

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

**ABSENT:**

**GUESTS:**

- Phil White, Daniel Maddock, and Brad Armstrong.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**SPEAKER(s):**

- Phil White, 10u Softball out of Amherst. Asking for fees to be waived for the use of West Ballfield. Team of 11 girls/9 from Elyria. They raise their own money that helps with fees and equipment. Annual Dinner Fundraiser (in September), raised about \$5000 last year. Also had raffles, Nite at the Races, Candy sales. Need West Ballfield for 8 home games. They also participate in tournaments, have 4 planned.
  - Maggie Lieux made motion to allow the West Softball fees to be waived for Mr. Phil White 10u team. Cieria Ramon 2<sup>nd</sup>. **MOTION CARRIED**
- Daniel Maddock, Astronomy. Would like a 20/30 concrete pad to set up Telescopes, paved walkway with electric access would be nice by optional. The availability to adjust the lights, if possible. Would require a permit from the Parks Office. Waiver for after dark access. Register on website with Police access to who is there. Individual Clubs, groups, Black River Astronomy. See map for potential locations. Prefer Location "A" at West Park. "Elyria Star Park" Other cities offer locations to set up telescopes. Some clubs require memberships. Need to check with Law Department and liability issues.
- Brad Armstrong, asking for the fees to be waived to use South Rec Center for his Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 19 from 10am-3:30pm. Had 178 participants, 12,000 eggs, pizza party last year.
  - John Hammond made motion to waive the fees to use of South Rec Center for Mr. Armstrong's Easter Egg Hunt. Center must be cleaned up properly before leaving. Stacey Francis 2<sup>nd</sup>. **MOTION CARRIED**

**MAYOR/SAFETY SERVICE OFFICE UPDATE:**

- No report

**APPROVAL OF CONSENTED ITEMS:**

- Agenda
- Minutes from January 9, 2025
- No Financials
- Budget must be passed by the end of March 2025. Looked good for what was requested, did not request additional staff. Issue 6 Levy in May.
- Stacey Francis made motion to approve the Consented Items, Cieria Ramon 2<sup>nd</sup>

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Letter from Midview East Intermediate School Student Council asking for 2 hours of Ice Time to be donated in the past for their Midview Ice "Family-Night Event" Fundraiser on March 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm.
  - John Hammond made motion to donate 2 hours of ice time on March 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm for Midview East Intermediate School Student Council 5-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser. Stacey Francis 2<sup>nd</sup>

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **BUSINESS:**

- Welcome to our new Park Board Member Cieria Ramon

## **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

### **PARKS DIRECTOR REPORT**

- Preconstruction meeting for the Locker Room at North
- Pocket Park Bid Opening – way over estimate
- OPRA Conference. Carrie and the three supervisors attended along with 2 Maintenance attended the Vendor Show.
- Office is under construction. New flooring being installed along with a fresh coat of paint on the walls. New blinds are on order.
- Spring/Summer Brochure, hope to be completed by the end of February
- Lorain County Beautiful Day is scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup>. Event starts at 9am. Groups can call Carrie at the Parks Office.
- Maggie Lieux made motion to accept the Parks Director's Report, Cieria Ramon 2<sup>nd</sup>

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

- **Nicole Edwards**, Recreation Supervisor
  - **Easter Egg Hunt:** April 12, 2025 will be the date for the Easter Egg Hunt @ North Rink. Eggs have been dropped off at Murray Ridge for assembly. Candy and basket prizes have been selected and will be ordered soon.
  - **Open Rec:** The enrollment has been consistent. Currently we have 93 registered Grades 5-8 and 25 registered K-4. We have not experienced any issues with behavior and sharing the space with Southside Pride has been issue free.
  - **Safety Town:** RAPHA has confirmed usage of the building for all three sessions of Safety Town (6/9-6/13, 6/16-6/20 & 6/23-6/27). Registration will begin on March 24, 2025.
  - **Summer Camp:** Plans are being made for 5 weeks of Summer Fun!
  - **TAP-The Active People:** Looking forward to planning some day trips with our recently wrapped van.
  - **Thursday Summer Concerts:** All performers have been scheduled for the Thursday afternoon Concerts. Food Truck Vendors have confirmed. Elyria Public Library will be bringing out the EWOC Mobile for the public to view and utilize its technology during the Thursday Summer Concerts.
- **Brandon Lawler**, Recreation Supervisor
  - These are exciting times in Elyria Parks and Recreation Dept! 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.
  - In addition to the aforementioned programs, the Youth Volleyball Clinic at West Recreation Center is generating excitement for the upcoming Youth Volleyball League which begins this week. We have over 200 participants registered to play this Winter which is a new record for registrations 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 open volleyball for the adults on Saturday evenings.
  - Lastly, each Recreation Center is experiencing a surge in usage with various programs by the community (e.g., CYO, Open Door Christian Schools basketball practices, Mini Pioneers

Football Trainings, South T-Ball practices, Champion Force Athletics Cheer Program, etc.) 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!

- **Kaleigh Plato, Recreation Supervisor**

- Ice rink season is slowly wrapping up. We have had a great season and are looking forward to the additions and projects to come here at the ice rink. Learn to skate session 2 is ending this next week and then we get right into session 3 because the end of the season will be here before we know it.
- I am busy planning ahead for pool season and for adult softball. We will be offering adult softball leagues 3 days a week this year, which is one more than last year. We are hopeful to fill all of the leagues.
- Happy to have warmer weather on the way, but sad ice rink season is coming to an end. It is my favorite responsibility that I have with the Parks and Rec and I'm always sad to see it close.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: n/a**

Next meeting will be Thursday, March 13, 2025 at the Finwood Estate.  
(subject to change).

**ADJOURNMENT:**

  
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Parks Board Chairman

  
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