

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

REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, May 11, 2016
7:00pm
MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order** 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** 7:01p.m.
- III. **Opening Statement Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act**
Read by Commissioner Rispoli.
- IV. **Roll Call**
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| Robert Fairfield, Chair - Present | Charles Gallagher - Present |
| Carmen Messina, Vice Chair - Excused | Justin Riggs- Present |
| Toni Rispoli, Secretary- Present | Paul Weldon- Excused |
| Kathy Fiedor - Present | Kevin Stetser - Present |
| William Warrell -Present | |
- Laura Pfrommer (Township Committee Liaison)- Present
Rick Audet (Director of Recreation)- Present
- V. **Reading / Acceptance of Minutes- April 13, 2016**

Motion	Motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Warrell and seconded by Commissioner Stetser
Vote	Approved by a vote of 5-0-2. Commissioners Fiedor and Rispoli abstained.

VI. **Presentations / Public Comment**

EHT Recognized Youth Sports Groups Comment
BMX-

President Stan Russ advised that the Gold Cup Race would be held on May 14 & 15, 2016. EHT Explorers will help with traffic. Races begin at 8:00 a.m. Stan requested that Public Works empty all of the trash receptacles prior to the race.

Travel Basketball-

President Cameron Bell indicated that he would forward all of the groups minutes to the EHT Recreation Department. Scott Lyon will comprise their financial statement. The Winter season went well. The group will continue to meet on a regular basis. Cameron asked whether a liason would be appointed. Chairman Fairfield advised that a liason may be appointed after the Travel Board meets with the Recreation Sub-Committee to determine the path Travel Basketball will take.

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Public Comment

Brian Vu and Paul Chau spoke before the Commission. They indicated that a group of Vietnamese adults have been playing informal Soccer games, at Canale Park, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. , for years. Recently they were informed that they can no longer play at Canale Park. They asked where they could play. Chairman Fairfield explained that EHT Soccer Club has the fields on Sundays. The Field Rotation and Repair Committee shuts down field for rest and repairs. The Committee is presently working to find fields that informal groups may play on. We have identified Shires Park, Delilah Oaks Park and the Field Hockey field at Childs-Kirk Park.. Mr. Vu explained that there are drains in the middle of the Shires Park field and are dangerous. Commissioner Rispoli indicated that the Hockey Field at Childs-Kirk does not have Soccer nets. However, it is a reasonable field for them to use. Mr. Vu complained that the hockey field has poor turf. Chairman Fairfield indicated that he would inspect the Shires field and get back to him. Mr. Vu provided his email address

VII. Old Business

Capital projects update

Director Audet spoke about Open Space Funds.

- Resurfacing the tennis courts at Canale Park is slated for May or June. Need warm, sunny days.
- August 1 is the anticipated date for the construction of the bathroom facility, near the Canale Park Soccer fields. All approvals must be received prior to the commencement of the project. Director Audet spoke about Capital projects.
- Repairs to Childs-Kirk field 3 dugouts, BMX turns and the Surveillance project may commence in September after the funds are released.

VIII. Use of Parks Facility Requests

a. Friends of EHT Dog Park:

Request to use the perimeter of Bargaintown Park on June 4, 2016 with a raindate of June 5, 2016, was approved by a vote of 7-0. Commissioner Rispoli made the motion and was seconded by Commissioner Fiedor.

b. Chickie and Petes:

Request to use the Baseball field at Bargaintown Park on May 22, 2016 from 11:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m. was approved by a vote of 7-0. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Riggs and seconded by Commissioner Fiedor. Proof of insurance must be provided.

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c. EHTYS

Requested permission to host a Movie Night at Childs-Kirk Park on May 14, 2016. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Warrell and seconded by Commissioner Fiedor. Approval was granted by a vote of 7-0.

d. Informal Soccer

Brian Vu requested permission to use a soccer field at Canale Park on Sunday mornings, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The Commission voted to not approve this request. Director Audet will contact Mr. Vu with regard to using the Hockey Field at Childs-Kirk Park, Shires Park or Delilah Oaks Park.

IX. Director's Report

Director Audet spoke about the Smoking Ordinance which encompasses all EHT Parks and the Community Center. Committee Woman Pfrommer indicated that the No Smoking policy comes through Township Committee. Township Solicitor Friedman will re-write the ordinance to include the Community Center.

