

East Forest Civic Association
Minutes for January 11, 2006 Meeting

Attendance: Tom Nicholson, Ellen Walmer, Joan Reilly, Bob O'Herron, Bernard Balise, Frank Ryan, Tom Lucia, Jimmy Ferrera, Rich & Bev Vear, Michael Tuckey, Debbie & John Matthew, Mary Martin, Elaine Wright, Paul Plante, Dick Acchione, George Cartier, Barbara Footit, Charlie Contant, Dave Choquette

Bob O'Herron gave us a presentation on Nathan Bill Park and the problems he sees regarding poor maintenance and care for the Park. In the old days there was a gentleman named Bob Frenette who was the Parks full time care taker, He made sure that the park was clean, the playing fields where in good order Etc.

Bob said that the playing fields are an embarrassment, The Diamond in the back corner is one of very few 90 foot diamonds in the city, and it is almost unplayable. It is known among baseball coaches as a diamond of last resort. Lighting doesn't work. The woods are a source of problems, the entrances from Allen and Eddywood are also open all night long and should be locked. The only bathrooms facilities on the weekends are poorly maintain Porto potties.

A number of people volunteered to help Mr. O'Herron on a subcommittee to address the needs of the Park. Mr. Paul Plante volunteered to clear the sidewalk of snow, Jimmy Ferrera suggested that he might be able to bring a detail of court mandated community service teams up to the Park several times a week to take on particular task. Dave Choquette agreed to work with O'Herron on this committee. The suggestion was made to contact Bob Pitteo at the Park Dept to get names of local athletic association coaches to help out at the Park. Perhaps Cathedral might help out also.

The Nathan Bill Park subcommittee will meet to strategize and plan.

I mentioned that the Dryden Memorial School is interested in putting on a Family Fun Night at the school in conjunction with our Association. Earth Day this year will be on April 29th. It was suggested that the best time for the Dryden event might be April 24 or 25th.

Submitted by Charlie Contant