

**Elwood Park & Recreation Committee Meeting**  
**Elwood Village Hall Community Room**  
**Wednesday, January 7, 2009**

Call to order by Mike Walsh at 6:30pm

**Roll Call:** Committee members: Mike Walsh, Vic Lopez, Terri Cooke, Greg Hickey, Laurie Jenco, Brian Keith, and Don LaPaglia. Also in attendance was Elwood Parks & Recreation Director Scott Tierney.

A motion was made to approve the December 2008 minutes. The motion was made by Laurie Jenco, seconded by Greg Hickey, and approved by the committee.

**Weather Predictor:** This will be tabled until the February committee meeting to see if we receive additional information regarding progress of this project.

**Centerpoint Park:** The committee made the following recommendation regarding the priorities for this park. We have a budget of \$440,000 for this park which includes \$40,000 from Centerpoint to help to defray the cost of the re-grading of the ball fields. We will be asking for \$200,000 more from the OSLAD grant. The park priorities are as listed below:

1. Softball/ Soccer fields to be made "game ready" – this will include re-grading of the fields, re-installing all fencing, garbage receptacles, signage, limestone underneath bleachers & in dugouts and bike path redirection.
2. Utilities extended into the park & concessions, restrooms, shelter, storage & security lighting purchased & /or built.
3. Expansion of existing parking lot (including safety barriers) and paving the bike path.
4. Playground
5. Lighting
6. Improvements to the ball fields (concrete dugouts, covers for dugouts, etc.)
7. Recreation Center

**Winter programs:** Scott gave us an update on the CPR/1<sup>st</sup> Aid program. The Red Cross will be giving Scott some ideas of programs & he will implement them as he sees will fit the general needs of the village. Craig Dombrowski will be giving a Self Defense class this winter. Tai Chi is set to start January 26<sup>th</sup> & will run for 6 weeks. The 3 on 3 basketball league is going slow with only 3 teams signed up & 2 more possible teams. The Aerobics class will run another session with Mary Barney. Brian made a motion, Lori seconded it & it passed to recommend that Scott purchase resistance bands, work out balls, CD player, & light weights for this program following a discussion with the instructor regarding her needs.

**Exercise Equipment:** The equipment purchase is underway & the logistics of the program were discussed. More discussion was needed regarding the policies of this program.

**Program Guidelines:** There was a general discussion regarding the need of policies & residency rules for future programs. This was tabled to February so that the committee can look at what other programs use.

**OSLAD Grant: (Open Space Land Acquisition Development)** Scott is working on this & will be prescreened soon. We will ask for the funds to build the concession stand/ restroom/ shelter/ storage building as outlined above in #2 of our Centerpoint Park Priority List. Scott will begin to get the plans engineered for this project as per the recommendation of the committee.

**Other Business:**

- Scott will be meeting with the Elwood Twilighters tomorrow.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm. The motion was made by Laurie Jenco, seconded by Greg Hickey, and approved by the committee.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Terri Cooke, Secretary