



PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

MEETING OF MAY 28, 2025

The Park and Recreation Committee Meeting of the Village of Elwood, May 28, 2025, at 5:30 pm, was called to order by Event Coordinator Marie Rodgers

Committee Members Present: Committee Members, Theresa Walsh, Audrey Friebele, Tim Puleo, and Valerie Darin

Also, Present: Event Coordinator Marie Rodgers, Dori Eppenstein, and Kyle Zugal

Absent: Ehrin Villalobos

Presentation: Park and Recreation Meeting Minutes November 20, 2024:

Committee Member Friebele motioned to approve the Park and Recreation Meeting minutes for November 20, 2024. Committee Member Walsh seconded the motion. All Park and Recreation Committee Members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Reports, Upcoming Events & Programs for Discussion:

January and March meetings were canceled.

Park & Recreation Committee: Welcome Tim Puleo to the Board.

Tree Lighting Celebration: The Village had a Tree Lighting and a Parade Event to start the Holidays.

Village Egg Hunt: Egg Hunt went well. Great Weather, Lots of eggs, treats and prizes.

Red Carpet: Red Carpet Event was May 3rd & 4th. A great turnout, about 610 people came through on the weekend.

Elwood Days Request for Volunteers: The Village asks the Park Committee to volunteer for Elwood Community Days.

BMX Track: The Village has decided not to implement the BMX Track in Lloyd Ericson Park. The Track will be too close to the walking path.

Consolidated Election Early Voting: Come out to vote.

Glo Ride: Kyle Zugel presents a glo ride event for the fall season.

Start at O'Connor Park and end at the back of the Fire Department.

Looking for 30 volunteers and two officers.

Glow team of 10 or more.

Ride Marshalls

Will need Glow Sticks and refreshments.

Committee Member Friebele suggests adding a movie night to the event.

Committee Member Walsh suggests asking the school to hold the movie night.

Dori Eppenstein suggests a fundraiser for the glow stick and refreshments fund.

Kyle Zugel contact: kylezugal2@gmail.com for any questions

Elwood Community Days Kids Surveyed Results: Game, Bouncy House, Climbing Wall, Face Painting, Reptile Show, Option 11, Carnival, Roller Coaster, Water Bouncy Castle, Race Games, Board Games Area/ Rides, Free Snacks, Ball Pit, Drag Race, Basketball, Zip Line, Ice Cream Truck, Soccer, Rifle Shooting Contest, Family Kickball, Chess, Bags, Gaga Ball,

5K Run, Football, Dance, Dodge Ball, Rock-Paper-Scissors, Cheer, Cartwheel/Round off, Hockey, Flag Football, Bat Mitten, Boxing, Art, Pool, Wiffle Ball, Pickel Ball, Bike Parade, Talent Show, Chalk art, Slime, Escape Room, Nerf Gun Fight, Stitch Toys, Giant Balls, Elwood Spirit Shop, Money, Sow Cones, Yoga Competition, Taylor Swift, Tag, Home Run Derby, Domino Pizza, Life Size Candyland, Candy, Dress in Costumes, Pie Eating Contest, Water Ballon Fight, Ballon Toss, Gymnastics Contest, Ferris Wheel, Bumper Cars, Kanye West, McDonalds, Karaoke, and Soap Box Deby Race.

Other ideas for the Village: Bike Club, Bike Parade, and a Dog Walk Parade.

Other Business:

Committee Member Walsh will host Pickleball every Monday at O'Connor Park from 5-7 pm

Upcoming Events:

Elwood Community Days: September 13 & 14

Public Comments:

Dori Eppenstein knows someone who would love to do a mural for Route 66. Can be implemented by the Route 66 Corner.

Committee Member Walsh mentioned the lot by the Library.

It could be displayed at the beginning of Mississippi Avenue or Douglas Street.

Next Scheduled Meetings:

September 24, 2025

Adjournment:

Committee Member Walsh moved to adjourn the meeting. Committee Member Friebele seconded the motion. All Park Committee Members present voted in favor of the motion, which carried.

Time: 6:15 pm

Marie Rodgers, Event Coordinator