

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

ABSENT:

GUESTS:

- Councilman Brad Armstrong, Kyle McHugh, Brooke Shanks.

CALL TO ORDER:

SPEAKER(s):

- Kristen Thacker has COVID. Was to speak. Carrie brought up on her behalf. She has non-profit for her son. Would like to have the Trunk or Treat Event, same as last year. Date has been held. Stacey Francis moved to allow Kristen Thacker to hold her event, Trunk or Treat at the West Rec Center Parking Lot on October 27th and to waive the fees, Gina Kilgore 2nd.

MOTION CARRIED

MAYOR/SAFETY SERVICE OFFICE UPDATE:

- No report – Keep up the good work.

APPROVAL OF CONSENTED ITEMS:

- Agenda
- Minutes from September 12, 2024
- September 2024 Financials
- Gina Kilgore made motion to approve the Consented Items, John Hammond 2nd

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

- None.

BUSINESS:

- None.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Councilman Brad Armstrong brought up motorized vehicles on the trail. Parks Director Reardon will reach out to Captain Walsh at EPD.

PARKS DIRECTOR REPORT

- **Department Staffing Changes**

We have hired a new Recreation Assistant – Eric Kosky. He will start on October 15th. We have also filled a Service Worker position, internally and are hoping to fill the Laborer position soon. Now has been filled by a part-timer.

- **Police Event @ South Rec.**

The Elyria Police Department will be holding a holiday event at South Rec on December 12th. This event will be in conjunction with Save Our Children. They plan to serve 100 students. They will be providing a gift, pizza, dessert and drink. Time yet to be determined.

- **North Park Ice Arena**

The rink is open. The weather did not cooperate on our original paint day, but we were able to move it by a few days and get it completed. We are full – the ice is pretty much rented (outside of day time hours Monday – Friday) until the beginning of March. We will be very busy. Open Skates and Learn to Skate Lessons will begin in November.

- **ODNR – East Park**

We had an ODNR representative out at East Park on 10/2. He was able to walk the trail and explain how/why they recommend what trees should come down. He was very pleased with the re-growth that we have out there. He did not seem to think that we needed to be concerned about planting new trees. I am awaiting his written report for additional information and specific trees to be removed. Three trees need removed. The ones that are down are ok, let's more light in. Plant trees in different locations.

- John Hammond has explained to a couple of people to not ride their motor vehicle on the East Trail due to damage that they can cause. Seen them on Saturday & Sunday.
- Sam Battle mentioned this is another reason for the need of Park Rangers.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- **Nicole Edwards, Recreation Supervisor**

- **Open Rec** – We currently have 41 Middle School participants and 9 k-4 participants. The program is being supervised by Sybil Roseboro & Zainab Saeed.
- **TAP (The Active People)** – The program is highly attended and all the participants are engaged.

- **Brandon Lawler, Recreation Supervisor**

- After successfully presenting a weekend of special events at the Apple Festival, we were thankful to receive complements in person at the conclusion of the events as well as compliments through email. Participants and spectators were thrilled with the organizational details, punctuality and the professional yet personable experience from staff! First, Elyria Parks and Recreation offered the first ever *Pickleball Doubles Tournament!* The family friendly environment concluded with an exciting championship game that had long, exciting volleys that were met with cheers from over 40 spectators after every point!
- The following morning was the Annual Apple Festival 5k Race and Family Walk. As the weather was nice and cool on a sunny morning, runners and families enjoyed a scenic view through the beautiful neighborhood on Washington Ave and throughout the Cascade Metro Park.
- As for our current ongoing fall programs; Youth and Adult Volleyball Leagues, Youth and Adult Volleyball Open Gym, Youth Soccer Leagues, Youth Flag Football Leagues, Tennis, Soccer and Basketball lessons, Open Pickleball and the E-Sports program are all running smoothly. We are deeply thankful to be able to serve the community and we are excited to offer excellent experiences!



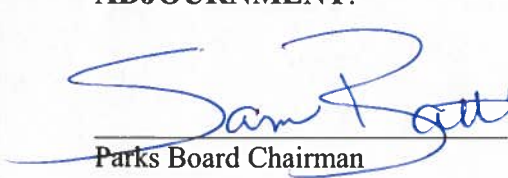


- **Kaleigh Plato, Recreation Supervisor**
 - No report

EXECUTIVE SESSION: n/a

Next meeting will be Thursday, November 14, 2024 at the Parks Conference Room, City Hall (subject to change).

ADJOURNMENT:


Parks Board Chairman


Parks Director


Secretary