

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

ABSENT: Stacey Francis & Maggie Lieux

GUESTS:

- Aric Bowens & Asst. Safety Service Director Tim Williams

CALL TO ORDER:

SPEAKER(s):

- Aric Bowens; Ball Baseball/T-ball Clinics; Nov. 17, Dec. 1 & Dec. 15. Winter Clinic, January 5th at South Rec.; Open Skills Clinic, March 29th 6-9pm. FREE to all kids. Asking that the fees be waived for the Winter Clinic, January 5th -March 29th.
 - Gina Kilgore made motion to allow Elyria Baseball to use South Gyn for their Winter Skills Clinic from January 5th – March 29th from 6-8pm. John Hammond 2nd.

MOTION CARRIED

MAYOR/SAFETY SERVICE OFFICE UPDATE:

- Tim Williams, Asst. Safety-Service Director. Spoke on grant work to help pay for services, 2nd Baptist Church and Elyria Baseball received.

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:

- Land Donation from Bill Forthofer. Owns 4 parcels along the West Park Ballfields area (see attached). Once Park Board would accept the land, it would go to City Council for final approval.
 - Gina Kilgore made motion to accept the donation of land from Bill Forthofer. John Hammond 2nd.

MOTION CARRIED

GENERAL INFORMATION:

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PARKS DIRECTOR REPORT

- **CDBG Funds** – Applied for the CDBG Funds again this year. Hoping that with these funds we can complete the “Pocket Park” project, \$150,000 (\$190,000 total). The other applications are for programs that we currently run: TAP, Summer Camps, and Open Recreation Program.
- Possibility of funding programs from ARPA instead of CDBG, if approved by Council. The CDBG monies would be used to fund other organizations for 2024 per Administration. Verbally assured our programs would be funded if this was to happen.
- LWCF Grant for Women’s Locker Room at the Ice Rink. 50/50 Grant due November 15th. Went to Council for approval.
- Need works for Holiday at Finwood. The hours would be 5:30-9:30pm, December 1-22. If you know of anyone, please have them contact the office.
- Gina Kilgore made motion to accept the Directors Report, John Hammond 2nd,

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SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- Nicole Edwards, Recreation Supervisor
 - **Finwood** – Decorations have been purchased and assembly has begun to transform for the holiday season.
 - **Open Rec.** – Grades 6-8 have constantly showing up with 12-20 kids on Mondays & Wednesdays. Officer Szymanski stopped by on 10/4/23 to interact with the participants. Unfortunately, he doesn't play basketball and is recovering from being sick so he wasn't able to engage. We currently have 3 Grade K-4 participants who are coming regularly on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Hoping to interest more with the help of Eastern Heights Elementary Administrative Staff.
 - **TAP -The Active People** – This group is dedicated and show up consistently for the programs offered. They support each other and welcome new participants eagerly.
- Brandon Lawler, Recreation Supervisor
 - Fall is in full swing and we are enjoying the community engagement through our programming. Our goal is to engage community families in relevant ways and provide them with recreational programs that encourage safety, excitement, participation, creativity and growth. While we have our sports programs that are formulaic in presentation and expected by community residents, I typically use this time of the year to explore/add new programs. Below is a list of brand-new programs that will be offered this October:
 - *E-Sports: Super Mario Experience*
 - *3-4-year-old Youth Basketball League*
 - *Ready. Set. Go. Running Program*
 - *Open Pickle Ball*
 - *Teen Night – Fall Edition*
 - In addition to the aforementioned programs, we are also hosting Youth Basketball Leagues, Youth Volleyball Leagues, Adult Volleyball Leagues, Adult Volleyball Open Gym, Youth Soccer, Tennis and Basketball Lessons. We are deeply thankful to be able to serve the community and we are excited to offer excellent experiences!
- Kaleigh Plato, Recreation Supervisor
 - The ice rink opens tomorrow! The ice is looking great and we are excited to get this season rolling. We have many returning staff and a lot of new staff coming on board.
 - Our dodgeball youth clinic is getting good comments and is popular. We are excited to end this clinic in the next couple of weeks with a glow in the dark game to wrap it up! Finally, coed adult softball has a few more weeks and that is going well as well.
 - Looking forward to this fall and winter season.
 - 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: n/a

Next meeting will be Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 4pm at the Parks Conference Room (subject to change).

ADJOURNMENT:


Parks Board Chairman


Parks Director


Secretary