



## **Park & Recreation Commission**

Monday, October 10, 2022  
6:00 p.m.

**Evansdale Community Response Center  
911 Evans Road**



1. Call to order: 6:00
2. Approval of the October 10, 2022, agenda: Motion by Rick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe, motion carried.
3. Approval of the September 5, 2022, meeting minutes: Motion by Ron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave, motion carried.
4. Approval of the bills and authorization to pay: Motion by Rick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe, motion carried.
5. Reports
  - A. Treasures Report: per report.
  - B. Campground Maintenance: Shutdown should be easy, per Roger. He needs to buy 4 cases of oil at \$200. Blackhawk electric will mount the pedestal this week.
  - C. Camp Hosts: They will send ideas for 2023 over the winter and will be back in April.
  - D. Dog Park: No update, grant soon.
  - E. Disc Golf: There is still some work left for fall / winter.
6. Request to hire WHKS Engineering to perform surveying and staking for Campground Sewer Project in an amount not to exceed \$5,000: Motion by Rick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron to WHKS for surveying, not to exceed \$5,000, motion carried.
7. Request to purchase new tires from D & D Tire for Park Trailer in an amount not to exceed \$515: Motion by Rick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe to spend up to \$515 to buy tires for the park trailer, motion carried.
8. Softball Contract: Discussion/action: Awarding one-year softball contract for the 2023 season at Wayne Rice Softball Fields in Deerwood Park:
  - Rick Nolan: We were asked by City Council to investigate complaints regarding the EYSA softball program including atmosphere, facility conditions and concerns over where the money is being spent. Comments regarding the negative atmosphere at Deerwood park during the softball season were acknowledged by both EYSA and Cedar Valley. Further comments per the attached report.

- Tom Nichols: Rick and I met with the EYSA board at the softball complex for a walk through to check for maintenance issues. We discovered the following issues. Field maintenance was poor; the lift station was in need of immediate repair. The ice machine had not been working for several years. Issues with the electrical panel. There was a urinal detached and barely hanging in place. The fence on the tee ball diamond had been damaged by a car. We found a water hydrant that has been leaking for several years. The D5 light pole had been struck by lightning several years back and was split at the top with a risk of the light falling off. The dugout rafters and shelter panels had not been painted and were rotting. The bleachers need painting. At a follow up meeting, the urinal, fence and light pole had been fixed.
  - Seth Gerst: There were concerns over the atmosphere at the diamonds, that included fighting, cussing and favoritism. Cedar Valley Youth Sports wanted to force change. They determined they would not be able to save EYSA, so they started the Cedar Valley program to give kids a place to play. They have a web site with their by-laws, meeting notes, board members, and other information. EYSA did not follow the by-laws set in place in 1988. Cedar Valley will have elections starting in 2023. Any member can vote. Seth started his EYSA journey as a tee ball player and is now a coach. He believes Cedar Valley can do a better job, and will provide new additional activities throughout the year. The activities will be team focused with sportsmanship coming first. They will be open to all to join and participate. They believe they are a better fit and will work for your kids. The EYSA crumpled Hall of Fame sign will go back up to recognize those who have been honored for their achievements. Past players and coaches may have a diamond named after them. The Cedar Valley board has 60+ years of experience from EYSA to guide them.
  - Teresa Rozmus: Teresa has spent many years with EYSA and has been on the EYSA board the last couple of years. EYSA is asking for the opportunity to try to improve. They are willing to work with everyone and are looking for ideas for improvement.
  - Tom Nichols: the plan behind the contract is to open the lines of communications with attendance at meetings, both ways. The city and Park Board is a resource to be used. Tom is a past VP of EYSA and Rick a past President. The actions and conditions at the softball diamonds reflect on the city of Evansdale.
  - Tom is recommending a one-year contract with Cedar Valley, supported by Rick. Ron made a motion to offer a one-year contract to Cedar Valley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe. Roll call vote: Dave: Yes. Ron: Yes. Joe: Yes, Rick: Yes. Tom: Yes. Motion carried.
  - Danielle Peters: EYSA does not plan to dissolve.
9. Discussion: Rick proposed the idea of having a portable dump tank available for campers at the campground. Pricing to come.
10. Adjournment: Motion by Ron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe at 6:54, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Nolan



## **EYSA Financial recap**

One of the issues City Council asked us to address was where is money being spent at Deerwood Park. EYSA provided financial statements for 2020, 2021 and 2022. These were handwritten documents that showed a starting and ending balance with total revenues and expenses listed as line items.

I requested and received a copy of their August bank statement to reconcile the report with the amount on hand in their account.

The three annual reports showed reasonably consistent amounts for concession supplies, trophies, athletic supplies, and office supplies. In my opinion the amount spent for grounds and improvements was much too low.

When Tom and I had our 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting with the EYSA board a few weeks ago we asked how many had seen the financial report and knew how much money was in their account. Not one hand was raised. The President, Vice President and Treasurer were all unaware how much money they had in the bank.

Using the data provided by EYSA I created a spreadsheet that listed their starting balance, added in all of their revenues and subtracted all expenses. I did this for all three years. The yearend balance for 2022 showed \$39,429. The bank statement amount was \$20,677. That left us with a discrepancy of \$18,752. After going back and forth several times trying to find the error, I requested a copy of the January bank statement. It showed EYSA had \$646.64, not \$22,391. The startup amount was off \$21,744.

Tom and I informed the EYSA Board that this needed to be resolved ASAP, as well as an explanation of the registration income equaling 492 kids when there were around 600 kids on teams for 2022. I did receive multiple communications that they were working on this, and just today received an up dated 2022 financial statement. The report shows additional revenue of around \$3,000 from concession income, and there was also an additional \$7,025 in expenses. This updated report is not reconciled against the bank statement.

We did not get an explanation of why the startup amount was off, nor did we get an explanation of registration revenue income being short for around 100 kids.