

**ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF RECREATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
November 25, 2013**

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 21, 2013

Chairman, Rich DeLorenzo called the meeting or order at 7:38 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Rich DeLorenzo, Myles Garvey, Bob Burke, Wally Nowosielecki, and Bob Calabro

Commissioners Absent: Brenda Huffman

Recreation Department – Donna Puglisi

Council Liaison – Councilman Conboy

A motion was made by Bob Calabro to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2013 meeting. Motion seconded by Bob Burke.

	RB	BC	BH	WN	MG	RDL	OPEN SEAT
YES	X	X	A	X	X	X	
NO							
ABSTAIN							

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

	RB	BC	BH	WN	MG	RDL	OPEN SEAT
YES	X	X	A	X	X	X	
NO							
ABSTAIN							

Public Speakers –

Peter Scolaro – Mr. Scolaro requested that the Commission look into police security during basketball games. Donna will contact Chief Johnson to have someone stop in during games.

Mr. Scolaro discussed the soccer scoreboard with the Commission

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

	RB	BC	BH	WN	MG	RDL	OPEN SEAT
YES	X	X	A	X	X	X	
NO							
ABSTAIN							

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

	RB	BC	BH	WN	MG	RDL	OPEN SEAT
YES	X	X	A	X	X	X	
NO							
ABSTAIN							

Director's Report

Donna thanked Bob Calabro for his contact Joan Hermann who presented the cooking seminar at the Recreation Center.

Tree Lighting – Donna stated that for the 2014 season, the Chamber of Commerce is looking to be more active with this event.

Donna stated that the winter break camp will be held from December 23, 2013 – December 31, 2013.

Director's Report Approved

	RB	BC	BH	WN	MG	RDL	OPEN SEAT
YES	X	X	A	X	X	X	
NO							
ABSTAIN							

Liaison Report

Councilman Conboy stated he was proud to be on the first council to hire only the 3rd recreation director and a female.

Councilman Conboy gave the Commission an overview of his history as liaison.

Old Business

2014 Budget – Rich DeLorenzo requested that Donna get a clarification of the budget report from the Finance Officer. The Commission would like to have a clear account of the remaining balance of the trust account. Rich requested that Donna get a price cost for the Parks.

Donna stated that the parks are in dire need of mulch in the playgrounds. This needs to be done immediately or this is a lawsuit waiting to happen.

Rich DeLorenzo stated that he would like to budget for the following items: Folding tables, Air Hockey Table, Park Fencing at Cherry Hill Park, fencing at Pine Street and fencing on the Boulevard near the ball fields. A tracking system for work orders should also be budgeted for.

Resolution R-12-213 – Resolution for hiring additional employees for Break Camps and Special Events.

	RB	BC	BH	WN	MG	RDL	OPEN SEAT
YES	X	X	A	X	X	X	
NO							
ABSTAIN							

Meeting dated 2014

The meeting schedule for 2014 is as follows: January 27, February 24, March 24, April 28, May 19, June 23, July 28, September 22, October 27, November 24, and December 15, 2014.

Committee Reports

Brenda Huffman – Absent

Wally Nowosielecki – Progress

Bob Calabro – Bob informed the Commission of the open hockey night which was held in November. Approximately 50 plus children attended. The hockey program will have a cut off of 70 players.

Bob Burke – Requested a midnight madness for the players during the holiday break along with a pizza party for coaches. Discussion was held regarding basketball equipment. After a brief discussion, a Motion was made by Bob burke to purchase 50 basketballs for a growing program at a one-time expense to the trust account. Motion seconded by Wally Nowosielecki.

	RB	BC	BH	WN	MG	RDL	OPEN SEAT
YES	X	X	A	X	X	X	
NO							
ABSTAIN							

Wally Nowosielecki – Informed the Commission that the girl's softball financials have been submitted. As per Mr. Riggatano, Wally will contact Brenda Huffman to obtain a copy of the softball's latest bank statement for the files.

A discussion took place regarding the stipends for the Little League and Girls' softball programs. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Bob Burke to accept the Girls softball financial report with stipulation of bank statements being presented. Motion seconded by Wally Nowosielecki. The Little League will be tabled to the December meeting.

	RB	BC	BH	WN	MG	RDL	OPEN SEAT
YES	X	X	A	X	X	X	
NO							
ABSTAIN							

Rich DeLorenzo - Stated that the article in the Community Newspaper regarding the Recreation Department was appalling and would like to have this on record. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the article.

Myles Garvey – Stated that it was a disgrace that Council Pettigano chose to politicize the Recreation Commission for his personal and parties gain. A brief discussion took place on the above. It was noted that the Mayor would like to schedule a meeting with the current Recreation Commission and the Council. Donna will look into scheduling this meeting.

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

	RB	BC	BH	WN	MG	RDL	OPEN SEAT
YES	X	X	A	X	X	X	
NO							
ABSTAIN							

A request was made by Donna Puglisi to go into Executive Session at 10:30 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Bob Burke to close the Recreation Meeting at 11:15pm. Motion seconded by Myles Garvey.

	RB	BC	BH	WN	MG	RDL	OPEN SEAT
YES	X	X	A	X	X	X	
NO							
ABSTAIN							