

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 15, 2012 MINUTES

Attendees: Fairfield, Fiedor, Davis, Gallagher, Hiller, Lincoln, Messina, Rispoli,

Warrell , Williams and Committee Woman Pfrommer.

1. **Coach of the Year Award:**

Kim Collins (Softball) and Steve Alverson (Baseball) were selected as co-coaches of the year for 2011. They were honored for their dedication and outstanding service to the youth of Egg Harbor Township. A plaque was presented to each honoree. Presenting the awards were Bob Fairfield, Charlie Gallagher and Carmen Messina.

2. **Minutes:**

Approval of the minutes for the January 18, 2012 meeting was tabled. Further clarification is needed regarding corrections to those minutes. They will be voted upon at the March 14, 2012 meeting.

3. **New Business:**

Officer's and Director's Insurance was discussed. This coverage includes gross negligence on the part of Board Members. Bob Fairfield is looking into this insurance, as requested by Toni-Lynn Rispoli. Bob reported that Galloway Township does have this insurance. He will further canvas other communities to ascertain whether this type of insurance is necessary for the EHT Recreation Organizations.

4. **Use of Facilities:**

Atlantic County Baseball League: Elmo Wright requested use of the Baseball field, at Bargaintown Park, for the Men's and High School players of EHT. Mr. Wright was apprised that he must submit a roster, including name, address and date of birth for each participant. Proof of insurance must also be submitted. A game schedule was presented. A vote of 9-0 approved this request once it goes through the Baseball sub-committee.

South Jersey Men's Senior Baseball League: Chris Tullio requested use of the Baseball field at Bargaintown Park. A certificate of insurance was presented. However, a roster of players, their address and date of birth must be submitted. A vote of 9-0 approved this request once it goes through the Baseball sub-committee.

Carmen Messina addressed Wright and Tullio. He stressed that each organization is responsible for maintenance of the field. It is their responsibility to line and drag the field.

EHTBO Fun Day: Ed Keil addressed the committee. He stated that this is a fund raiser for EHTBO's six travel baseball teams which are under the Tri-State Elite League.

Proceeds from this event will be used to pay umpire and tournament fees and split equally between the teams. They wish to run this Fun Day event much like the EHT 300th Anniversary celebration. The stand will be open and proceeds will be split between the recreation and travel teams. Ed will submit a detailed report to Bob Lincoln to outline their plans for Fun Day. Ed was reminded that EHT insurance does not cover "bouncers". Should they wish to use them, they must purchase insurance. Also, access to the park cannot be restricted, as it is a public park. Vote to approve this request was 8-0-1 abstention (Williams).

Easter Egg Hunt: Bargaintown Volunteer Fire Department requested use of the Amphitheater, on March 31 (rain date April 1). Approved by a vote of 9-0.

5. Old Business:

EHT Dog Park: Donna Burns submitted a letter to Township Committee and Peter Miller. Her letter proposed that approximately two acres Shires Park be used as the EHT Dog Park. She wishes to place the Dog Park in the center of the park, which would encompass approximately two acres. Ms. Burns stated that the "Friends of the Egg Harbor Township Dog Park" would incur the cost of providing an area for parking, as there is inadequate parking at this site. This site was voted upon for its' use as a dog park. The consensus was unanimous not to place a dog park at the Shires Park location. The vote was 0-9.

Recreation Commission By-laws: To be discussed further at the March 14, 2012 meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 9:17pm