

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

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

7:00 pm

Minutes

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

III. Opening Statement Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act

- IV. Roll Call: Robert Fairfield, Chair - Present Charles Gallagher - Present  
Carmen Messina, Vice Chair -Present Justin Riggs - Present  
Toni Rispoli - Present Paul Weldon – Excused  
Kathy Fiedor - Absent Kevin Stetser - Present  
William Warrell - Excused
- Rick Audet Director of Parks Recreation- Present  
Laura Pfrommer Township Committee and Recreation Commission Liaison - Present

V. Reading/Acceptance of Minutes

a. Minutes – April 12, 2017

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Riggs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gallagher. The minutes were approved by a vote of 5-0.

VI. EHT Recognized Youth Sports Groups –

EHT Soccer-

President Christine Gras, 19 Jefferson Ave., EHT, stated that tryouts for the Fall Travel program have been completed. The Boys 14U team needs two players and the Girls 14U team needs one.

EHT BMX-

President Stan Russ, 3 Patrician Terrace, EHT, There are sixteen new riders signed up for the riders clinic. Five developmental riders with special needs were graduated from striders to pedal bikes. Five riders qualified for the Worlds Qualifier in South Carolina and two qualified for Texas. Commissioner Rispoli spoke of having a proclamation citing the achievements of the riders before Township Committee. Stan again discussed the need for drainage improvement project in the parking lot and the middle of the track.

VII. Public Comment opened at 7:20 p.m.

BMX President Stan Russ asked about having overnight RV/camper parking at Veteran’s Park for the possible hosting of Nationals at the Vets Park BMX track next year. Committeewoman Pfrommer

explained that there have been issues in the past. Laura suggested that Stan speak with Chief Ray Davis wherein issues can be discussed and plans made.

**Public comment closed at 7:26 p.m.**

## **VIII. Old Business**

### **a. Recreation Commission by-laws.**

Vice-Chair Messina made a motion to accept the changes to the Recreation Commission bylaws. Chairman Fairfield seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

### **b. Policy and Procedure Manual.**

Vice-Chair Messina suggested that the Policy and Procedure Manual include a section concerning the removal or suspension of a coach from a youth organization. Recreation Audet stated that there is such a clause on the manual currently and due process should be followed. The Recreation Commission may be involved when cause is shown, mainly in the form of bylaws not being adhered to. Progressive steps of discipline in the way of verbal, written and termination may be used.

Chairman Fairfield suggested that a three member sub-committee be formed to define the steps to remove a coach. In the past Baseball removed coaches and the children were hurt in the process. Commissioner Riggs asked whether an appeal process should be included.

### **c. Lacrosse by-laws.**

Vice-Chair Messina discussed his recommendations to Lacrosse's Association's bylaws. Copies of the bylaws will be sent to the Commissioners and Lacrosse Association for their review. A discussion will occur at the June Recreation meeting.

## **IX. Use of Facility Requests**

## **X. Director's Report**

Director Audet discussed an injury that occurred on the softball field on March 19, 2017. A review of the surveillance tape showed the incident. When registering the child, the form contained a waiver covering injuries.

## **XI. New Business**

Board of Recreation Commissioners Nominations: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary

Chairman Fairfield indicated that nominations must be received tonight as there will be three new commissioners in June. Bob called for a nomination of Secretary. Commissioner Gallagher nominated Commissioner Rispoli. When asked whether she would accept the nomination, Rispoli asked to clear the air first. Toni asked Chairman Fairfield which Recreation Commission seats would be vacated beside Commissioner Fiedor's seat. Bob stated that he and Vice-Chair Messina were both resigning. Commissioner Stetser nominated Commissioner Rispoli for the position of Chair. Commissioner Rispoli accepted the nomination.

Nominations for Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary were tabled until the June meeting. Nominations will be accepted and voted upon at our next meeting.

Committeewoman Pfrommer expressed her gratitude to Chairman Fairfield and Vice-Chair Messina for their dedication and hard work while serving on the Recreation Commission. The Recreation Commissioners and the Director all expressed their thanks to Bob and Carmen and wished them well.

**XII. Correspondence**

**EHT Youth Group Minutes**

- A. Baseball Association –4/6/17
- B. BMX – last received 3/21/17
- C. Youth Organization – last received 2/1/17
- D. Jr. Wrestling – 2/28/17, 4/18/17
- E. Lacrosse – last received 2/7/17
- F. Soccer Club – 4/5/17
- G. Street Hockey Association –4/24/17
- H. Travel Basketball – last received 2/9/17
- I. Youth Softball – last received 2/7/17

**Handouts**

- a. EHT Lacrosse By-Laws
- b. PW buildings and grounds summary

**XIII. Tabled Matters**

**XIV. Public Comment opened/closed 8:15 p.m.**

**XV. Adjournment 8:17 p.m.**

Motion was made by Chairman Fairfield	Seconded by Vice-Chair Messina
Vote	5-0

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Robert Fairfield, Chairman

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Toni Rispoli, Secretary

Please note these minutes were approved at 6/14/17 meeting.