

**ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF RECREATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
November 24, 2014**

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 January 15, 2014.

Vice Chairman Rich DeLorenzo called the meeting or order at 7:40 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Bob Calabro, Wally Nowosielecki, Rich DeLorenzo, and Sandy Balistrieri

Commissioners Absent: Bob Burke

Recreation Department –Donna Puglisi

Council Liaison: Joe Dombrowski

A motion was made by Bob Calabro to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2014 meeting. Motion seconded by Sandy Balistrieri.

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

Keith Work informed the Advisory Board of the new officers of the Elmwood Park Little League Organization. Mr. Work made a request to utilize Boro Field for opening day for Little League on April 11, 2015 with a rain date of April 12, 2015. Mr. Work will submit a field use permit to the recreation

department. The board was informed that the costs for Little League registration will remain the same as last year and the Little League will be sending all paperwork requested by the Board to the Commissioners for the December meeting. Donna Puglisi requested that the Little League flyers make the telephone numbers for contact information be made larger on the flyers. Keith stated that they will make them larger and also a website will be uploaded for registration. Bob Calabro suggested that all officers, etc. have background checks and fingerprints done as soon as possible. Keith asked Donna if it would be possible to store the baseball uniforms in the hut closet as there was no room for storing the uniforms. Donna gave her approval to utilize the closet however if and when the building is renovated, the uniforms would need to be removed.

Peter Scolaro – gave the Commissioners an overview of the winter season and informed the Commissioners that he expects to have 14 teams for the spring league. Bob Calabro asked Peter if the Middle School gym was big enough for soccer and Peter said it was big enough.

A motion was made by Wally Nowosielecki to close the public portion of the meeting. Motion seconded by Sandy Balistrieri.

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

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

	RB	BC	BH	WN	MG	RDL	SB
YES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

Director's Report

Donna stated that the soccer awards dinner was well attended. The all-star game was rained out.

Basketball registration is closed with 174 players

Street Hockey registration is still open

Tree lighting ceremony is scheduled for December 5, 2014 at 6:30pm. There will be a synthetic ice skating rink in the gym; poinsettias will be sold, free hot chocolate and cookies for all.

The first annual coaches appreciation dinner will be held on December 17, 2014.

Winter break camp will be held from December 24, 2014 – January 2, 2015.

The Columbus monument was relocated from the recreation site to the Municipal Building. Approval was received from UNICO.

Rich DeLorenzo asked Donna about the Chamber's involvement with the tree lighting. Donna stated that due to the ice rink being in the gym this year, there would be no room for the dancers. She had asked the Chamber if they wanted to sponsor the crafts that would be done at the tree lighting event and they declined. Spencer Savings Bank will be donating \$500.00 towards the cost of the rink which is \$2,500 for 2.5 hours which includes staff and music.

Liaison Report

Councilman Pettigano was not in attendance. Councilman Dombrowski wished all members a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Dombrowski stated the Council has received Mrs. Huffman's resignation from the Advisory Board but has not received the resignation letter from Mr. Garvey. Rich DeLorenzo asked Councilman Dombrowski if the board would go to a 5 person board or remain at 7 members. Councilman Dombrowski asked the Commissioners for their input. Rich DeLorenzo stated that he feels that the decision should be the Council's. A lengthy discussion took place on the Advisory Board. Councilman Dombrowski suggested that a meeting should be set up with the Recreation Liaison, Donna Puglisi and 2 Commissioners to work on communication and what is expected of the Advisory committee.

Old Business

Softball fencing – the fencing has begun to be installed. Bob Calabro questioned the batting cages. Donna stated that it has not been addressed as yet.

Grant Requests – information for the 2015 grants were in the Commissioner's packages.

A suggestion was made to bring Nordan/Engineer to meet regarding the hockey rink. It was suggested that an additional entrance would be needed for the basketball court and the hockey rink.

Bob Calabro asked for an update on the soccer scoreboard. Donna stated that she has spoken with Spencer Bank and they are postponing this item until 2015.

New Business

Meeting dates for 2015 – Meeting's will be held on the 4th Monday of each month unless it interferes with a holiday. The dates are January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27, May 18, June 22, July 27, September 28, October 26, November 23, and December 14, 2015. There will be no meeting in August. Donna will place the dates in the newspaper.

Committee Reports

Sandy Balistrieri – Soccer dinner went great. Everyone had a good time. Sandy asked if there was an update on the stipends. Donna stated no decisions have been made on the stipends as yet.

Wally Nowosielecki – Progress

Bob Calabro – Hockey started November 23, 2014 with a small get together. Dave DeStefano will be getting a volunteer list to Donna as soon as possible. Bob requested the use of the scoreboard for games. Donna will leave the scoreboard out on weekends. Bob suggested that the recreation department purchase a minimum of 3 pads for the hockey program.

Rich DeLorenzo – Thanked Pete Scolaro for running soccer again. He stated that he thought the coaches appreciation dinner was a great idea and may a budget could be set up for next year to purchase a jacket or sweatshirt for the coaches. A discussion ensued regarding coaches.

Rich discussed the possibility of having a fundraiser to re-do the scoreboard or the possibility of having a new scoreboard donated.

Rich informed the Committee that he was upset that the Cherry Hill Park got pushed out of the way.

Donna asked Councilman Dombrowski to speak with Scott Karcz about the grate in the senior parking lot. Councilman Dombrowski asked Donna to have the Engineer check both parking lots.

Councilman Dombrowski informed the Commission that the high school will be opening the new gymnasium on December 9, 2014 at 7:00pm and all were invited.

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

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

There being no further business, a motion was made by Bob Calabro to close the Recreation Advisory Board meeting at 9:22pm. Motion seconded by Wally Nowosielecki.

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