

Minutes of the EHT Recreation Commission on 4/13/16 as heard by Justin Riggs

Call to order 7:00pm

Attendance:

Fairfield, Messina, Gallagher, Riggs, Weldon, Stetser, Warrell (Fire Call 7:05pm), Pfrommer;
Twp. Committee Liaison, Audet; Director of Recreation
Absent- Rispoli- Excused, Fiedor- Excused

Minutes of 3/23/16; Motion Messina, 2nd Warrell; 6-0 in favor.

Youth Groups-

Christine Gras; EHT Soccer Club President

Inquired about a bathroom update for installation at Tony Canale park. Director Audet Shared Twp. Committee approved at their last meeting their open space fund. The bathrooms were included in this funding. The specs for the bathrooms are with the engineer. 3 mason bids are also with the engineer for the base of the bathroom. As discussed before, an August timetable was included in the report. Gras asked that for traffic purposes a communication between Recreation and Public Works includes her to direct parents. It was also discussed that the bathrooms are in a good location. Director Audet shared that turning the bathroom entrance so it faces the street would be a good idea for aesthetic purposes. President Gras shared the fields looked the best she has seen in 8 years and appreciates the efforts Public Works has put in. Gras reported she is proactive in closing fields. Chairman Fairfield asked about having additional signs that indicate the fields are closed. Audet reported they are going to a state contractor for the signs that will include alternate locations for them to play, such as; Shiers Park. Committeewoman Prommer asked about the parking situation at Canale Park and an update about the conditions. Gras reported progress has been made. Gras reported May 20th at 6:30pm will be their Opening Night Under the Lights at 6:30pm.

Public Comment-

Amanda McGowen; EHT; United Way of Greater Phila/ Southern NJ

Provided the Commission suggestion on interactive signs that increase participation of our walking trails. They look to hopefully install them in May. Chairman Fairfield inquired about what is needed for installation. It was shared that only marking of irrigation, or underground electrical lines would be needed from Public Works. Vice Chairman Messina discussed about possibly using around the baseball fields. Audet suggested areas of easy maintenance should be thought of because it should be a project that is sustainable for years to come. McGowen offered other locations in the area that have them, such as; Cape May Zoo, Gardener's Basin. Commissioner Warrell offered it is a great idea and that we should have them. Commissioner Weldon inquired about the size of the signs. It was offered no set height is determined. Chairman Fairfield offered a setting a meeting with Audet to look into having them, and locations. Committeewoman Pfrommer asked about the height off the ground, and will check

into liability issues, but thinks it's a great idea. Motion made by Warrell and 2nd by Messina; 7-0 in favor of the signs being installed pending a meeting with Township Administrator Miller on liability issues.

Old business;

Capital Projects-

Tennis courts, amphitheater, and bathrooms are included in the open space funds that were approved at the last Twp. Committee meeting. Professional fees for Canale Park expansion, cameras, Child's Kirk park dugout 3, and BMX turn are all included. Commissioner Weldon provided an update on the camera project.

Additional; plaque policy for installation and potential for memorialization was discussed with the Township Committee. Chairman Fairfield asked that a policy/procedure is finalized before advertising and installing any plaques. Audet shared one is in the works and can be approved at the Recreation Commission level. Committeewoman Pfrommer shared that she spoke with Township Administrator about this and he is in support of the idea. Discussion whether requests should or shouldn't be allowed for their location. The tree/bench needs to be purchased by the family. A site request map will be started and will try to coordinate with the requestor for the site, but cannot be guaranteed. Chairman Fairfield asked about the cost of the bench, and should be a minimal cost to the requester.

Use of Facilities-

Linwood Church- Chairman Fairfield asked if it's not an EHT Organization, it should not be considered by this board. Chairman Fairfield did not recognize the request as it is not an EHT group.

Earth Group- Chairman Fairfield asked this not be considered as it is not an EHT group, but a Galloway group.

Street Hockey- Discussion on trying to add to the 18-29 group, the 30+ may want to consider incorporating their group with the 18-29 group. Insurance issue discussed, and it was determined the fees for the group would be applied towards the insurance. Motion Messina, 2nd Warrell based on conditions of 80% resident rule, insurance approval, and rosters. 7-0 to approve.

Director's Report-

Weldon and Rispoli terms are concluding and will be placed on the Twp. Committee agenda for re-appointment. Amendment to youth group policy, authority to close fields in accordance with efforts for the better and safer conditions. Chairman Fairfield stated use of fields, and conditions are included in the fields rotation plan, and were communicated with all youth groups.

Commissioner Weldon offered groups using unplayable conditions should not be allowed.

Commissioner Stetser offered protection from damage that could be long lasting. Soccer President Gras offered adequate notice of this procedure change should be in place and consistent when applying this policy. Chairman Fairfield discussed that conditions of fields and a policy should be in place. Vice Chairman Messina offered that field usage after the decision is made to close fields/stop activities should be in place. Commissioner Riggs offered it provides

guidance for weekdays and presidents on the weekends. Committeewoman Pfrommer offered it is critical to communicate this policy with each group. Commissioner Stetser offered a timeframe should be in place for each sport. Audience member Jack Haines referred to referee fees, being an NJSIAA official and the time of canceling. The policy is on the right track. Vice Chairman Messina offered it provides consistency with each group. Motion Messina, 2nd Warrell on field use cancel policy amendment 7-0 in favor. Chairman Fairfield asked address verification is needed for coaches. Director Audet offered that a port o potty will be added to the Nature Reserve.

Youth Group Minutes-

Vice Chairman Messina questioned the field numbering Lacrosse in matching with baseball. Public Works is aware of seeding. Audet provided a turf update of lacrosse fields.

Handouts-

Grounds summary, and handouts presented to discuss potential conflict of interest in requiring groups to play out of baseball facility in Hammonton. Committeewoman Pfrommer added a conflict of interest clause is needed to the by laws as it is a 5013c regulation from the IRS.

Good of the Order-

Vice Chairman Messina offered City of Ventnor has their bands on Wed. evenings and we may be able to get better pricing if we used the same group. Audet added all 2016 dates are filled, but will look to do that in the future.

Motion to adjourn 8:45pm by Chairman Fairfield, 2nd Warrell. 7-0 in favor.