

# EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMISSION

## MARCH 11, 2015 MINUTES

Attendees: Fairfield, McComb, Riggs, Rispoli, Warrell, Weldon and Director Audet.

Committeewoman Pfromner.

Excused: Fiedor, Gallagher and Messina.

1. Paul Weldon sworn in as an Alternate II Commissioner.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Minutes:  
February 11, 2015 Special meeting minutes were approved by a vote of 5-0-1(Riggs).  
February 11, 2015 Regular meeting minutes were approved by a vote of 5-0-1 (Riggs).

4. Presentations/Public:

*EHT Youth Groups-*

Travel Basketball:

President Cameron Bell reported that all is well.

BMX:

President Stan Russ inquired whether Public Works would change the passwords on the BMX/Street Hockey Field house.

Stan advised that BMX is holding a race on March 27-30, 2015. He asked whether Public Works could pick up the leaves, drop extra trash containers and a dumpster for that weekend.

Stan asked whether the number of hotel rooms in EHT was known. Wanda Schafer advised him to contact the Township Clerk.

Commissioner Warrell indicated that he observed a ramp/launch at the BMX track. He felt that it was dangerous. President Russ explained that it was built by others not involved in EHT BMX. He was advised that the ramp/launch needs to be removed.

### **Baseball:**

President Brian Hawkes expressed his displeasure with the condition of fields 5 & 10. Opening day is April 11 and he is greatly concerned that neither field will be ready. Director Audet advised that Public Works are working on the fields. It is anticipated that they will be ready for opening day. Infield mix and sod will be laid. The berm on field 5 will be cut and redressed.

Commissioners McComb and Riggs suggested looking into using the Middle School fields until the work is completed.

Ed Keil asked why Public Works was not present at this meeting. It was his understanding that a representative was supposed to be at every Recreation Commission meeting. Committeewoman Pfromner explained that the communication lines have changed. All requests must come through the Director of Recreation to Public Works.

Bob Webber asked whether Director Audet would walk the fields with him to address Baseball's issues. Director Audet, along with Chairman Fairfield and Commissioner Rispoli, advised that a meeting would be set to address the issues.

Bob asked whether additional porta-potties could be obtained while renovations to the restrooms took place. Director Audet gave an affirmative response.

### **Coach of the Year Award-**

Cameron Bell was honored as the 2014 Coach of the Year. Cameron grew up in EHT. He teaches Social Studies at EHT High School. Cameron has coached youth sports for fifteen years. Currently he coaches the U7 EHT Soccer team. He is an Assistant Track Coach and the Freshman Football Coach for EHTHS. Cameron is the President of EHT Travel Basketball and the Head Instructor for EHT Recreation's K-2 instructional Basketball program.

## **5. Old Business:**

### **Security cameras:**

Commissioner Weldon will serve as the liaison for this project.

### **Financial subcommittee report:**

The Financial report was approved by a vote of 6-0. It will be sent to the organizations for their review.

**Policies and Procedures-**

A sub-committee was formed. Director Audet, Chairman Fairfield, Vice-Chair Messina and Commissioner Rispoli will compile a report to submit to the Recreation Commission for their input.

**Parks and Recreation Department Capital Projects-**

A revised 2015-2020 Capital Budget was submitted to Peter Miller, Township Administrator. It will be further discussed at the March 25, 2015 meeting.

**6. Use of Facility:**

**ACBL-**

Elmo Wright requested use of facility for Baseball fields at Bargaintown and Veteran's Memorial Parks. Request was tabled until the Recreation Commission Baseball sub-committee and EHTBA could meet to work together on field allocation. A roster and proof of insurance is needed prior to a vote.

**Coast Guard Air Station Atlantic City Children's Easter Party-**

Canale Park Amphitheater, Soccer field and Tennis courts were requested for March 28 or April 4. Approval to use the Amphitheater area was granted for April 4, 2015 by a vote of 6-0.

**Bargaintown Fire Station #1 Egg Hunt-**

Canale Park Amphitheater, Volleyball Court and Soccer field 6 were requested for March 28, 2015. Approval for use of the Amphitheater and Volleyball Courts were approved by a vote of 6-0.

**7. Director's Report:**

**Board of Education Finance sub-committee-**

The meeting with the Board of Education and Township to discuss the use of BOE facilities has not been rescheduled, as of this date.

**Veteran's Memorial Park –**

The bathroom renovation project has received four bids. Township Committee is scheduled to vote on a resolution to fund the project on March 18, 2015.

**Lighting project for Football field 5/Lacrosse field 3-**

The lighting project will go out for bids in two weeks. It is slated to be awarded by April 22, 2015, with a goal of installation approximately on August 1, 2015.

**Open Space Funds-**

Chairman Fairfield stated that the Recreation Commission is allocated \$150,000.00, on a yearly basis, for capital improvements. He asked for clarification of where this money comes from. Committeewoman Pfromner advised that there is a 2 cent tax for Open Space, which is used to purchase and improve land.

**8. New Business:**

**Travel Basketball By-laws-**

Review of the by-laws will be discussed at the March 25, 2015 meeting.

**Diamond Cheerleaders-**

Sharon Mitchell will be invited to the March 25, 2015 meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.