

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

ABSENT: John Hammond & Gina Kilgore

GUESTS:

- ECP Heather Campbell, ECP

CALL TO ORDER:

SPEAKER(s):

- Heather Campbell from ECP thanked everyone for their support in 2024. Requesting the use of the Ely Square for 2025. July 17th – 3rd Thursday Concert; July 26 – Dining Under the Stars; August 21st – Reserve, event unsure yet. No September, October, November, December dates at this time. First Holiday Open House, December 14th (on WEOL 11-12:30), also at 3pm will be present the 10' fresh cut Remembrance Tree in Ely Square.
 - Maggie Lieux made motion to allow ECP to use Ely Square on July 17, July 26, and August 21, 2025 for their events, Stacey Francis 2nd. **MOTION CARRIED**
- Desiree Volney is asking for permission to hold a fundraiser at North Ice Arena for Midview Hockey and the ice time to be donated. Bringing back Midview Hockey (ended in 2019). She presented at November Park Board Meeting.
 - Stacey Francis made motion to allow one hour of ice time at no charge for the Midview Hockey Fundraiser. Maggie Lieux 2nd. **MOTION CARRIED**
- Stephen Gettis, unable to attend. Would like fees waived for Elite Shot to host the Rising Stars Basketball Camp at South Recreation Center on 12/21/2024 from 9am-11am. This is for students ages K-4th grade, approx. 15-20 students.
 - Maggie Lieux made motion to allow Elite Shot to use the South Recreation Center on 12/21/2024 from 9am-11am, fees waived and pending approval of insurance. Stacey Frances 2nd. **MOTION CARRIED**

MAYOR/SAFETY SERVICE OFFICE UPDATE:

- No report

APPROVAL OF CONSENTED ITEMS:

- Agenda
- Minutes from October 10, 2024
- October 2024 Financials
- No November 2024 Minutes (no quorum)
- November 2024 Financials
- Maggie Lieux made motion to approve the Consented Items, Stacey Francis 2nd. **MOTION CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Clerk of Council requested the 2025 Calendar of Meeting dates.

BUSINESS:

- Need to approve the 2025 Park Board Calendar
 - Stacey Francis made motion to approve the 2025 Calendar, Maggie Lieux 2nd. **MOTION CARRIED**

GENERAL INFORMATION:

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PARKS DIRECTOR REPORT

Fees:

I think we need to raise fees for 2025. I will be bringing this up to the Administration to get their feedback also. Nothing needs to go to Council as we have approved fees already in place. I think it will be around 7-10% for most things and a little higher for the ice rental.

2025 Projects

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

- West Park Playground - Near Rec. Center (grant)
- Roof and Siding at Rink
- Pool Renovation Design/Cost Estimates – this will be a study to help us determine what needs to be done the current pools to ensure use for another 10-15 years.
- Security Cameras - Upgrading cameras at parks/facilities
- North Park Girls' Locker room/Rink Storage (out to bid, opening 2nd week of January)
- Pocket Park
- West Park Trail completion (near Oakwood)

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

2024 Recap:

We served over 4,000 participants in more than 360 programs this year. We had 14 concerts, 1 Fireworks event and collaborated with many other events this year. We are ready for 2025!

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- **Nicole Edwards**, Recreation Supervisor
 - No report, off on medical

- **Brandon Lawler**, Recreation Supervisor
 - It is amazing to experience our community's enjoyment while participating in leagues, clinics, programs and events. During this season, some programs are ending around the same time that other programs are beginning. For example, 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 is a community favorite!
 - All of our Youth Basketball Leagues are running smooth as well. In addition to the Youth and Adult Leagues, we have had successful conclusions to basketball and soccer skills clinics.
 - Lastly, we are experiencing a busy time in facility usage! Community residents and organizations are renting the facilities more often around this time of year and we are glad to host them. As always, this is an exciting in Parks and Recreations!

- **Kaleigh Plato, Recreation Supervisor**

- I just got back from maternity leave and the ice rink is in full swing. Thank you to director Reardon for all her help getting the season started.
- We are fully staffed with a lot of great employees. Our learn to skate program session 1 is wrapping up next week and session 2 will begin in January after the holidays. We have a lot of fun events coming up at the ice rink including Dj nights, Skate with Santa, Ugly Sweater Skate, and Skate with Sully from the Cleveland Monsters. We also just finished our canned food donation drive for The Blessing House at the rink and will begin an APL drive after the holidays.
- I was able to assist with some of Finwood Estates this season and we are open and ready for people to walk through. I am also helping with Festival of Lights this upcoming weekend so we have been busy getting ready for that event. We also decorated our office here at city hall to participate in the holiday decoration competition and it looks great!
- Homeschool open gym is running three times a week and we get a decent showing with families coming to enjoy structured activity and free play.
- I am working on setting up a CPR/First Aid/ AED course for our employees either at the end of the year or beginning of next year.
- This winter season is my favorite with all the activities I oversee. Very busy, but enjoyable.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: n/a

Next meeting will be Thursday, January 9, 2024 at the South Recreation Center Meeting Room.
(subject to change).

ADJOURNMENT:



Parks Board Chairman



Parks Director



Secretary