

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMISSION

APRIL 15, 2015 MINUTES

1. Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll call-

Present: Fairfield, Messina, Audet, Gallagher, McComb, Riggs, Rispoli and Warrell.

Excused absence: Fiedor and Weldon.

3. Acceptance of March 25, 2015 minutes:

Minutes were approved by a vote of 7-0.

4. Presentations/Public Comment:

EHT Youth Groups-

Diamond Cheer-

Sharon Mitchell, Coordinator, introduced Jennifer Shaw, Director/Head Coach.

Ms. Mitchell advised that Diamond Cheer is a non-profit organization with 501C3 status. Diamond Cheer was established in 1997 and has competed each year, with the exception of 2014. Their by-laws are on record with the Recreation Commission.

EHTBA-

Kim Feinstein, Treasurer, inquired whether the lights on Field 3 have been replaced. Director Audet indicated that he would speak to Public Works to obtain an update on the status of the lights.

Mr. Feinstein asked whether cut-outs would be made in the curbing near Castle Park and fields 1 and 2. Director Audet indicated The Public Works and Township Administrator Miller have been advised of the problem and will take care of it.

Chairman Fairfield added that Committeewoman Pfrommer is adamant that the handicap accessibility ramp be installed immediately .

Kim advised that Baseball is willing to pay for a 12X24 foot shed to house their golf carts. However, electricity would be needed in the shed. He asked whether Public Works electric would run the electric. Football will need access to the weight room and the golf carts will have to be relocated, by April 20, 2015. Chairman Fairfield advised that once electric is run to a structure it becomes permanent. Wherein, building codes now come into play. A discussion regarding electric in a shed will have

to occur between Township Administrator Miller, Public Works Director Simerson and Recreation Director Audet.

7:35 p.m. Closed the EHT Youth Group portion of the meeting.

Public Comments-

Ken Michelette addressed the Commission. He is a nursing student who has a Community Service project for his Global Health class. The topic is "Fighting obesity through exercise and diet." Over the next five weeks, Ken needs to complete 20 hours of observation. He started off with observing "Cooking with Chef Ray" and will continue with additional EHT Recreation programs.

Ed Keil requested clarification, for the EHT groups and organizations, to correspond with Public Works. Director Audet reiterated that all requests from the groups and organizations must go through the EHT Recreation Department. Rick will complete a work order and will track the progress. Groups and organizations must not contact Public Works directly they must go through the channels with Recreation.

7:46 p.m. Public Comment portion of the meeting was closed. Chairman Fairfield advised that extenuating circumstances may result in the re-opening of the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

5. Old Business:

Surveillance cameras at park facilities-

Director Audet stated that Chief Davis is meeting with the vendor on April 24, 2015 and that he and Bob Fairfield will be attending the meeting.

Policies and Procedures-

A sub-committee of Chairman Fairfield, Vice-Chair Messina, Commissioner Rispoli and Director Audet was formed to create an EHT Youth Sports Groups policies and procedures manual. Once the committee's recommendations are complete a copy will be distributed to the Recreation Commissioners, Township Administrator and Presidents of the EHT groups and organizations for their perusal and comments.

Parks and Recreation Capital Projects-

- Veteran's Park Football field 5 light project is slated to begin on August 1, 2015.
- Veteran's Park fencing projects are underway.
- Childs-Kirk playground equipment and installation.

Three bids are necessary for the project. \$75,000 has been allotted. Director Audet anticipates formulating an ad hoc committee consisting of 2 Recreation Commissioners, EHTYS President and himself to determine the type of playground equipment best suited for the park.

- Election of Recreation Commission Officers.
Chairman Fairfield and Secretary Rispoli were re-elected by a unanimous vote. Vice-Chair Messina was re-nominated and a vote will be conducted on May 13, 2015.
- Voting for acceptance of by-laws was tabled until the Policies and Procedures manual is complete.
- Bargaintown Park Baseball field use by EHTBA.
A meeting will be conducted with Vice-Chair Messina, Commissioner Gallagher, Director Audet and Baseball representative Alverson to formulate a cognitive plan.

6. Use of Facility requests:

Shore Fellowship Church-

Request to use the Shires Park was denied by a vote of 0-7.

EHTHS National Honor Society-

Request to use the Soccer field at Tony Canale Park was denied by a vote of 1 (Warrell) -6. It was suggested that they request use of a school field via the Board of Education.

7. Director's Report-

- EHT Nature Reserve Trustees presented their Vision Plan to Township Committee.
- Wanda Schafer, Assistant to the Director, will be out of the office until June 1, 2015.
- Delilah Oaks Pickle Ball court fencing will commence on approximately May 1. The courts will be re-lined.
- Capital money is in the Open Space account and in place for the 2015 budget.

8. New Business:

Liaisons were appointed, Commissioner Riggs for Soccer and Commissioner Weldon for Street Hockey.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.