

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

ABSENT:

GUESTS:

- Mayor Kevin Brubaker, Gus Green, LaTaunya Conley, Desiree Volney, Libby Rigo

CALL TO ORDER:

SPEAKER(s):

- Desiree Volney, President Midview Hockey Boosters. Alumni Game Fundraiser on March 7th. Would like 3 hours of Ice donated for the fundraiser. Made about \$3000 last year. Will have a team next season.
 - Maggie Lieux made motion to donate 3 hours of Ice Time for the Midview Alumni game Fundraiser. John Hammond 2nd.

MOTION CARRIED

- LaTaunya Conley. Annual Meeting with Business Expo, February 21st. Would like to use South Recreation Center & Gym for their Business Expo. South is unavailable. East Recreation Center is available. Community Event. Using social media & out reach to attend, open to the public. Has been virtual since 2019.
 - John Hammond made motion to waive the fees for the Elyria Club of Negro Business and Professional Women's to host their Annual Entrepreneurs Workshop and meeting at East Recreation Center on February 21, 2026 from 11am-3pm. Maggie Lieux 2nd.

MOTION CARRIED

- Big Brothers Big Sisters would like to host an event at the North Park Ice Arena for their clients. Looking to have 50-75 in attendance. Would prefer an evening open skate or on a weekend sometime between January-March 2026. BBBSLC will provide hot chocolate and a treat. In exchange for providing the free skate the Elyria Parks will be provided with recognition on their website, weekly social media, signage and opportunity to offer Elyria Parks & Recreation information at BBBSLS headquarters.
 - John Hammond made motion to allow the ice time to be donated, date between 1/01-3/15/2026 with more specific details to be set by the Parks Director. Cieria Ramon 2nd.

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- Gus Green is a 19yr old trained coach, runs camps. Owns his own business, Hop Tech. Holding a basketball camp at South Recreation and is charging for the camp on December 21-23 for up to 40 participants. "Gus Academy". Basketball skills for 6-8 grade, boys only and girls only camp. Has staffing to help, all with first aide training. Has insurance, working with Aric Bowens for those in need.
 - Cieria Ramon made motion to allow Gus Academy to charge the fee for his basketball camp. Maggie Lieux 2nd.

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MAYOR/SAFETY SERVICE OFFICE UPDATE:

- Mayor Brubaker spoke on the energy saving light program that the City has. Commended the Park Board for their service. Park Board appreciates the Mayor and the City's support of the Parks.

APPROVAL OF CONSENTED ITEMS:

- Agenda
- Minutes from October 9, 2025

- Minutes from November 13, 2025 (No Quorum)
- October 2025 & November 2025 Financials
- Maggie Lieux made motion to approve the Consented Items, Cieria Ramon 2nd

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CORRESPONDENCE:

- Council Clerk’s office, asking for 2026 Calendar of Meeting Dates.

BUSINESS:

- Discussion on moving starting time to 4:30pm. John Hammond made motion to approve the 2026 Meeting Calendar with the correction of starting at 4:30pm, Stacey Francis 2nd.

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

- None

PARKS DIRECTOR REPORT

2026 Projects: The following is what we hope to accomplish in 2025/2026:

- West Park Playground - Near Rec. Center – Grant was awarded. Waiting on contracts to be executed. Should be completed by July 4th.
- Pocket Park – Grant awarded. Do not have executed Grant Agreement. Working on Bid Specs now.
- Adding fencing at Bell Ave Tot Lot
- Adding shade at East Park playground
- Purchase new Zamboni
- Setting money aside for future pool renovations
 - We have a grant application submitted for North Pool and we will be requesting State Capital dollars for East Park pool.

This will all be dependent on Council passing our budget but this is the requests that were submitted.

2025 Recap

We served over 3,700 participants in more than 370 programs this year.

- Stacey Francis made motion to accept Director’s Report. Cieria Ramon 2nd.

MOTION CARRIED

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

- **Nicole Edwards, Recreation Supervisor**
 - **HAPPY HOLIDAYS**
 - Crazy to believe that we are in the last month of the year and gearing up for the 2026 season of activities.
 - The TAP participants have been busy planning fun holiday get togethers prior to the start of their winter break beginning December 24th. They will tour the Finwood Estate on December 11th in their Christmas PJ’s.
 - Requests are consistent for the use of our facilities and we have gained Alex Moore, Amber Travis, David Travis, Hannah Rishel and Judy Keys joining us a Facility Managers.
- **Brandon Lawler, Recreation Supervisor**
 - With the conclusion of our fall programs and transitioning into winter, we are ready for a surge of programs that are safe, fun and filled with learning opportunities. It is exciting to witness our community families enjoy our local leagues, clinics, programs and events.
 - The adult volleyball league is entering the last week of the season which includes a tournament that will crown a champion for each league. The community residents who enjoy participating in volleyball are thankful to continue the activity through “Open Volleyball” to remain active until our next league starts in January.

- Speaking of open gym activities, our Open Pickleball at East Recreation Center remains a community favorite!
 - Also, our current youth basketball leagues (3-4; 5-6; and 7-9) are running smooth as well. We are also finalizing details to begin our 10-12 and 13-16 youth basketball leagues next week. In addition to the Youth and Adult Leagues, we have had successful conclusions to basketball and soccer skills clinics!
 - Lastly, our Open Rec Program is a safe and fun environment that elementary students and middle school students can attend after school. We are currently working on a curriculum that will create life-long memories for the participants. As always, this is an exciting in Parks and Recreations!
- **Kaleigh Plato, Recreation Supervisor**
 - Finwood is officially open and running for the season. We are excited to have the new Finwood trail open for people to explore and walk through. The organizations who decorated the rooms did such a great job and we are already getting great feedback. We will have the Elyria High Madrigals out to perform as well as the Elyria Apple Festival Queen, Achieve Credit Union, and some locals coming to volunteer throughout the season. Looking forward to helping spread the holiday cheer through Finwood!
 - The ice rink is going well with session 1 of learn to skate lessons coming to an end in the next few weeks. We also have Skate with Santa, DJ night, and Ugly Sweater Skate coming up this month. Our rink is busy 7 days a week open to close and we love it! We will be trialing a new pond hockey for children on Thursdays and are looking into adding another day for an adult open skate during the week.
 - Homeschool open gym is running three days a week and the kids are loving it. We get a great group of kids coming each week and we are seeing the enjoyment from them to be there.
 - Hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season!

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- none

Next meeting will be Thursday, January 8, 2026 at South Recreation Center.
(subject to change).

ADJOURNMENT:



Parks Board Chairman



Parks Director



Secretary