

Elwood Park & Recreation Committee Meeting
Elwood Village Hall Community Room
Wednesday, August 6, 2008

Call to order by Mike Walsh at 6:35pm

Roll Call: Committee members: Mike Walsh, Brian Keith, Vic Lopez, Terri Cooke, Greg Hickey, and Don LaPaglia. Also in attendance were Elwood Finance Advisor, Nick Narducci, and Elwood Parks & Recreation Director Scott Tierney.

A motion was made to approve the July 2008 minutes. The motion was made by Brian Keith, seconded by Vic Lopez, and approved by the committee.

Centerpoint Park: The committee met at the park to look over the problems that need to be addressed. The following are a list of issues that the committee feels needs to be addressed:

- ❖ re-grating the outfields for a level playing surface especially in the outfields
- ❖ no drainage in the infields at all
- ❖ baseball mix needs to be added & tilled into the infields AFTER drainage is installed
- ❖ lime screening needs to be added to the viewing areas
- ❖ the bike path needs to be altered around the ball fields
- ❖ the soccer field needs to be reseeded with good grass and maintained

The committee decided to advise that an engineer should be hired to do a rendering of the field. The committee also decided to advise not taking control of this park until the issues are corrected.

Soccer Registration: Scott Tierney reported that we have 110 registrations completed so far. There are 3 age groups and 4 teams per age group. The uniforms are ordered. The first game will be August 23rd, 2008.

Fall programs: The softball league has 4 teams interested so far, but this may have to be postponed due to the condition of the fields at Centerpoint Park. Scott Tierney will work with EBSA to use their field. Scott will look into a classified ads or press releases to get some fitness instructors.

Gazebo Dedication: The dedication ceremony was held on July 30th, 2008. It was a nice event. Thank you will be sent out.

Guns & Hoses Game: August 3rd, 2008. This was a great event. There will be some rule changes regarding ages and the homerun derby. Times will also be changed. We will send out a reminder with the permission slip to all teens wishing to participate. The committee will work on more P.R. and sponsorships for next year. There was discussion about making this a charity event. It would be a good time to start a foundation for special recreation needs. The t-shirt design was discussed. Thank you's to be sent out to the many supporters. The committee will look into games between innings like the minor leagues do. More give always would be great. The committee would like to involve the Senior Citizens somehow.

Other Business:

- Little Park – Scott will talk to the public Works Department regarding the status of repairs and installation of the water fountain.
- Big Park – Scott will check pricing to lime screen some new bike paths and a bocci ball court.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56pm. The motion was made by Greg Hickey, seconded by Vic Lopez, and approved by the committee.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 3rd, 2008 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Terri Cooke, Secretary