

PRESENT: Chairman Sam Battle, John Hammond, Maggie Lieux, Cieria Ramon, Mark Craig, Parks Director Reardon, and Secretary Tami Martinak.

ABSENT: Stacey Francis

GUESTS:

- Melissa Platten

CALL TO ORDER:

SPEAKER(s):

- Melissa Platten, Hive Yoga with L.C. Rising partnering w/Hands Off. Monthly meditation. Yoga with 10 minutes of education. Saturday Afternoons around 2pm. June, July, August, September, October (?). Would like to start June/July. Open to the public, all levels accepted. Use area near the Gazebo. Need liability insurance.
 - John Hammond made motion with insurance pending would allow Melissa Platten to host the L.C. Rising Hive Yoga to use the Gazebo area starting in June for one year. Maggie Lieux 2nd.

MOTION CARRIED

MAYOR/SAFETY SERVICE OFFICE UPDATE:

- No report

APPROVAL OF CONSENTED ITEMS:

- Agenda
- Minutes from March 13, 2025
- March 2025 Financials
- Approved 2025 Budget
- Minutes from April 14th Special meeting
- April 2025 Financials
- Maggie Lieux motion to approve the Consented Items, Cieria Ramon 2nd

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Midview East Intermediate School Student Council members would like to thank the Park Board for their donation of ice time for their Family Kate night fundraiser.

BUSINESS:

- Maggie Lieux made motion to waive the fees for ballfield & light usage by Elyria Youth Sports Club for the 2025 season. Cieria Ramon 2nd.
- Ask organizations to help out with Lorain County Beautiful Day, when fees are waived.

MOTION CARRIED

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- None

PARKS DIRECTOR REPORT

- **Recreation Supervisor**
Nicole resigned and went to Strongsville to head up their Senior program. We have started the interview process to fill our vacant Recreation Supervisor roll and hope to have someone in that role by June 2nd at the latest. Nicole contacted the City and would like to come back. Not happy in that position she had taken. If she would come back, responsibilities would change. Need to meet again with the Safety Service Director and HR and speak to Nicole before a decision would be made.

- **Spring Clean up**

Our maintenance staff has been very busy getting the parks cleaned up and ready for our busy Summer season. We have some staff that have not been through a Spring/Summer season yet so we look forward to getting them up to speed on all that we do. They have been doing great work so far. Had 132 plants for the Square and LC Solid Waste plants & clean up at the Riverwalk.

- **Projects**

Work on the North Park roof/siding will begin soon. East Pool was painted. We will be finishing the parking lot at West Park soon. Staff has been busy finishing up some of our smaller projects that make a big difference in our programs and facilities.

- Issue 6 passed.
- Check into a possible fence near the Basketball Courts at East Rec. May not stop the balls, but could slow the child down. Possible 2 poles w/netting or maybe an orange fence. Signs. Director Reardon will check into.
- John Hammond made motion to accept the Parks Director's Report, Cieria Ramon 2nd

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SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- **Brandon Lawler, Recreation Supervisor**

- With a smooth launch to our spring programs, we are now getting ready for the summer!
- The Spring Youth Soccer leagues, Spring Youth Volleyball leagues, Spring Adult Volleyball Leagues and the Volleyball Open Gyms are at West Park and running smoothly! Our Spring Youth Basketball League and Pickleball Open Gyms are still being enjoyed at East Recreation Center. Our Youth Tennis program, along with Mini Pioneers' youth football and Champion Force Cheer program are being held at South. Spring T-ball is back as well and is scheduled to start next week at North!
- Now it's time to prepare for the summer programs, leagues, clinics and events. Making an exciting return for the summer are our clinics. The Golf, Pickleball, E-Sports, Basketball, Cheer, Soccer and Volleyball Clinics are filling up fast, with some already filled. I believe our community enjoy these clinics because they are a one-week commitment, specific to their favorite sport and are jampacked with fun and creative ways to teach and engage the participants.
- Furthermore, the Mobile Rec will arrive in June! We are going to engage with our community in a very unique way through the Mobile Rec program. With this program we will be able to bring programs, activities and events to parks around Elyria to meet community residents at local parks. For example, we will be doing Art in the Park, games and challenges, walking trail activities, obstacle courses, scavenger hunts, organized sport competitions and so much more! We are also partnering with the Elyria Summer Feeding program to distribute free lunches to youth community residents enjoying the parks during Mobile Rec hours. In addition to the Mobile Rec, we are preparing for Teen Night to return! This popular program has been successful in the past and will provide teenagers a safe space to enjoy socializing and engaging in teen specific activities every Friday.
- We are also currently preparing for the basketball activities at West Park for the 4th of July celebration, summer soccer leagues, Summer T-Ball and Youth Baseball League.
- As always, this is an exciting time in Elyria Parks & Recs!

- **Kaleigh Plato, Recreation Supervisor**

- Pool planning is underway. We have a good number of lifeguards and staff this season and I am hopeful if they all pass the LGI we may be able to open both pools daily by mid-June. We are going to start deep cleaning and setting up both pools the next two weeks and finish planning the season before we really get started.

- I just finished another CPR class for EPRD staff and camp counselors. We will set another date in the near future. Our goal is to have most of our managers, facility staff, and supervisor's CPR trained before the end of the summer.
- Adult softball is open for registration, but numbers are very low. We are brainstorming how to adjust this and increase registration for the summer league.
- Roller hockey will be coming to the rink this summer. We are opening it up one night a week to a group of players who expressed interested in it. We will run it and see how it goes, before deciding if we do more with the program.
- This week I was able to attend two OPRA conferences. Always grateful to be able to go and learn from other people and apply it to my job here.
- Looking forward to sunshine and warmer weather.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: n/a

Next meeting will be Thursday, June 12, 2025 at the South Recreation Center Meeting Room.
(subject to change).

ADJOURNMENT:


Parks Board Chairman


Parks Director


Secretary