

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMISSION

JANUARY 18, 2012 MINUTES

Attendees: Fairfield, Davis, Fiedor, Gallagher, Hiller, Lincoln, Messina, Rispoli, Warrell, Williams and Committee Woman Pfrommer.

Committee Woman Pfrommer was introduced as the Recreation Commission's liason. Laura was welcomed.

1. Public:

Lacrosse: Wayne Avelino and Drew Gargan questioned the 100% residency rule. Bob Fairfield explained that 100% residency is required up to the age of 18, which then becomes an 80% residency requirement. Wayne stated that the residency requirement is not listed on the Recreation website and questioned why it wasn't. He indicated that there are non-residents that participate in the Recreation Department's programs. Bob Lincoln explained that the programs run through his department are not the same as the youth groups. Some programs are open to non-residents on the last day of sign-ups.

Wayne stated that, since Lacrosse is a new program, the numbers are low and they need to fill in spots with non-residents. When asked how many non-residents participated, in 2011, he said ten. He further stated that there are approximately four requesting to play in 2012.

He asked for a waiver of the residency rule. It was reiterated that all youth groups maintain 100% residency and the request was denied.

EHT Explosion Softball: Kelli Szrom submitted a Use of Facility application for fields at Childs-Kirk Park. She indicated that she was aware of the 100% residency requirement in order to use the fields. Bob Fairfield asked whether EHTYS had any concerns with Kelli's request. Toni-Lynn Rispoli advised that Explosion's request would be addressed once EHTYS registration was complete. A schedule of the fields would then be prepared. There were no problems coordinating fields in the 2011 season and it was anticipated that the 2012 season would be the same. Use of Facility was approved by a vote of 8-0.

2. Minutes: December 14, 2011 minutes were approved with the following correction: 7-0, with 1 abstention. Carmen Messina would like the following added: *Carmen Messina requested a qualification regarding the memorandum sent to Peter Miller, EHT Township Administrator. He inquired and questioned how lights, on a practice football field, can be considered? After months of discussions regarding the budget, this issue was not discussed, at Recreation Commission meetings or brought forward by the groups that it supposedly benefits. If safety and lights were an issue, why had this not been previously discussed?*

Additionally, he questioned the thought process regarding the costs associated with lights, at a time when we have spending constraints.

He also noted the only reason the needs of the Baseball organization became an issue was due to the skate park money was reallocated by Mr. Miller. Due to a flooding problem caused by the recent hurricane, in the Delilah Oaks area, the money was now to be used for a new pumping station..

Mr. Miller asked that this issue be reviewed by the Recreation Commission. We were engaged in discussions regarding the allocation of funds for 2011 Capital Projects.

He also noted that if safety was an issue why was only discussed at the last meeting, which was prior to the letter going to Mr. Miller.

He also believes that the need to build a 50-70 Baseball field far outweighs the installation of lights on any field. Especially when the money earmarked for lights can be spent on several projects.

Carmen advised that the engineering specs for the 50-70 field are moving ahead.

3. Old Business:

Coach of the Year: Seven nominations were discussed. The field was narrowed to three and voted upon. Steve Alverson and Kimberly Collins each received four votes. Therefore, it was decided that 2011 would have co-winners for Coach of the Year. Bob Lincoln will send letters to the respective Board Presidents for their endorsements. The winner's will be invited to the February 15, 2012 meeting. Wherein, they will be honored for their accomplishments.

4. New Business:

Recreation Commission By-Laws were distributed. Members were asked to review the by-laws, which will be discussed at the February meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.