

Elwood Park & Recreation Committee Meeting
Elwood Village Hall Community Room
Wednesday, February 4, 2009

Call to order by Mike Walsh at 6:30 pm

Roll Call: Committee members: Mike Walsh, Greg Hickey, Lori Jenco, Vic Lopez, and Don LaPaglia. Also in attendance: Park & Recreation Director Scott Tierney, Valerie Hall, and three members of the Elwood Twilighters.

A motion was made by Lori, 2nd by Greg, and approved by the Committee for Vic to be named note taker for this meeting.

A motion was made to approve the January minutes, with a change made for the correct spelling of Lori's name. Motion by Lori, 2nd by Vic, and approved by the committee.

Weather Predictor: Val Hall gave an update to the committee on the Weather Predictor. The Elwood Baseball organization will not help provide funding. The Elwood School would, but for the handheld model. While multiple handhelds could be purchased because they are cheaper, they do present a problem with tracking who has possession of them, and availability when needed. Based on range and decibel level, one main fixed unit at the ball diamonds, with one remote at Centerpoint Park and one remote at Lloyd Erickson Park would probably be best. No recommendation for funding was made by the committee due to several unanswered questions:

1. Cost of a remote unit?
2. Who will be responsible for tuning the units on and off?
3. Who will be tasked with resetting the unit when it is triggered?

Centerpoint Park: Scott stated that Baxter and Woodman will be shooting the grading for the fields on February 5th. The initial indication is that it will cost \$40,000 or less to get the softball and soccer fields' game ready. There is a grant in the works to finish the sidewalks in the Village, and the bike path at the park is included. There may be a problem with water and sewer for the concession stand where it is currently planned to be located. It will more than likely have to be moved.

Winter Programs: Scott gave an update on the winter programs. Tai Chi and Aerobics attendance is good. The 3 on 3 basketball league did not have enough interest to start. Scott is finalizing a date in March to start the Self-Defense class. Fire Chief Bill Offerman is currently working with other towns in our vicinity on CPR classes, and he will try to get one scheduled for the Village. The Twilighters stated that they would like to see a "Card" night sometime. Scott will look into it.

Exercise Equipment: The equipment should be picked up this week and moved into the basement of the Village Hall. The target date to open the exercise room is June. Floor mats will need to be purchased. A recommendation to purchase flooring was made by Greg, 2nd by Lori, approved by the committee.

Program Guidelines: Another general discussion was held on Resident vs. Non-Resident fees. The general consensus is one fee for everyone while we are trying to get a foundation of programs. We should consider having Pre-Registration for residents to ensure they have priority. This was tabled until March for further discussion.

OSLAD Grant: Scott stated that Village Administrator Aimee Ingalls will now be heading the effort to secure a grant. We have asked for \$200,000, to be matched by the Village.

Other Business:

Scott presented this year's budget to the committee. A general discussion was held, with no changes. The Capital Budget was then prioritized:

1. Basement Build out \$50,000
2. Parking Lots @ Lloyd Erickson Park \$9,000
3. Pavilion @ Lloyd Erickson \$150,000
4. Bike Path @ Lloyd Erickson \$50,000

A motion was made to recommend accepting the budget by Greg, 2nd by Vic, and approved by the committee.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm by Greg, 2nd by Lori, and approved by the committee.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 4th, 2009 at 6:30 pm.