X. New Business

Recreation Commission By-Laws

Chairman Fairfield explained that our by-laws need to be revised. A sub-committee to review and recommend changes will need to be formed. Commissioner Gallagher made the motion to form the sub-committee and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fiedor. Motion was passed by a vote of 7-0. Commissioners Riggs, Stetser and Warrell were appointed to this committee. Director Audet and Chairman Fairfield will assist whenever needed.

Veteran's park Baseball field # 3

Field 3 opened today. Sign-offs are necessary from EHTBA, Public Works, Recreation Commission and Recreation Department. As a consorted effort all groups involved must inspect the field and acknowledge that the work has been completed satisfactorily. A sign-off document will be prepared and utilized.

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Coaches

All groups must submit a copy of their game schedules prior to opening their season. Names and addresses of all coaches must be submitted to the Recreation Department. Each coach must adhere to Township Ordinance with regard to the KidSafe program. When requested, proof of residency must be submitted.

Opened Public Portion of the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Erica Messina asked why it mattered whether a coach was a Township resident. Chairman Fairfield explained that the Recreation Commission and all Youth Groups are governed by by-laws. Lori Oberman stated that EHT Soccer uses trainers who are not residents of EHT. Chairman Fairfield explained that the organization hired the trainers who are not governed by this rule. Lori Oberman stated that Nelson Gaskill has been coaching Baseball for the past five years. Why is it an issue that he isn't a resident? Commissioner Fiedor stated that Mr. Gaskill was removed years ago from coaching as he was not an EHT resident.

Michelle Sabatt explained that the parents prefer to have an outsider coach their children. They do not want parents coaching the teams. It then becomes "Daddy Ball". Director Audet started that every Youth Group must submit a complete list of all coaches and their address. No Board Member, Coach or player may be a non-resident. The rules govern all youth sports and approximately 2000 children. It is in place to protect the interest of the residents of EHT. There are pros and cons to this rule.

Carol Hill said that no one was aware of a residency issue with Nelson Gaskill. Commissioner Fiedor explained that Nelson was told 10 years ago that he couldn't coach due to his residency. John Kotakas asked why Nelson Gaskill is on the KidsSafe list if he isn't permitted to coach? Commissioner Rispoli explained that EHT Recreation only gets notification of the names of coaches that pass the background check. Recreation does not receive any additional information regarding the coach, such as an address or sport to which they are involved. Therefore, the individual groups need to present complete lists of their coaches and addresses.

Closed Public Portion of the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

XI. **Correspondence**

Public Works Grounds Crew Report

The report was reviewed. All groups will be apprised of this report.

On days where it rains, Public Works and the Recreation Department may make the decision to close fields. If necessary, the decision will be made prior to 3:30 p.m. On weekends, the individual groups will make the decision whether to open or close a field due to the weather.

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EHT building on Cates Avenue

Commissioner Fiedor expressed EHT Jr. Wrestling's desire to use the building on Cates if PAL is giving it up.

EHT Lacrosse

Commissioner Rispoli advised the Commission that Lacrosse would like to purchase a shed similar to the one EHTBA purchased. They would like electricity to the shed. They also asked to store their score boards and other electronic equipment at the Community Center. Director Audet will discuss a place to store the items. However, he will not store the pads or uniforms.

EHT Youth Group Minutes

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| A. Baseball Association– last received 2/4/16 | F. Soccer Club – 4/12/16 |
| B. BMX –last received 2/18/16 | G. Street Hockey Association – last received 3/7/16 |
| C. Diamond Cheer | H. Travel Basketball – 4/14/2016 |
| D. Jr. Wrestling – last received 2/23/16 | I. Youth Softball – last received 3/28/16 |
| E. Lacrosse – last received 1/27/16 | J. Youth Organization – last received 12/2/16 |

Handouts

- A. EHT Baseball Association 2015 Form 990 tax returns (on file in office)
- B. EHTYO 2015 fiscal year audit report
- C. Grounds Department summary May 10, 2016
- D. EHT Youth Softball 2016 spring roster (on file in office)

XIV. **Tabled Matters**

XV. **Upcoming Events**

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XVI. Adjournment at 8:48 p.m.

Motion	Motion to _____ was made by _____ and seconded by _____ Commissioner Riggs made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Warrell.
Vote	7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Robert Fairfield, Chairman

Toni-Lynn Rispoli, Secretary

These minutes were approved at the
June 11, 2016 Recreation Commission Meeting
