

Egg Harbor Township Recreation Commission

April 17, 2013 Minutes

Attendees: Fairfield, Davis, Gallagher, Hiller, Schafer and Rispoli.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Minutes:

March 27, 2013 minutes will be voted upon at the May 15, 2013 meeting.

3. Public:

EHTYS-

Kim Collins, Secretary, requested information regarding Commissioner Messina's recommendations to the EHTYS by-laws. Chairman Fairfield stated that Commissioner Messina suggested the changes. Since he was not present at the meeting, the Commission would review the by-laws and discuss the changes, with Commissioner Messina, at the next meeting.

Ms. Collins explained that there is an issue with an eight year old player. During games and practice, the child does not listen to directions and cannot be controlled. She will run off the field at any given time, refuses to wear a helmet when at bat or is a base runner, exhibits temper tantrums and disrupts the game/practice. EHTYS has no knowledge of any medical classification for her. The parents are not present during the games/practices.

Kathleen Glick, Vice-President, stated that a coach from the 6U level volunteered to put her on the 6U team. After checking with the Atlantic Babe Ruth Softball League, the move was completed. The same problems exist. Both Ms. Glick and Ms. Collins asked what could be done with the child. Wanda Schafer, Assistant to the Director of Recreation, advised that the parents must be present and finger-printed. Vice-Chair Davis stated that it is a privilege to play. Documentation is necessary. A letter should be given to the parents explaining the situation and request their input and assistance. Advise them that their attendance at practice/games is required.

Safety is a big issue and the goal is to play, have fun and be safe.

Kim Collins asked whether the holes in the outfield, on field 2, could be filled.

Commissioner Rispoli explained that this field is built upon a dump from Lenox China. As the buried debris decays, the field sinks. Also it is near the retention pond. When it

fills, the field floods and causes more settlement. Contact Public Works (Al Simerson and Paul Deegler) and apprise them of the problem.

BMX-

Stanley Russ, President, presented a \$23,100.00 quote for surveillance cameras to cover Veteran's Park and benefit all of the groups. He feels that the cameras are a necessity, as BMX has a lot of valuable equipment stored in the field house. Chairman Fairfield stated that three quotes are required and must be submitted to Township Committee. Mr. Russ indicated that he would obtain the quotes. On another note, he reminded the Commission of the upcoming Red Line Race Cup held at EHT, on May 17-19. The races will commence starting at 9:00 am. It is anticipated that approximately 700 riders will compete. He asked if camping was permissible and if permits are required. Wanda Schafer, Assistant to the Director of Recreation, indicated that she would check with the Township Clerk. Mr. Russ asked whether signs could be posted to enforce the USBMX requirement that all riders wear helmets. He has witnessed children not involved in BMX riding without helmets. EHT Police Explorers and Sheriff Explorers will direct traffic and parking. He asked whether portable lighting was available to place in the parking lot. Chairman Fairfield said he would ask Public Works if any were available. Stan also asked if additional picnic tables, like the ones near the stand, were available. He was advised that BMX would have to borrow tables from individuals, as there are no more tables available. He asked about acquiring additional refuse containers placed at the track for the race. Mr. Russ inquired about the three leaning pines trees and paving the road from the street to the parking lot. Chairman Fairfield advised him to speak with Public Works about the trees and refuse containers. As for the paving, that is a capital project, and may be entertained at a later date.

Street Hockey-

Terry Crowley, President, concurred with BMX about the need for a surveillance system. He indicated that Street Hockey can't keep up with the costs of replacement of the plexi-glass and other items that are vandalized. Terry spoke of the Women's Street Hockey League. Wanda Schafer, Assistant to the Director of Recreation, advised that the adult leagues must provide their own insurance and come under the EHT Street Hockey umbrella.

EHTBA-

Dave Rossi praised Public Works and the job they have done at Bargaintown Park. Mr. Rossi stated that Al Simerson and Paul Deegler are very approachable and helpful.

Public Works pumped water off of field six. He inquired whether the holes in the road near fields 6&10 could be filled. Chairman Fairfield said he would talk to Public Works. As for the surveillance system, Mr. Rossi indicated that the field house/snack stand and press box are the areas where cameras would be useful. However, it would be very difficult to have cameras on the fields where most of the problems occur.

EHTLAX-

Kristy Gargan, President, stated that she received notification that Public Works was shutting down fields 1&2 immediately after the Lacrosse season ends. She asked whether any other fields would be available to Lacrosse. Chairman Fairfield indicated that there was a possibility that the back field could possibly be lighted. It was stressed that Lacrosse should schedule all of the 2014 season games away. The Recreation Commission will advise Lacrosse of any new developments.

4. New Business:

Canale Park Soccer fields/Use of Facility:

Chairman Fairfield advised that the Recreation Department has provided EHT Soccer coaches with written approval for use of the fields. When the Police are summoned, for an outside group playing on the fields, they will be asked to present their use of facility. If they cannot produce the document, they will be asked to leave the premises. Vice Chair Davis indicated that 25-30 Asian adults were playing on the main field. They were cordial when asked to leave.

Resignation:

Recreation Commissioner Robert Williams tendered his resignation effective April 19, 2013. Commissioner Dennis Hiller will become a Regular Member and Commissioner William Warrell will become an Alternate I.

An Alternate II will be appointed by Township Committee.

5. Old Business:

Travel Basketball-

Cameron Bell, Wanda Schafer, Assistant to the Director, and Robert Lincoln, Director of Recreation, met to discuss the Travel Basketball program. It was agreed that Travel Basketball would come under Recreation, as an extension of the Recreation Basketball program. Registration will be conducted by the Recreation Department. Registration for the Fall/Winter program will commence in June and September. The 2014 Summer league registration will be announced at a later date. The Travel Advisory

Board will follow the guidelines and duties set up by Recreation. Sponsorships are acceptable to help defray the cost of travel.

6. Use of Facility:

Scullville Bible Church-

Michael Bird requested use of the Bargaintown Park Baseball field on Monday and Thursday nights, from May through August. Request was denied via a vote of 0-5. The field has been shut down by Public Works to resolve maintenance issues.

Dave McCline Veteran's Fund-

Tim McCline requested use of a Childs-Kirk Softball field and a Veteran's Park Baseball field for a Kickball Tournament Fundraiser, on June 29, 2013 (rain date June 30, 2013). EHTYS will be involved with Babe Ruth District 4 tournaments, therefore they cannot use Childs-Kirk Park. The Canale Park Baseball field was offered as an alternative and approved for use by a vote of 5-0. The group will have to look for another field.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

