

PRESENT: Chairman Sam Battle, John Hammond, Cieria Ramon, Mark Craig, and Parks Director Reardon.

ABSENT: Stacey Francis, Maggie Lieux, Tami Martinak

GUESTS:

- None

CALL TO ORDER:

SPEAKER(s):

- None

MAYOR/SAFETY SERVICE OFFICE UPDATE:

- No report

APPROVAL OF CONSENTED ITEMS:

- Agenda
- Minutes from May 8, 2025
- May 2025 Financials
- John Hammond made motion to approve the Consented Items, Cieria Ramon 2nd

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

- None

BUSINESS:

- None

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- None

PARKS DIRECTOR REPORT

- 2 Laborer positions should be posted soon. Will not ask for addition positions in 2026 Budget
- Budget is open for requests.
- Not big capital projects for 2026 – will be saving money for upcoming pool projects.
- Talked about fan that was purchased for the Ice Rink.
- Ice Rink opening October 3rd; painting ice on 9/23/25.
- Mr. Battle asked about Cemetery, would like a small update.
- Mr. Battle mentioned that we should reach out to UH about the money that they have to put back into the community.
- Mr. Battle – need more personal letters for sponsorships, missing out on the smaller companies.
- Mr. Battle – SSD came to talk about Cell Towers. He doesn't want the Parks to be forgotten about if that moves forward.
- John Hammond made motion to accept the Parks Director's Report, Cieria Ramon 2nd

MOTION CARRIED

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- Nicole Edwards, Recreation Supervisor
 - TAP-The Active People
 - Participants are just returning from a two-week break. This time is used for any maintenance of our recreation centers.

- **Updates**
 - As the new school year starts, I have been attending various Open Houses and Club/Service Fairs distributing Parks & Recreation event flyers. It's a great opportunity to engage with families with questions about our various programs that may fit their family needs.
 - We have consistent rental usage of our Recreation Centers by members of the Community.
- **Brandon Lawler, Recreation Supervisor**
 - The fall season is here and we are excited to offer fall programs to our community! In this month we will launch several youth leagues, adult leagues, clinics and Apple Festival events! Our Fall Youth Flag Football and Youth Soccer Leagues had successful orientation days this past Saturday. In the middle of this month we will begin the Youth and Adult Volleyball Leagues. In addition to the aforementioned leagues, we are offering Youth Tennis, Soccer and Basketball clinics.
 - As the Apple Festival quickly approaches, we are preparing to offer the annual Apple Fest 5K Race! We are also hosting the 2nd Annual Apple Fest Pickleball Tournament!
 - Lastly, our Open Rec Program is starting and we have wonderful ideas that will enhance the experience for all of the participants. This is an exciting time for our community and in Elyria Parks and Recreation! We are thrilled to serve our community!
- **Kaleigh Plato, Recreation Supervisor**
 - I am getting things ready for both the ice rink and Finwood. We are holding interviews and getting the facilities all set up for the upcoming season. For the ice rink we have skate with sully from the Cleveland monsters, Skate with Santa, and DJ nights at the rink all returning. We also plan to hold an APL and canned food drive throughout the season. Our ice calendar is full with rentals and it will be a busy season for sure.
 - Finwood will again have businesses and organizations coming in to decorate rooms. We will have Santa on site to interact with the kids every night we are open, and we will also have the photo booth set up as well.
 - Looking forward to a busy fall and winter season!

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- John Hammond made motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose to discuss real estate, Cieria Ramon 2nd, **MOTION CARRIED.** Sam Battle agreed, John Hammond agreed, Cieria Ramon agreed.
- Cieria Ramon made motion to end Executive Session on the discussion of real estate, John Hammond 2nd, **MOTION CARRIED.** Sam Battle agreed, John Hammond agreed, Cieria Ramon agreed.

John Hammond made motion allow request to move forward with more info to follow, Cieria Ramon 2nd.
MOTION CARRIED

Next meeting will be Thursday, October 9th, 2025 at the North Park Sports Complex.
 (subject to change).

ADJOURNMENT:


 Parks Board Chairman


 Parks Director


 Secretary