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ELYRIA PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA

Thursday, February 12, 2026

West Rec Center @ 4:30 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

SPEAKING GUESTS

- Stephen Gettis – 2026 Basketball Camps/Clinics
- Vaughn Sprinkle, Elyria Mini Pioneers – Donation of gym time again.
Beginning Monday, March 16 thru June 8, 2026

APPROVAL OF CONSENTED ITEMS:

- Agenda
- Minutes from December 11, 2025 meeting
- December 2024 Financials
- January – No Quorum

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Midview East Student Council Group. Once again asking for a donation of 2 hours of ice time on March 4, 2026. This would support a fundraiser for their student-led group. This has been very successful in the past.

BUSINESS

- Election of Board Chairman, Vice Chairman & Secretary for 2065
(election to be held by Parks Director Carrie Reardon)
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GENERAL INFORMATION

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PARKS & REC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- Nicole Edwards
- Brandon Lawler
- Kaleigh Plato

EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed)

ADJOURNMENT

**Next meeting scheduled for March 12th will be at the
Finwood Estate.**

PRESENT:

GUEST:

Meeting canceled – No Quorum

Next meeting will be Thursday, February 12, 2026 at West Recreation Center
(subject to change).

ADJOURNMENT:

Parks Board Chairman

Parks Director

Secretary



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Allison Hohla • Principal

January 6, 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of our East Student Council group. We are requesting once again a donation of 2 hours of ice skate rental on March 4, 2026. The donation of the rental would support a fundraiser for our student-led group.

The donation of the ice rink has made for a successful fundraiser in the past. Many of our students reside in Elyria, and we are hoping to partner with Elyria Parks and Recreation once again to host our "East Family Skate Night". This fundraiser is for fifth and sixth grade students and their immediate families. This event has proven to be an all around positive experience, with families enjoying recreational time within their community.

Our families would bring their own money for skate rentals and concessions, and we would promote the event in our community. We believe this event would encourage, increase student participation in recreational activities, and highlight what a valuable resource the Elyria Parks and Recreation is to our families.

We would be grateful for your consideration of this request and are happy to provide any additional information you may need. Thank you for all you do to support youth and families in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tammy Hammond". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of the first name being a large, stylized 'T'.

Tammy Hammond

Midview East Student Council Advisor

PARK BOARD REPORT February 2026 Carrie Reardon – Director

West Park Playground

We are hoping to start the install for the new playground in Mid-March. This will be weather dependent but it looks like we will demo the old playground the first week of March and they will start the install the week after.

Warming Shelter

I want to give a huge shout out to the Parks and Recreation staff and their help in the warming shelters that we have had this year. They have gone above and beyond for those who have needed it. This is outside of their day to day responsibilities and job descriptions. They are true champions for this community.

Ensure They Shine Event

We are partnering with Lorain County Children and Families First Council for a new event this year. They were able to secure a grant to offer this free community event and we are excited to be a part of it. It will be held on Saturday April 25th at North Rec. Further details to follow.

Park Board Report

Nicole Edwards

Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 28th at North Park Ice Arena.

Safety Town

Applications are now available online for Volunteers. Registration will begin on March 30th.

Summer Concerts

Thursdays Summer Concerts are all scheduled.

Park Board Report

February 9th, 2026

The recreation centers on Saturday mornings are packed with youth sports. Our youth basketball leagues and clinics are bringing excitement to our city at East and South Recreation Centers. Two leagues (ages 5-6 and 7-9) are being held at South Rec Center and one league (ages 10 – 12) is at East Rec Center. Also, we currently offering a 13 – 16-year-old clinic at East Rec immediately following games. In addition to the aforementioned programs, we have soccer clinics and basketball clinics at South Rec on Monday evenings and a 3-4-year-old youth basketball program at South Rec on Tuesdays. Over at West Recreation Center, we are offering a Youth Volleyball Clinic that is generating excitement for the upcoming Youth Volleyball League which begins this weekend. We have over 190 participants registered to play this Winter in the Youth Volleyball League! Continuing with volleyball, our Adult Volleyball League is operating very well and is always appreciated by the participants. We offer open volleyball on Friday evenings for our communities' youth and an open volleyball for the adults on Saturday evenings. Monday and Wednesday evenings, we offer Open Pickleball! Lastly, our Open Rec Program is running well. Kids look forward to safe, organized environment to enjoy after school engagement and activities. As we transition into spring and summer programs, we are excited to continue to offer excellent experiences to our community residents. As always, this is an exciting time in Parks and Recs!

Brandon Lawler

Parks and Recreation Supervisor

Elyria Parks & Recreation Department
Board Report
February 2026

To: Parks & Recreation Board
From: Kaleigh Plato, Recreation Supervisor

We just returned from the OPRA Conference at Kalahari and its always a good time and a great way to learn new things, get new ideas, and become inspired again. Thankful to be able to attend.

I am wrapping up the ice rink season and we will close in March which always makes me sad, but it'll be time for pool season before we know it.

Busy planning summer events at the pool including donation drives, pool parties, swim team, lessons, and a new parent and tot swim time that will be made available on Fridays at east pool in the morning. I would love to provide a time for parents and small children to have safe and calm space in the pool. I also need to renew two of my licenses this season for lifeguarding and lifeguard instructor.

Finally, I am holding a few rounds of CPR classes for our employees. Some who have never had the certification before and some who need it renewed. I find joy in being able to help train people to become ready in any situation to help our participants.

Thank you,
Kaleigh Hernandez
Recreation Supervisor