

**ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF RECREATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
January 25, 2021**

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 10th, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

Board Members Present: Pettigano, Tommolillo, Fakhoury, Fava, Van Rye, Tisellano (7:46 PM)

Board Members Absent:

Recreation Department: Warren

Council Liaison: Balistreri

Motion made by Tommolillo to approve the Meeting Minutes from the February 24th, 2020 meeting.
Motion seconded by Pettigano.

	PETTIGANO	TOMMOLILLO	FAKHOURY	TISELLANO	FAVA	VAN RYE	
YES	X	X	X		X	X	
NO							
ABSTAIN							

Motion made by Tommolillo to approve the Meeting Minutes from the October 19th, 2020 meeting.
Motion seconded by Pettigano.

	PETTIGANO	TOMMOLILLO	FAKHOURY	TISELLANO	FAVA	VAN RYE	
YES	X	X	X		X	X	
NO							
ABSTAIN							

Warren stated there was no public portion of this meeting as it was held virtually on Zoom.

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

	PETTIGANO	TOMMOLILLO	FAKHOURY	TISELLANO	FAVA	VAN RYE	
YES	X	X	X		X	X	
NO							
ABSTAIN							

Director's Report:

No formal, written report was given. Warren discussed the progress on Rosemont Park. Warren also discussed the After School Program and the department's hesitation to reopen as the district has pushed back reopening again from February 2nd, 2021 to February 22nd, 2021. The department is considering hosting a mini camp on days where there is no school.

Warren mentioned his meeting with Little League and the Bombers. Renovations to the field were requested, which Warren stated he was trying to do before the spring season. He also mentioned a meeting he will be having with EP Crew and EP United regarding moving forward a whole with soccer.

Pettigano inquired about the dog park versus dog run as well as the fencing. Warren agreed the fence was too short, but it may be a lost cause, unless the board wants to move forward as it is a high price. Pettigano also inquired about the mural that was planned with Mrs. Bush. Warren stated he has not heard from Mrs. Bush. However, there is a Plan B, which includes a photo gallery wall with pictures the counselors have been taking in our program.

Fakhoury started a discussion regarding the outdoor equipment mentioned in the last meeting. Warren mentioned receiving the quote but mentioned receiving negative feedback about placing it at Cherry Hill. Pettigano added it would be nice at multiple parks. Warren mentioned pulling back on that project for now in order to move forward with the new basketball courts.

Councilwoman Balistreri inquired about the cameras for the parks. Warren stated he is working with Chief Foligno as it is more of a police project. Councilwoman Balistreri also asked about Elmwood Drive. Warren discussed plans for renting the park and moving forward for summer camp.

Pettigano started a discussion regarding activities for children that are not involved in sports.

A discussion was held regarding the Summer Concerts. Warren mentioned attempting them in person or virtually. He also mentioned his meeting with Mayor Colletti on moving forward with Community Day and the food truck festival.

Recreation Liaison Report:

Councilwoman Balistreri proposed the idea of a skate park in town. Warren discussed the liability and insurance aspect of it. Pettigano mentioned a biking day on Mola Boulevard that was done in previous years.

Tommolillo started a discussion about county owned land in town. Pettigano suggested drafting a signed letter to the Bergen County Freeholders (Bergen County Board of Commissions).

Old Business:**New Business:**

- **2021 Meeting Dates:**
 - January 25; February 22; March 15; April 19; May 17; June 21; September 20; October 18; November 15; December 13
- **Board Member Renewals**
- **Board Member Assignments:**
 - Soccer – Chakib Fakhoury
 - Softball – Dale Fava
 - Baseball – Glen Pettigano
 - Special Events – Andrew Tisellano
 - Football – Claudio Tommolillo
 - Basketball – Nolan Van Rye
- **Rosemont Park:** Covered in the Director’s Report.
- **Part-Time Maintenance/Custodian:**
 - Warren discussed ending the contract with Open Works and hiring a part-time custodian as it will be more beneficial to the department.

Commissioner Reports:

Pettigano –
 Tommolillo –
 Fakhoury –
 Tisellano –
 Fava –
 Van Rye –

No reports were given.

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

	PETTIGANO	TOMMOLILLO	FAKHOURY	TISELLANO	FAVA	VAN RYE	
YES	X	X	X	X	X	X	
NO							
ABSTAIN							

Pettigano discussed the voting of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the February meeting.

Motion made by Tommolillo to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Fakhoury.

	PETTIGANO	TOMMOLILLO	FAKHOURY	TISELLANO	FAVA	VAN RYE	
YES	X	X	X	X	X	X	
NO							
ABSTAIN							

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.