

PRESENT: Chairman Sam Battle, Vice Chairman John Hammond, Stacey Francis, Gina Kilgore,
Director Reardon and Secretary Tami Martinak

ABSENT: Maggie Lieux

GUESTS:

- Christa Battle

CALL TO ORDER:

SPEAKER(s):

- None

MAYOR/SAFETY SERVICE OFFICE UPDATE:

- No Representation from the Mayor/SSD Office.

APPROVAL OF CONSENTED ITEMS:

- Agenda
- Minutes from September 14, 2023 meeting
- September Financials
- John Hammond made motion to approve the Consented Items, Gina Kilgore 2nd

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

- None.

BUSINESS:

- None.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Sam Battle, brought up the need for Park Rangers! Park Board to put together a presentation to Council.

PARKS DIRECTOR REPORT

• **Issue 6 Project Update**

I am using my report this month to give an update on all of the Issue 6/CDBG projects from this year. We are working our way through the list and hope to complete most by end of the year.

- **West Park Project** – Pickleball courts need another coat and then lines painted, trail needs minor touch ups, drinking fountain needs fixed, needs replumbed. Old sump pump west of maintenance garage. Just little things need completed by October 15th.
- **Washington Village** – Minor grading needs completed
- **West Park Parking Lot** – Completed
- **North Park Parking Lot** – Completed
- **Pool Heaters** – Completed
- **A/C for West and East Rec Centers** – West is almost completed and East will begin when units arrive. Pushed back to January 2024.
- **South Park Multi-purpose field (2022 CDBG)** – Out to bid week of 9/11
- **South Park Baseball Field (2023 CDBG)** – Finishing up bid specs. Hope to have out to bid by end of October.
- **North Park Locker Room** – Met with architect about additional options. Should have those plans back in the next 2 weeks and we can make decisions once we see the cost estimates. Female locker room needed. Possible Land & Water Conservation Grant through Equity & Sports due 11/15/2024.

- **Issue 6 projects for next year 2024**

Money for maintaining items, vandalism, line item for Tree Maintenance, line item for Maintenance (picnic tables need replaced).

Sam Battle asked about the picnic tables throughout the Parks @ South. The Benches are metal.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- Nicole Edwards, Recreation Supervisor

- **Open Rec.** starts September 11, 2023. Doug Taylor, Recreation Assistant will be the onsite Coordinator. We are currently looking to offer programming to Grades 6-8 on Mondays and Wednesdays and Grades K-4 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. He will be joined by former Summer Camp Counselor Maddison Odom. Looking forward to engaging the participants with an Officer from Elyria Police Department on a weekly basis. We are hoping to encourage positive interactions with having the Officer engage in various activities for approximately 30 minutes during the Open Rec Program.
- **TAP -The Active People** – September 11, 2023 will be the first class of Tai Chi which will be held every Monday from 10am-11am at South Recreation Center. The class will be instructed by Mike Stadul who has received extensive training in Tai Chi for older adults. The class will increase mobility while limiting potential fall hazards.

- Brandon Lawler, Recreation Supervisor

- The fall season is here and we are excited because September is one of our busiest months. In this month we will launch several youth leagues, adult leagues, clinics and programs! We will also, host various events!
- The Fall Youth Flag Football and Youth Soccer Leagues were the focal points of the start of September, they were both launched successfully and families are enjoying the experiences.
- The middle of September will be reserved for the development and organization of the Youth and Adult Volleyball Leagues.
- In addition to the activation of the aforementioned leagues, we are maintaining the Adult Men's Basketball League and are proactively thinking of ways to elevate that experience, also.
- Furthermore, taking place mid-September is our special event experiences (e.g., Apple Fest 5K Race, Kidz/Teen Zone, etc.).
- At the end of this month, we will have Tennis and Soccer lessons starting. Facility rentals are beginning to get busier with birthday parties, basketball rentals, etc. This is an exciting time for our community and in Elyria Parks and Recreation!

- Kaleigh Plato, Recreation Supervisor

- The ice rink opens next month so I am busy planning the special events and getting everything ready to open. It is going to be an exciting season as I am getting many applications, some of which are people who used to be a part of our ice-skating junior instructor program so it makes me happy that that program is fulfilling its purpose of supplying us with qualified employees once they are of age! Fingers crossed opening goes as planned!
- We are also running a coed adult softball league which will begin this week. In addition, our dodgeball open gym begins this week and we have had a lot of people express interest in this.
- Looking forward to this fall and winter season!

EXECUTIVE SESSION: n/a

Next meeting will be Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 4pm at the North Park Sports Complex (Ice Rink) (subject to change).

ADJOURNMENT:



Parks Board Chairman



Parks Director



Secretary