

Let the Skating Begin

On Wednesday January 4, 2012 a team of Elwood public servants from the fire department, police department, and public works, joined hands to create the Village of Elwood recreational ice rink at Lloyd Erickson Park, 500 N. Chicago Street. Max Bosso, Director of Engineering and Public Works for the Village of Elwood worked closely with Elwood Fire Protection District Deputy Chief Jasen Melahn to



Director Max Bosso discusses the next steps for a smooth installation with Deputy Chief Jasen Melahn.

coordinate the installation of this year's ice rink. Several significant improvements were made to this year's project. Earlier this summer workers removed several feet of top soil creating a slight concave in the ground level. Additionally, a center drain pipe system was installed, to allow low standing water to drain off the football field sized hollow during the off season. The depression was then covered with a

new layer of commercial low maintenance and drought tolerant grass seed. The new grass was allowed to mature during the summer months, creating a natural turf barrier for the ice rink.



Now that the cold weather has arrived Director Bosso and the team have covered the ground with a large plastic liner which can hold 300,000 gallons of water to reach a depth of two feet. The plastic liner is anchored with sandbags to help hold it in place until the water freezes over.

The Ice Rink will be open daily weather permitting from 9:00a.m. until 9:00p.m. The rink will be posted with appropriate signage and lighting will be timer controlled. For further information please contact Recreation Coordinator Jamie Mack 815-424-1093.