Opening day was a success.

Bob Burke – Looking to do a 7th, 8th and 9th grade basketball program. It was also suggested to try to run a 30+ men’s league.

Lori Sproviero – Stated she is excited for the new parks and where the new Committee’s involvement will be.

Rich DeLorenzo – stated he would like to receive information on when the soccer meetings are and receive any correspondence on the soccer program. Pete Scolaro stated he will inform Zenon to keep him in the loop.

George Shamah – Sign up dates for football will begin and would like to use the hut for Friday and Saturday registration. With regards to field permits, Donna will speak with Mr. Zaccone in mid-June regarding the field permits.

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	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
NO							
ABSTAIN							

There being no further business, a motion was made by Bob Calabro to close the Recreation Advisory Board meeting at 9:21pm. Motion seconded by Lori Sproviero.

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

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