

ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF RECREATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
June 24, 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 e 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

Co-Chair, Bob Burke called the meeting or order at 7:56 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Wally Nowosielecki, Myles Garvey, Bob Burke and Brenda Huffman

Commissioners absent – Vi Shamah, Bob Calabro and Rich DeLorenzo

Recreation Department – Donna Puglisi

Recreation Liaison – Councilman Tom Conboy

A motion was made by Brenda Huffman to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2013 minutes. Motion seconded by Wally Nowosielecki. All Approved

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

Deanne Gellineau – Informed the Commission that E.P. United had submitted field use permits to the Recreation Department in May 2013 and would like to know what the time frame for feedback from the Recreation Department for the fall season is. Bob Burke stated he will check with Donna Puglisi and get back to her. Mrs. Gellineau informed the Commission stated that one of the parents of EP United was approached at their home by someone from the Rec'ing Crew and that the parent was quite upset. Mrs. Gellineau then proceeded to stated that the fields are still empty a number of times during the week and they are not being utilized properly. Mrs. Gellineau stated she reported this to donna on 4 different occasions.

Shakib Fakhoury - Asked the Commission why his kids cannot play on the fields when he is a taxpayer of the town.

Pete Scolaro – Informed the Commission that if a child has no money to play in his league, he will pay for the child. His sponsors paid for all uniforms.

Sandra Quizhpi – Asked what the function of the Recreation Commission was? She also stated that fields have been an issue in this town since forever.

Kathy Michalak – Asked why the baseball lights were on when no one was using the fields?

Bertha Campo – Stated that the meetings never start on time and soccer needs fields with lights for kids.

Peter Scolaro – Stated that Rec'ing Crew players have to drive 45 minutes to 1 hour to play games and when they asked to join the Northern County Soccer Association they were denied and told that they need the blessing from EP United to get into that league.

Shakib Fakhoury – Stated that he always wanted one league but Mr. Scolaro formed another league.

Sedit Bedardick – Informed the Commission that Cherry Hill Park is very dirty.

Peter Scolaro – Stated his club went under the Recreation Department to take care of the money.

Deanne Gellineau – Asked why EP United must always be on the defense.

Ken Van Rye – Requested that Men's Softball be allowed to use Pine Street for Men's Softball.

A motion was made by Wally Nowosielecki to close the public portion of the meeting. Motion seconded by Myles Garvey. All approved.

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

Bob Burke waived the Director's Report since Donna had to be excused from the meeting.

Liaison Report

Councilman Conboy thanked the Recreation Commission, Donna and the Recreation Staff for a job well done on Community Day.

Councilman Conboy congratulated the Recreation Department and the Board of Education for working together.

Myles Garvey asked Councilman Conboy if anything has been discussed on the County Park. Councilman Conboy stated that the Mayor and Keith Kasczmark had a meeting with Mr. Kistner and the County hoping to release funds for more clean up.

It was reported that a playground had been set on fire in Cherry Hill Park.

Commissioner's Reports

Brenda Huffman – Brenda asked the status of the raises for Part Time employees. Councilman Conboy stated that Donna needed to prepare a resolution to increase the part time employees and submit to the Recreation Commission. Brenda will follow up with Donna

Wally Nowosielecki – Progress

Myles Garvey – stated that Keith Kasczmark sent a letter regarding resolution – Res 6-2013 to hire teachers for summer camp. Motion was made by Wally Nowosielecki, seconded by Myles Garvey. All approved.

Bob Burke – Stated a basketball meeting will be held in September.

Bob Burke requested to amend the calendar to cancel the August meeting. After discussion, this item was tabled to the July meeting.

New Business

Brenda Huffman – Requested that the Recreation Department purchase defibrillators to place at the snack bar of the softball field and the baseball field. Councilman Conboy suggested that Donna should run this request through JIF before any decisions are made

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

There being no further business, a motion was made by Brenda Huffman at 9:55pm to close the Recreation Commission meeting. Motion seconded by Wally Nowosielecki. All approved.