

Egg Harbor Township Recreation Commission Meeting
EHT Community Center 5045 English Creek Avenue
Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016

7:00pm

MINUTES

I. **Call to order by Chairman Fairfield.**

II. **Pledge of Allegiance.**

III. **Opening Statement** Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act read by Director Audet.

IV. **Roll Call:**

Robert Fairfield, Chair - Present	Charles Gallagher - Present
Carmen Messina, Vice Chair - Present	Justin Riggs - Present
Toni Rispoli – Present 7:04 p.m.	Paul Weldon - Excused
Kathy Fiedor - Excused	Kevin Stetser - Excused
William Warrell - Present	

Laura Pfrommer (Township Committee Liaison)- Excused
Rick Audet (Director of Recreation) - Present

V. **Reading / Acceptance of Minutes**

a. Special Minutes – February 10, 2016.

Commissioner Riggs made a motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes. Vice-Chair Messina seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a 6-0 vote.

b. Regular Minutes – February 10, 2016.

Soccer minutes correction. Travel Soccer has approximately 175 participants. Micro Soccer has approximately 625 participants.

Commissioner Warrell made a motion to approve the minutes with the aforementioned correction. Commissioner Riggs seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a 6-0 vote.

VI. **Presentations / Public Comment**

a. EHT Youth Groups

EHTBA-

President Brian Hawkes indicated that he had no complaints. The work on field 3 was moving along. Vice-Chair Messina asked whether the berms had been removed. Director Audet advised that Public Works had removed the berms and skimmed the infield. C-Scape will take care of the pitcher's mound and home plate. Chairman Fairfield indicated that a walk-through with members from the Recreation Commission, Public Works, Recreation Director and Baseball will occur prior to turning over the field to Baseball. Ed Keil said that the outfield berm had been removed. Vice-Chair Messina asked whether the grade and elevation were correct. The pitch of the field must go down to the outfield. Director Audet explained that the infield to the outfield would be graded down. Sod would be placed on the perimeter. President Hawkes added that they were not in a rush to have field 3 back in the rotation. Director Audet said that May 1 is the goal. Director Audet will speak with Public Works regarding timing questions and then will advise Chairman Fairfield and Baseball.

Vice-Chair Messina reiterated the importance of a walk-through on all projects. Public Works should provide a list of all their responsible areas. Baseball agreed to purchase clay bricks for the mound and home plate. C-scape will finish the projects that baseball agreed to do.

President Hawkes thanked Township Administrator for the approval to place a shed near the field house. He said that it has been inspected and approved. Commissioner Warrell suggested that boards be placed around the bottom of the building to keep animals out.

Baseball anticipates a soft opening on April 4. The formal opening will occur on April 9. A letter will be sent to Mayor McCullough inviting him to throw out the first pitch on opening day.

Ed Keil indicated that Baseball is using the Alder Avenue field for practice.

Mike Duffy spoke about the Baseball Travel Program. His EHT Eagles 12 year old team had raised money and used all but approximately \$700.00 - \$750.00. At the end of the season, EHTBA was asked

to purchase jackets for the players with the left over money. EHTBA denied the request and kept the team's money.

Mr. Duffy explained that a falling out with Head Coach Bob Webber had occurred. They were not happy with scheduled games on Fridays and Sundays and 19 road games. The team decided to leave EHTBA. Upon doing so, the team incurred an added expense. They must rent the Atlantic Christian School field. He also contends that EHTBA took equipment that belonged to the team.

Ed Keil indicated that Coach Bob Winkler came to the EHTBA Board in July requesting to use the money. In August they asked EHTBA to purchase unlettered black jackets for the team. EHTBA denied their request, as EHTBA had been informed that the team was leaving the league. President Hawkes advised that the EHTBA lawyer has contacted Mr. Duffy with regard to the money.

Ed Keil stated that it was a violation of their 501C3 to give the money to a team that was no longer part of EHTBA. All monies not used by a team that leaves EHTBA are transferred into the general fund.

Commissioner Rispoli asked whether all of the Coaches and Parents were advised of this practice. Did everyone know that unused raised money would go into the general bank account? Ed Keil said that he thought the coaches knew. Commissioner Rispoli said it would be in EHTBA's best interest to insure that all Recreation and Travel team Coaches and Parents be made aware of this policy.

Chairman Fairfield stated that all Travel Teams are required to raise money. Ed Keil indicated that all money raised goes into the individual team's coffers. Ed said that Coaches may spend up to \$500.00 for team items without board approval. Anything over \$500.00 must be approved by the Board.

Mike Duffy stated that Head Coach Bob Weber placed a \$1500.00 non-refundable deposit on a tournament in Myrtle Beach. The Board approved the tournament without checking when the All-Star tournament was to be held. The team did not go to Myrtle Beach as they were involved in All Stars and the deposit was not refunded.

Mike feels that it is wrong for EHTBA to keep money that a team has raised. Mike indicated that another EHTBA Travel team has raised \$20,000.00 and continues to raise money.

Vice-Chair Messina stated that the Recreation and Travel teams were all under the 501C3 banner. Facilitating and monitoring how funds flow is paramount. All funds should move with the respected team.

Commissioner Riggs suggested that Mike contact Barbara Dodd to request field use at one of the schools. EHT School Board Policy 75-10 governs the use of facilities.

