

Elwood Park & Recreation Committee
Elwood Village Hall Community Room
Tuesday, May 6th, 2009

Call to order by Mike Walsh at 7:05pm

Roll Call: Committee members: Mike Walsh, Vic Lopez, Terri Cooke, Brian Keith, Greg Hickey, and Lori Jenco. Elwood Administrator Aimee Ingalls, Elwood Public Works Supervisor Scott Haywood, and Prime Timers Representative Joe were also in attendance.

A motion was made by Lori Jenco, seconded by Brian Keith and carried to approve the minutes from the April 1st, 2009 regular committee meeting.

A motion was made by Greg Hickey, seconded by Vic Lopez and carried to approve the minutes from the April 21st, 2009 special community hearing regarding Centerpoint Park.

Centerpoint Park: The next special meeting will be held on June 3rd at Centerpoint Park. A tent will be rented for the occasion. Several ideas were discussed on how to get more people to attend this meeting. A press release to the local papers, A notice on Elwood Cable, and word of mouth were all suggested as well as the usual notice in the water bill. A name change for the park was also discussed. Suggestions included: "Centerpoint Community Park" and "Community Park at Centerpoint". The committee next discussed the regarding issues at the park. Aimee noted that the bids came in very high for this project and recommended that the minimum be done in order to get the fields ready for fall league play. Other needed improvements will be made when other construction/ excavation is being done at the park in order to cut costs. A motion was made by Vic Lopez, seconded by Brian Keith and approved to recommend preparing the softball fields for fall use including field weeding & spot seeding.

Exercise Room Usage: Aimee reported that the file boxes have been taken care of. The Fire Department inspected the space & stated that fire maps are not necessary. The committee discussed monitors and personal alarms. This discussion was tabled until the June meeting. Aimee will discuss options with the insurance company.

Summer Program Recommendations: Several ideas were discussed. Aimee noted that these programs may not fit into the staff's plans & the overall budget. CPR, Tai Chi, Self Defense, and the Senior Card Party will be our main programs. The lack of a preschool in the community was discussed. It was suggested that the committee look for options regarding supplementing that hole for our youngest.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm. The motion was made by Lori Jenco, seconded by Vic Lopez, and approved by the committee.

Respectfully submitted by,
Terri Cooke, Secretary