

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER
5045 English Creek Avenue, EHT, NJ 08234

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Fairfield
2. ROLL Robert Fairfield Present Charles Gallagher-Present Carmen Messina-Present
CALL: Raymond Davis **Absent** Dennis Hiller-**Absent** Toni-Lynn Rispoli-Arrived @8:00 pm
Kathy Fiedor - Present Mary Ann McComb-Present William Warrell-Present
3. Reading/acceptance of minutes
 - A. Minutes – March 27, 2013, April 17, 2013 – Approved Fairfield,Gallagher,Messina,Warrell - Yes
4. Presentations/Public
 - A. Christine Gras, President, EHT Soccer Club. President Gras advised the Commission that several clubs in the area, that participate in the Shore County Soccer League, are folding. The Club would like to know if they could take non-residents and charge an extra fee. Commissioner Fairfield advised her that the policy for participants under 18 years of age is 100% EHT residents. Since the Shore County Soccer League is for children 8 to 14 years of age, the answer would be no. A discussion then followed explaining past events involving non-residents.

B. Kristie Gargan, President EHT Lacrosse. President Gargan asked the Recreation Commission if any progress was made on finding her a field for next year. Ms. Gargan was informed that all her games are to be played away. Practice fields where being looked at. A possible solution would be to hold the 60/90 Baseball games at Bargaintown Park thereby freeing up field 3 at Veteran’s Memorial Park for them to use for practice only. She was advised that this was in the discussion phase only, no decisions have been made.

C. Tony Savastano, Acting President, EHT Youth Organization. Acting President Savastano advised the Commission that he attended the Board of Education meeting on Tuesday evening regarding their new use of facilities policy. While at the meeting he discovered that the Board of Education would be cutting the freshman soccer and lacrosse teams due to lack of interest. The Board advised the audience that if they had a greater interest during registration this summer they would re-look at the decision to cancel the programs. Acting President Savastano suggested to the Lacrosse and Soccer Presidents to get the word out to their 8th grade players.
5. Old Business
 - A. Background Checks – Vice Chair Davis absent – no discussion.
 - B. Softball By-Laws – Not all members had the opportunity to review. This will be re-addressed at the next meeting.
 - C. Financial Disclosure Forms – Chairperson Fairfield advised the Commissioners that the forms are due in by May 31 and if they are having any problems to stop at the office and Wanda would assist them in completing the forms.
 - D. Snowman Contest – The 5 individuals that submitted their pictures will be contacted and advised to come in to our next Commission meeting, June 19, 2013 at 7:15 p.m.
6. Use of Facility Requests
 - A. Tony Canale Park – Amphitheater – Encore Performing Arts Center – May 19, 2013 - Approved - 6 yes
 - B. Veteran’s Memorial Park – Field 5 (Football/Lacrosse) – Rugby Sevens Practice – Approved – 6 yes
 - C. Tony Canale Park – Soccer Fields – EHT Soccer Club – Conditional approval was given. If all coaches are from EHT. Request approved upon verification that all coaches are EHT residents. 6-yes
 - D. Veteran’s Memorial Park – Baseball Field #3 – ACBL – Elmo Wright – Approved – 6 yes
 - E. Tony Canale Park – June 4 – EHT Key Club – Approved – 6 Yes
7. New Business
 - A. Liaison appointments – Toni Lynn Rispoli will take over Lacrosse and Maryann McComb will take over Diamond Cheerleaders, due to R. Williams’ resignation.
 - B. Rescheduling of the June 12 meeting. Due to several Commissioners not being available for the next scheduled meeting, the meeting was moved to June 19 in the Multipurpose Room (meeting room in use).
8. Correspondence
 - A. Dog Park –Memo from P. Miller dated April 29, 2013
Chairman Fairfield will compose a letter to Mr. Miller and Township Committee advising that they cannot and will not recommend that a dog park be put into an established active park or in a location that would take away from an area that is designated for future growth. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Recreation Commission that the dog park be placed at the Nature Reserve in an area away from where the visitors would be using the facility for passive activities or on a piece of property owned by that Township that is not earmarked for future growth.
10. Handouts
 - A. Green Acres Press of AC articles - May 4 and May 7, 2013 – A brief discussion was held regarding the article and the possible effects this may have on EHT.
 - B. EHC bans smoking in parks – Press of AC article – May 10, 2013 – no discussion – informational only.
13. Adjournment: Time: 8:45 p.m.