BMX-

President Stan Russ advised That BMX will open their season with the Jack Frost Tournament on March 19. Races will begin at 12:00 p.m.

Stan asked to have the back door of the fieldhouse repaired. It was damaged during the previously reported break-in. He inquired whether the metal doors on the field house could be painted, as they never have been painted. Stan asked whether it was possible to use Public Works sand-pro or field groomer. It would aid in breaking up the dirt and smooth out the track. Commissioner Rispoli advised that organizations are not permitted to use Township equipment. President Russ asked whether he could purchase the old PW equipment. He was advised to contact Public Works as there may be a bid process in place. Stan thanked the Recreation Commission and Public Works for the orange signs that were posted advising that the track was closed.

b. Public Comment

Ed Keil inquired about the Kids Safe Program. He asked how many EHT Recreational Basketball coaches had been removed. Ed wanted to know why a removed coach had walked onto the court tonight and requested a time-out. He then went over to the team and briefly spoke to them. Ed questioned why Director Audet did not intervene. Director Audet explained that it would have been more controversial to have removed him from the court at that time. Director Audet handled the situation the best he could during the season. He will reiterate to the coach that he is not to coach in any capacity, whether on or off the court. Director Audet explained that the Recreation Department and all Recreational organizations are held to the same standards. Unapproved coaches may not coach.

VII. Old Business

a. Capital Projects Update

Director Audet explained that all Open Space money must be used in the year it was received. It cannot be rolled over to the following year.

2016 Open Space-

\$426,000.00 Open Space money will be allocated to the following projects.

Canale Park Bathrooms- \$200,000.00.

Bids have been received. Once the contract is awarded the company will have 120 days to build, deliver and install the pre-fab 12X24 foot building.

Amphitheater cover/roof\$175,000.00 with a Professional fee of \$30,000.00.

Canale Park Tennis Court resurfacing- \$21,000.00.

2016 Capital Projects-

\$100,000.00 Capital Project money will be used for the following projects.

Veteran's Park Surveillance Camera project- \$40,000.00. It is anticipated that work will begin in August 2016. A site plan is needed for the electrician.

BMX turns, Childs-Kirk field 3 dugout replacement and fencing projects at Veteran's Park - \$60,000.00.

VIII. Use of Parks Facility Requests

a. EHT Moms Club/Mission Point Church

A request to hold an Easter Egg Hunt on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, at Canale Park. Commissioner Warrell made the motion to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Rispoli. The request was approved by a vote of 5-0-1 (Messina abstained).

IX. Director's Report

X. New Business

a. Elections/Nominations for Recreation Commission Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary.

Chairman-

Commissioner Riggs made the motion for Robert Fairfield as Chairman. Commissioner Warrell seconded the motion.

Vice Chairman-

Commissioner Gallagher made the motion for Carmen Messina as Vice Chairman. Commissioner Warrell seconded the motion.

Secretary-

Commissioner Warrell made the motion for Toni-Lynn Rispoli as Secretary. Commissioner Riggs seconded the motion.

No other nominations were received. A second nomination and vote of Officers will occur at the March 23, 2016 meeting.

b. Field Rotation Committee

Commissioner Rispoli gave an overview from the Field Committee and Public Works Department meeting.

Public Works will provide Director Audet with weekly/monthly reports on the work done at each park.

Signs will be posted on the fields that are closed. The signs will be strategically placed on the fields to discourage play when closed.

Signs detailing open space will be placed at the parks advising them to go to Shires Park or Delilah Oaks Park for field use.

Organized groups must procure a permit or authorization via a Use of Facility notice from EHT Parks and Recreation to use the fields.

XI. Correspondence

XII. EHT Youth Group Minutes

- A. Baseball Association– last received 12/3/15
- B. BMX –last received 2/18/16
- C. Diamond Cheer
- D. Jr. Wrestling – last received 12/17/15
- E. Lacrosse – last received 1/27/16
- F. Soccer Club – 2/9/16
- G. Street Hockey Association – 12/14/15
- H. Travel Basketball – last received 5/14/15
- I. Youth Softball – last received 1/18/16
- J. Youth Organization – last received 12/2/15

Commissioner Warrell stated that Travel Basketball has not submitted minutes since May 14, 2015. He felt that Travel Basketball must be asked why they haven't sent their minutes.

XIII. Handouts

- a. Memorial bench plaque request
Diane and Kenny Kinsey requested a plaque be placed on a park bench at the Childs-Kirk Playground in memory of their grandson. Thomas was the first child to play on the playground. He passed away in October 2015. The Recreation Commission will bring this to the attention of Township Committee. Commissioner Rispoli added that the brass plaque for the Childs-Kirk children had been stolen from the old building. If Township Committee approved the plaque for the Kinsey family, one should be placed for the Childs and Kirk families, too.
- b. EHT Grounds Department Summary of Work - 3/8/16
Robert Lundberg, Public Works Grounds Supervisor provided a memo detailing work that has been completed at the parks.

XIV. Tabled Matters

XV. Upcoming Events

XVI. Adjournment

Motion	Motion to adjourn the meeting Chairman Fairfield made the motion to adjourn and was seconded by Vice-Chair Messina
Vote	Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m. by a vote of 6-0.

Robert Fairfield, Chairman

Toni Rispoli, Secretary

Please note these minutes were approved at 3/23/16 meeting.