

**ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF RECREATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
June 17, 2019**

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 December 3rd, 2018.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33PM.

Board Members Present: Pettigano, Scolaro, Tommolillo, Fakhoury, Tisellano

Board Members Absent: Scarpulla, Herget

Recreation Department: Intrieri, standing in for Puglisi (A)

Council Liaison: Councilwoman Balistrieri (A)

Motion made by Scolaro to approve the Meeting Minutes from the May 20, 2019 meeting. Motion seconded by Tisellano.

	PETTIGANO	SCOLARO	SCARPULLA	TOMMOLILLO	FAKHOURY	HERGET	TISELLANO
YES	X	X	A	X		A	X
NO							
ABSTAIN					X		

Motion made by Tisellano to open the public portion of the meeting. Motion seconded by Fakhoury.

	PETTIGANO	SCOLARO	SCARPULLA	TOMMOLILLO	FAKHOURY	HERGET	TISELLANO
YES	X	X	A	X	X	A	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

Motion made by Tommolillo to close the public portion of the meeting. Motion seconded by Fakhoury.

	PETTIGANO	SCOLARO	SCARPULLA	TOMMOLILLO	FAKHOURY	HERGET	TISELLANO
YES	X	X	A	X	X	A	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

Motion made by Tommolillo to open the work portion of the meeting. Motion seconded by Fakhoury.

	PETTIGANO	SCOLARO	SCARPULLA	TOMMOLILLO	FAKHOURY	HERGET	TISELLANO
YES	X	X	A	X	X	A	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

Director's Report:

Adult Basketball League: This program is currently running smoothly and there seems to be great interest to continue it.

Crew Soccer: Our travel soccer spring season is going extremely well. Our teams are winning many games

Summer Camp: Begins on June 24th. Registration is still open. Intriери added registration is a little low.

Scolaro started a conversation about summer camp and the low number of registration. Intriери mentioned the price. Pettigano stated it has only gone up about \$25.00 since last year. Fakhoury suggested reaching out to families and ask why they chose not to come back. Tisellano suggested a survey. Tommolillo suggested a questionnaire at the end of camp for parents. Intriери stated these are all good suggestions. Fakhoury said the only complaint he has heard is the timing of camp and that it does not finish later. Intriери stated recreation does offer camp after care for a separate price. Scolaro mentioned families can get help from the state at the YMCA for their camp. He also mentioned looking into other towns to see what they charge. Pettigano suggested seeing if the department can advertise in other towns that do not offer a summer camp.

Spray Park: Registration is now open.

Fakhoury started a conversation about spray park registration. Intriери stated most pay daily for \$5.00 instead of the season pass for \$40.00. Tommolillo asked about the spray park hours and if rentals are available. Intriери stated the hours are Monday through Friday 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM and Saturday and Sunday 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Rentals are \$200.00 for two hours. Tisellano asked if the public can use the spray park during a rental time and Intriери stated yes.

Summer Soccer: 2 sessions are available for ages 6-12. Session 1 runs from July 9 – August 1. Session 2 runs from August 6 – August 22. Tuesday & Thursday 7pm – 8:30pm.

Summer Concert Series:

July 11th – Best of the Eagles

July 25th – David Cedeno Band

August 14th – Tramps Like Us

August 22nd – Big Shot

August 28th – Beatlemania

September 14th – Symphonics, Julian & Dominique, Jersey Four

Intriери added September 14th will be the recreation Food Truck Festival. The event brought in over one-thousand people.

Scolaro asked how Community Day went. Intrieri stated it was a nice event, but many people missed Little League's barbeque. Tommolillo suggested having the food truck festival and Community Day on the same day and asked if there was an entry fee for trucks. Intrieri stated there is a \$50.00 entrance fee. Tommolillo stated he has planned a food truck festival and the department should charge more. He stated these trucks have big following and will advertise where they will be. Intrieri stated Tommolillo should call Puglisi and make suggestions. Tisellano mentioned there was a lot of feedback on Facebook. He stated the biggest issue was the price of the food and that the ice cream truck came while Little League was selling ice cream. Scolaro stated the parking lot is public and the ice cream truck cannot be kicked out. Tommolillo suggested a game plan was needed and the parking lot should be closed to the public – just for emergency vehicles and EMTs. Intrieri stated the department can get permission to use St. Leo's parking lot for the event. Pettigano stated he likes the ideas, but the parking lot could also be used for extended handicap parking. Tisellano mentioned many suggested a Little League game to kick off Community Day. Pettigano suggested an antique baseball game. Scolaro suggested a flea market. Fakhoury stated the department should solicit more. Tisellano mentioned he reached out on Facebook for people to come to the public meetings. Fakhoury stated he heard a problem was turning away vendors and having them pay an entry fee to have a table. Intrieri stated he liked Tommolillo's idea of hosting the food truck festival and Community Day on the same day. Tommolillo stated the department should go big or go home. He stated have eight to ten tables for vendors, a flea market, have a car show, have the bands going, and have different trucks for different times of the day (breakfast and lunch). Intrieri stated he will talk to Puglisi. Fakhoury stated it is all about the experience and people will not mind paying if there is a lot offered to them.

Scolaro asked what times the concerts begin. Intrieri stated 7:30 PM. Tommolillo asked if the snack stand will be open. Intrieri stated a local vendor came last year. Tommolillo suggested opening it to sell beverage and snacks. Tisellano mentioned a movie night he attended at a YMCA and they offered cheap pizza, popcorn, etc. He stated contact the high school and see if students want to volunteer for it. Intrieri stated mostly the older generations come and do not buy anything. Pettigano asked if wine or if bring your own bottle was allowed. Scolaro stated it is not legal and can draw a rowdy crowd.

Scolaro mentioned parents have asked if the kids that attend camp are vaccinated. Intrieri stated the school takes care of it and the Board of Health can enforce it.

Pettigano asked if the change of hours has brought more people into the office. Andrew Alers stated is has not. Fakhoury stated it should be the law.

Pettigano stated there is still no bocce park in Garden Drive. Intrieri stated Garden Drive is still not done. Pettigano also asked about the broken window in the hut. Intrieri stated it looks like a small stone hit it and spider-webbed the glass. He stated the window has already been replaced.

Recreation Liaison Report: Councilwoman Balistrieri was absent.

Old Business:

Dugout Covers: Intrieri stated the quote was received and it will be done soon.

New Business: None.

Commissioner Reports:

Pettigano – Progress. Pettigano stated he asked all the questions he needed to and added the park system is looking good.

Scolaro – Progress.

Scarpulla –

Tommolillo – Progress.

Fakhoury – Progress.

Herget –

Tisellano – Progress. Tisellano stated everything about Community Day was already covered.

Fakhoury started a brief conversation about the fence being broken at English Ave. Intrieri stated he will look into it.

Motion made by Tommolillo to close the work portion of the meeting. Motion seconded by Fakhoury.

	PETTIGANO	SCOLARO	SCARPULLA	TOMMOLILLO	FAKHOURY	HERGET	TISELLANO
YES	X	X	A	X	X	A	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

Motion made by Scolaro to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Tisellano.

	PETTIGANO	SCOLARO	SCARPULLA	TOMMOLILLO	FAKHOURY	HERGET	TISELLANO
YES	X	X	A	X	X	A	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24PM.