

**ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF RECREATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
September 22, 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.

Chairman, Bob Burke called the meeting or order at 7:33 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Myles Garvey, Bob Burke, Bob Calabro, Rich DeLorenzo, Brenda Huffman and Sandy Balistrieri

Commissioners Absent: Wally Nowosielecki

Recreation Department –Donna Puglisi

Council Liaison: Glen Pettigano

Council Member – Joe Dombrowski

A motion was made by Rich DeLorenzo to deviate from the regular agenda and begin with the work portion of the meeting. Motion seconded by Sandy Balistrieri.

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

Mr. Murphy addressed the Committee on English Ave Park. Discussion took place regarding the hockey rink and its location. A request was made to the County to extend the timeline of the project as the deadline was December 2014. The request was made for the deadline to be December 2015.

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

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

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

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

Keith Work – Asked about the stipends that were afforded to all rec programs. Mr. Work informed the Committee that these stipends help keeps the costs for kids to play baseball. He is requesting that the Recreation Department reconsider the position on removing the stipends.

Mike Foligno – Chief Foligno discussed the location of the hockey rink and some concerns that his department has with the English Ave location.

Doug DeMatteo – Mr. DeMatteo informed the Committee that the tennis courts at the high school has been condemned and stated that since the recreation department and the high school are working together, they should think to make the tennis area into a hockey rink or look at the field behind the softball field for hockey. Rich DeLorenzo asked Mr. DeMatteo if he received the letter that was sent to him via certified mail and asked him to respond to the letter.

There being no further public, a motion was made by Brenda Huffman to close the public portion of the meeting. Motion seconded by Bob Calabro

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

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

A motion was made by Bob Calabro to approve the July 28, 2014 minutes. Motion seconded by Sandy Balistrieri

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

Director's Report

Park Tour – Donna informed the Committee of a tour that was taken with Councilman Pettigano with reference to capital improvements that may be needed in all parks. It was decided that a Capital Improvement Plan for all Parks would be made on all parks and what could be done in each park.

After School Program – Donna stated that to date, there are 35 children enrolled which is more than last year.

Rec'ing Crew Soccer – Donna informed the Committee that there are 10 teams in the soccer organization. Donna then informed the Committee that Peter Scolaro has resigned from Club Soccer and will be involved in recreation soccer.

The bonfire was cancelled from its original date and rescheduled for the same night as movie night. It was very well attended.

Club Soccer will be running a Columbus Day Soccer Tournament this year. Donna thanked Mr. Scolaro for running the tournament.

Halloween Party – The recreation Halloween party is scheduled for October 30, 2014.

Bus – Donna stated that she is still in the process of looking for a pre-owned bus and will keep the committee informed when one is found.

Liaison Report

Councilman Pettigano stated that the EP United Soccer Club showed up at the last Council meeting. Councilman Pettigano met with Shakeeb of EP United to try to get the league to combine. Councilman Pettigano asked EP United for their paperwork and it was received incomplete. Shakeeb proceeded to call Councilman Pettigano a liar and Councilman Pettigano stated that he will no longer be speaking with EP United.

Old Business

Softball Fencing – Donna stated that they are still trying to get quotes on the fencing.

Group Stipends – Donna stated that in 2005 from \$15.00 per athlete to \$25.00 per athlete in 2008. Donna stated that it had been discussed that the stipend would decrease to \$12.50 but this will be discussed with the Mayor and Council. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the stipends

Sunday Bicycle Riding – Donna stated that the Police Chief and the Boro Clerk stated that road work was scheduled to be done on the Boulevard so that bicycle riding closure would be cancelled until Spring.

New Business

Snack Bar Bathrooms – Brenda Huffman informed the Committee that the bathroom by the softball field was covered with mold. DPW had replaced some of the tiles but there is still mold. Donna will call Scott Karcz. Donna's suggestion is to shut down all outdoor bathrooms and use only Port O Johns. Councilman Pettigano stated he will talk to Scott.

Commissioner's Reports

Bob Calabro – stated that he has observed the facility being used more now. He has passed by Boro field and found Bombers and the Soccer organization practicing on the baseball field. He informed Donna that the baseball field should not be used for other sports only baseball. Donna stated that she had given the organization's permission to utilize some of the baseball field.

Sandy Balistrieri – Asked if there could be more communication between the recreation department and the commissioners. The commissioners are not sure that their responsibilities are and within the last few months, they have been kept out of the loop on what has been going on. Councilman Pettigano stated that there was an ordinance passed regarding the function of the Recreation Committee and he will forward a copy of the ordinance to each Commissioner so that it can be discussed at the October meeting. Councilman Pettigano also stated that there will be more communication between the recreation department and the Commissioners. Sandy stated that she would like Donna to really look into the depleting of the stipends as the programs need the stipends to run as well as they do.

Myles Garvey – Myles stated he recalls Councilman Pettigano coming to the commissioners meeting stating that nothing was going to change with the recreation board. This board now has no authority as opposed to the authority that it had in the past.

Rich DeLorenzo – Asked Councilman Pettigano about the County Park – “Did the county develop a plan for a passive park” Councilman Pettigano said he didn't see the Plan; it went directly to the Police Department and the Boro Clerk. No actual decisions have been made as yet. To date, they have cleared approximately 10 feet into the property on all sides. Just landscaping is being done and a road for police cars. Rich then read a portion of the ordinance on the duties of the recreation commissioners.

Bob Burke – Basketball registration will begin October 1, 2014 and he is hoping for a possible Thanksgiving Tournament.

Brenda Huffman – Progress

A motion was made by Rich DeLorenzo to close the work portion of the meeting. Motion seconded by Myles Garvey.

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

There being no further business, a motion was made by Rich DeLorenzo to close the Recreation meeting at 10:21pm. Motion seconded by Myles Garvey.

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

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