

**ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF RECREATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
February 22, 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, Tisellano, Fava, Shamah

Board Members Absent: Van Rye, Leider

Recreation Department: Warren

Council Liaison: Balistreri

Motion made by Pettigano to nominate Tommolillo as Chairperson. Motion seconded by Tisellano.

	PETTIGANO	TOMMOLILLO	TISELLANO	FAVA	VAN RYE	LEIDER	SHAMAH
YES	X	X	X	X	A	A	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

Motion made by Tommolillo to nominate Pettigano as Vice Chairperson. Motion seconded by Tisellano.

	PETTIGANO	TOMMOLILLO	TISELLANO	FAVA	VAN RYE	LEIDER	SHAMAH
YES	X	X	X	X	A	A	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

Motion made by Tommolillo to approve the Meeting Minutes from the January 25th, 2021 meeting.
Motion seconded by Pettigano.

	PETTIGANO	TOMMOLILLO	TISELLANO	FAVA	VAN RYE	LEIDER	SHAMAH
YES	X	X	X	X	A	A	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

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

	PETTIGANO	TOMMOLILLO	TISELLANO	FAVA	VAN RYE	LEIDER	SHAMAH
YES	X	X	X	X	A	A	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

Romano Intriери was in attendance, but made no comments.

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

	PETTIGANO	TOMMOLILLO	TISELLANO	FAVA	VAN RYE	LEIDER	SHAMAH
YES	X	X	X	X	A	A	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

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

	PETTIGANO	TOMMOLILLO	TISELLANO	FAVA	VAN RYE	LEIDER	SHAMAH
YES	X	X	X	X	A	A	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

Director's Report:

After School Program: Re-opening on 3/1/2021.

EP Crew Soccer:

- Registering one team for a EDP league (U14 only)
- Mileage reimbursement (B.A., CFO)
- Meeting with Council – Warren stated the meeting was involving merging the soccer clubs in town.

Parks & Playgrounds:

- Rosemont Park:
 - Decorative lighting coming soon
 - Electrical box
- Cherry Hill fence after Rosemont

Social Media:

- Facebook
- Instagram
- Virtual programming

Warren stated the department social media pages are all up to date and current.

Special Events:

- Mini-Camp
 - 23 children were registered. Warren mentioned the children were exhausted by lunch time.
- Easter Egg Hunt
 - Warren discussed some ideas for a COVID safe hunt.
- Tiger Schulmann's
 - Part of Mini Camp. The children received free gloves.

Warren started the discussion of reopening the recreation center. His goal is April 1st with following COVID-19 protocols. He mentioned Governor Murphy lessened some COVID restrictions again.

Councilwoman Balistreri inquired about the maximum capacity for the After School Program. Warren discussed being low on numbers, but progress is being made. Councilwoman Balistreri also inquired about spring sports. Warren discussed working on spring permits for soccer, softball, and little league.

Shamah inquired with Councilwoman Balistreri regarding stipends (price per kid) for Bombers and EP Little League. Warren stated he will have to meet with Foligno and the CFO regarding the price per kid. Councilwoman Balistreri said she is on board and will mention it to Foligno. Tisellano asked what the stipend is used for. Shamah explained it keeps the registration cost down and helps with equipment and uniforms.

Pettigano restarted a discussion from the previous meeting regarding cameras in the parks.

Recreation Liaison Report:

Councilwoman Balistreri apologized for the late notice for the new members. Warren will swear them in for the next meeting.

Pettigano inquired about grants. Warren said he responded for a few park renovations, including borough baseball courts, Birchwood, Gall, and borough baseball field. Councilwoman Balistreri asked for a timeline on the courts. Warren stated it is a waiting game due to the temperature outside and the weather.

Councilwoman Balistreri started a discussion about summer concerts. Warren received a list from Jim D'Amico. Tommolillo asked if there will be plan to offset some of the cost. He suggested sponsorships from local businesses.

Tommolillo asked about the previous discussion that was held regarding a skate park and county property. Warren stated he has not touched that idea yet.

Councilwoman Balistreri inquired about fingerprinting for coaches. Warren started the new procedure will go out with permits.

Tommolillo suggested larger garbage can in the parks. Shamah suggested placing advertisements on them. Shamah discussed a potential leak in the hut.

Old Business:

- **Rosemont:** Covered in Director's Report.

New Business:

- **February Mini Camp:** Covered in the Director's Report.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Covered in the Director's Report.
- **Spring Mini Camp:** Covered in the Director's Report.

Commissioner Reports:

Pettigano –
Tommolillo –
Tisellano –
Fava –
Van Rye –
Leider –
Shamah –

No reports were made.

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

	PETTIGANO	TOMMOLILLO	TISELLANO	FAVA	VAN RYE	LEIDER	SHAMAH
YES	X	X	X	X	A	A	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

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

	PETTIGANO	TOMMOLILLO	TISELLANO	FAVA	VAN RYE	LEIDER	SHAMAH
YES	X	X	X	X	A	A	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.