

ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF RECREATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
November 27, 2012

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 25, 2012

Chair, Rich DeLorenzo called the meeting or order at 7:40 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Bob Calabro, Rich DeLorenzo, Bob Burke, Wally Nowosielecki and Brenda Huffman

Absent: Vi Shamah, Myles Garvey

Recreation Department – Romano Intriери

Absent: Director Donna Puglisi

Council Present: Recreation Liaison Councilman Tom Conboy
Mayor Richard Mola & Councilmen Keith Work in attendance

A motion was made by Bob Calabro to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2012 meeting. Motion seconded by Bob Burke. All Approved

Chairman Rich DeLorenzo read a statement at the onset of the meeting regarding the code of conduct for the Recreation Commission meetings.

A motion was made by Bob Calabro to open the public portion of the meeting. Motion Seconded by Wally Nowosielecki. All Approved

Keith Work – Informed the Commission that Little League is requesting Boro Field for Opening Day on April 13, 2013 with a rain date of April 14, 2013. Mr. Work then gave the Commission a list of the new officers of Little League.

Mr. Work made a request that the Recreation Commission and the Recreation Department give a lease to the Elmwood Park Little League for use of facility of Boro Field from January 1, 2013 for a ten year period ending 12/31/23. The Little League will still be responsible for insurance, financial statements, uniforms, umpires, etc. It was stated that since Little League has grown and will be playing more games now and they are the only recreation baseball league, they would like to secure the fields. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Steven Perez – Informed the Commission that he was not pleased with some of the comments that were made by Recreation Commissioners regarding the fingerprinting and background checks of coaches.

Ken Van Rye – Informed the Commission that all basketball players should be made to wear safety goggles and not regular glasses. Mr. Van Rye gave an article regarding this information to Rich DeLorenzo.

A motion was made by Brenda Huffman to close the public portion of the meeting. Motion seconded by Wally Nowosielecki. All Approved.

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

Director's Report – Romano Intrieri gave the commission some additional information on the Director's Report.

The Soccer Clinic will end on December 8th with a pizza/medal party for the kindergarten players.

Romano informed the Commission that Roy Riggatano has requested any budget requests for 2013 by December 5, 2012. Rich requested that Romano have Donna contact him on Wednesday, November 22, 2012

Tom Conboy asked how many participants were at the Brownstone. Romano stated 10 people. Councilman Conboy asked how many signups for Winter Break Camp and how many vendors were signed up for the Tree Lighting. Romano stated no one has registered for Winter Break as yet and there were 5 vendors signed up.

Romano stated that Peter Scolaro contacted him to speak on his behalf regarding the purchasing of a scoreboard for the Soccer Field. The Recreation Commission stated that Mr. Scolaro should get pricing.

Old Business:

Tree Planting – No information to date

Basketball Gates – Birchwood Park is waiting for gates and then all Parks with have locks
Replacement of Drain – No information to date

Romano stated that the television has been moved to the opposite wall of the game room. The new electrician will be contacting Donna to move the electrical box for the snack bar. Rich requested that Donna contact Brenda Huffman for her input.

New Business:

Rich requested that the Commission have a new sub-committee – Employment Search Committee. The Committee will be comprised of Bob Burke, Brenda Huffman and Bob Calabro. They will work on proposals and job descriptions as obtained from the Recreation Director.

Board of Education – Rich DeLorenzo stated that a request was made by the BOE to have the request for gym times given to them so that it could be brought up at the November 21, 2012 Board of Education meeting.

Senior Kitchen – Bob Calabro asked for an update on the renovating of the Senior Kitchen. Rich DeLorenzo stated that the kitchen is under the auspices of the Recreation Department and they will have Scott Karcz take a look at the kitchen.

Field House – Bob Calabro asked when construction will begin. Rich DeLorenzo informed Romano to have Donna reach out to EPJBL to remove all their items and cleaned out so that construction can begin.

Committee Reports:

Bob Calabro – Bob stated that the Hockey organizers met with Donna regarding the retaining walls. Bob gave a brief overview of the retaining walls. After a lengthy discussion, A motion was made by Bob Calabro to purchase 13 retaining wall pads at a height of 22 inches for a cost not to exceed \$6,200. Motion seconded by Bob Burke. All approved.

Brenda Huffman – No Report

Bob Burke – Bob will meet with Peter Scolaro regarding the soccer program and the scoreboard.

Wally Nowosielecki – No Report

Rich DeLorenzo – Basketball to date has 151 players. Uniform shirts will be ordered by 12/3/12. To date, there are only 5 sponsors and 2 booster sponsors. The High School Basketball Coaches have agreed to assist with the choosing of the travel team on November 29, 2012. Recreation Games will begin the 1st weekend in January.

Field House – Rich stated that a meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2012 with the Architect and contractor to begin gutting the building. Plans will be given at the December meeting.

English Ave – Rich will get more information from Donna regarding English Ave.

Councilman Conboy – Requested the Commission keep working on English Ave.

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

A motion was made by Bob Calabro at 9:17pm to close the Recreation Commission meeting. Motion seconded by Brenda Huffman. All Approved.