

## Egg Harbor Township recreation Commission

### February 13, 2013 Minutes

Attendees: Fairfield, Davis, Hiller, Messina, Rispoli, Warrell and Williams.

1. Minutes:

January 16, 2013 minutes were approved 6-0-1 (Hiller).

2. Presentations/Public:

Coach of the Year Presentation:

Tom Sost was presented with the 2012 Coach of the Year Award.

Youth Group Presidents and Representatives:

The groups were invited to open the lines of communication. Each group was advised that Policies and Procedures, Capital Budget Direction, and items important to the groups would be discussed.

**BMX-**

President Stanley Russ ([sruss77@comcast.net](mailto:sruss77@comcast.net)) presented a list of their 2013 board members and their BMX track schedule. He advised that the Regional tournament or the Red Line Cup Race will be held in EHT on May 17, 18 & 19, 2013. He inquired whether surveillance cameras could be installed on the BMX/Street Hockey building. Mr. Russ indicated that work needs to be done at the park. Areas that need to be addressed are as follows: There are flooding issues, Roadwork needs improvement, Berms need to be built to stop erosion, New lights need to be installed, Tower roof needs to be cleaned, Cargo/containment area needs to be cleaned, Hydro seeding, Installation of fencing especially in areas to stop cars from driving through, and, Removal of dead trees in the wooded area.

Chairman Fairfield advised that trees can not be removed. Public Works will be advised.

**Lacrosse-**

President Kristy Gargan (553-3573) voiced her concern about Public Works decision to shut down Lacrosse field 1 . Ms. Gargan explained that the Lacrosse season is now upon them and they need all three fields. Their Spring season begins on March 1 and

goes through the middle of June. She indicated that Lacrosse fields 2 & 3 have been vandalized by someone driving a motor vehicle on them. Ms. Gargan asked whether Public Works could hold off on shutting down any of the fields.

**\*\*\* 2/14/13 Chairman Fairfield spoke with Township Administrator Miller. The decision was made to hold off on shutting down Lacrosse field 1 until the conclusion of their season. Mr. Miller indicated that he would have Public Works go out there and work on the fields.**

#### **Baseball-**

Vice President Vickie Hawkes spoke about the drainage problem at Bargaintown Park. She also indicated that Veteran's Park has drainage problems on fields 1, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11. Infield mix in needed on fields 5, 8 & 9. Fencing around the complex is rusting. Power is needed on fields 1, 2 & 11 in order to use pitching machines. More trash receptacles are needed around the fields. Lights need to be replaced on fields 3 & 5. Parking may be an issue when field 6 re-opens. She asked whether the road near field 6 could be paved, to keep the dust down.

#### **Wrestling-**

President Kurt Driscoll inquired of the status for Wrestling to use the Auxiliary gym on Wednesday nights. Presently they have the gym on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Due to the number of participants and their age groups, Wrestling has determined that they need an additional night to practice.

Chairman Fairfield indicated that the EHT Board of Education revised their policy on school use. There is no longer a cost to groups that come under EHT Recreation and are in category II, for use of school facilities. He asked whether Wrestling has requested use of facility from the school district. Mr. Driscoll replied that they have requested time and were turned down due to insufficient notice.

#### **Soccer-**

President Christine Gras inquired whether a field house has been considered for Canale Park. Ms. Gras asked how Soccer can keep outside groups off of the soccer fields.

Chairman Fairfield stated that a field house at Canale Park has been on Recreation's Five Year Capital Budget plan. It is not known when a field house may be approved by Township Committee. Organized groups must have a use of facility, from the EHT Recreation Department, in order to use the fields.

### **Street Hockey-**

President Terry Crowley asked whether surveillance cameras can be installed. Mr. Crowley advised that lights need to be relocated on the new court, as it is larger than the old one, and shadows fall on the court. Plexi-glass needs to be replaced, as it was damaged during the June 29, 2012 storm.

Chairman Fairfield indicated that the groups should get together and discuss the implementation of cameras. Once that is complete a proposal, as a Capital project, may be submitted.

### **EHTYO-**

Acting President Tony Savastano inquired why EHTYO was not included in the EHT Board Of Education classification of Recreation groups. They are a category III.

Recreation groups are classified as a category II.

Chairman Fairfield stated that the EHT Board of Education has been made aware of this oversight and hopefully will be rectified in the near future.

### **3. Use of Facility:**

#### **United Filipino Community Movement- Request to use Tony Canale Park**

Amphitheater/picnic area and Tennis courts on August 3, 2013, from 10am-6pm was approved. Vote 7-0. Exception noted on request: Tennis courts are not available until 12:30pm.

**Atlantic Community College- Rodney Veladri, Head Coach of ACCC Baseball addressed the Commission. Mr. Velardi requested use of the Bargaintown Park baseball field. He stated that the team uses the college parking lot to practice and occasionally get to use the gym for short periods of time. However, in order to get ready for their season they need to practice on a field. He requested the following dates and indicated that any of those dates would be helpful: March 1, 4, 6, 7,8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27 April 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 17 18 & 22. Mr. Velardi stated that he would take care of the infield, specifically with grooming and maintenance. He added that most of his players were from EHT.**

Commissioner Rispoli asked whether he looked into using Estell Manor County Park , The Sand Castle park in AC, or Stockton's intramural fields. Mr. Velardi replied that he has tried to contact AC for use of the Sand Castle, however no one returns his calls. As for Stockton, there may be a problem with recruiting.

Commissioner Williams motioned to allow ACCC to use the Bargaintown field.

Commissioner Warrell seconded the motion. A Conditional Use of Facility was voted

upon and approved by a 6-1 (Fairfield) vote. Public Works would have to agree to not shut down the field for maintenance. Mr. Velardi understood that it was a conditional approval.

\*\*\*\* Chairman Fairfield spoke with Township Administrator Miller on 2/14/13. The aforementioned approval was rescinded. Due to the fact that the EHT Recreation Commission can not violate their 80% residency rule. Mr. Velardi was apprised of the decision to deny his request.

#### **4. New Business:**

##### **EHT Youth Softball-**

Commissioner Messina attended the January 21, 2013 EHT Softball meeting. The EHTYS Board asked whether they could host three X'Treme tournaments without entering any EHT teams. Their request was based on trying to get the X'Treme program up and running. Presently, EHTYS does not have any X'Treme teams formed. Chairman Fairfield advised the Recreation Commission members that he and Commissioner Messina feel that EHT Softball should be allowed to host three X'Treme tournaments, in 2013, on the Childs-Kirk fields, without entering any EHT teams. Approval to do so was conditional and only for the 2013 year. No vote was taken.

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm.**