

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMISSION

AUGUST 15, 2012 MINUTES

Attendees: Fairfield, Feidor, Davis, Gallagher, Hiller, Lincoln, Messina, Rispoli, Warrell and Williams.

1. Minutes:

July 18, 2012 minutes were approved 9-0.

2. Public:

EHT Wrestling- Greg Dix provided information regarding RESILITE and TIFFIN wrestling mats. Both mats are 1 5/8". When asked which mat Wrestling preferred, he indicated that the Resilite 1 5/8" was their choice. Bob Lincoln advised that two actual quotes are required. Once Recreation receives the quote the process can begin.

Greg requested access to the auxiliary gym, once a week, and prior to the start of their season. Bob Lincoln stated that the gym is not sitting idle. Karate is using the gym on Monday, Wednesday and every other Friday. Fencing is using it on Tuesday and Thursday. It was recommended that Wrestling check with the Recreation Department for dates/days that the gym is available, prior to submitting their Use of Facility request. Greg stated that Wrestling would auction off the old mat, once they get the new one. Bob Lincoln advised that the mat was purchased by Recreation. Therefore, EHT Wrestling cannot auction off the mat.

EHT Lacrosse- Kristy Gargan (Secretary) and Drew Gargan (Vice President) inquired whether the Recreation Commission would be able help the EHT Lacrosse program monetarily. An estimated amount of \$5000 was requested to pay for equipment, such as pads. They would be collected, at the end of the season, and re-issued for the next season. Lacrosse has approximately 100 participants in their first to eighth grade Lacrosse program. The initial parental outlay, per participant, is \$300-\$400, which includes the \$105 registration fee. EHT Lacrosse presently has approximately \$1400 in their account. Throughout the season, fund raising programs, such as candle sales, coin drops and social events, are conducted to cover the organization's outlay. Those yearly expenses include referees, port-a-potty rental, equipment container rental, balls, nets, goals, and uniforms, end of the year banquet and awards, plus incidental expenses. Since EHT Lacrosse is not a 501C3, or non-profit organization, their donations are minimal. Bob Lincoln stated that Recreation's

operating expense account does not have the funds to purchase equipment for the individual organizations and has not done so for the past three or more years. However, it is possible that money can be used, via Recreation's Capital Budget, to purchase an equipment container. EHT Lacrosse must submit, to Recreation, three (3) quotes for the purchase of a container. The group meets the second Thursday, of each month, in the Veteran's Park field house at 8pm.

EHT Extreme Softball- John Stratten explained Babe Ruth's Extreme Softball program. It is a travel program with dual chartering capabilities. Players may concurrently play for their chartered Babe Ruth League and Extreme Softball. Babe Ruth has initiated this program to bring players back. Numerous girls have left the recreational programs to play travel. Tryouts for the EHT Extreme Travel program will be conducted by EHTYS Board Members. Insurance would be purchased through K&K Insurance. The season would run September 1 through August 31. All coaches would be finger printed and have their coaching certification. The cost per participant is \$350, which is far below the cost of other travel teams. EHTYS would host 3-5 tournaments per year. This would help keep the cost down and reduce the amount of time traveling to other sites, for the players/parents. EHTYS is hoping to field teams at the 10, 12, 14, 16 & 18 u levels. Presently, EHTYS is having difficulty in forming the teams under the 100% residency rule. Most levels have a core group of 8-10 EHT residents. EHTYS would like to request a waiver, for one year, to go to the 80% residency rule offered to adult or 18 and older leagues. John stated that he spoke with Township Administrator Peter Miller concerning this issue prior to coming to the Recreation meeting.

Chairman Fairfield stated that the Recreation Commission would not entertain a request for a waiver of the 100% residency rule. Vice Chair Fiedor suggested that the Extreme rent fields from Atlantic Christian until they get to 100% EHT residents.

Kim Collins stated that EHTYS is losing players to travel teams. In three years, EHTYS lost approximately 75-100 players to travel. In 2010 there were over 300 participants. 2011 saw the numbers drop to 244 participants. 2012 had only 200 participants. EHTYS is desperately trying to get the travel players back by offering Extreme Softball.

Kim asked the Commission to reconsider and offer a waiver, for one to two years, so that EHTYS can get this program started. The goal is to bring the travel players back to EHT.

3. Old Business:

Field Use Policy and Permit/Draft- Tabled to September 19, 2012 meeting.

Goals and Objectives- Tabled to September 19, 2012 meeting.

- 4. Use of Facility Request:**
EHT High School Soccer Booster Club- Requested use of Canale Park Amphitheater for a Soccer picnic on August 26, 2012. Request was approved by a vote of 6-3 (Williams, Hiller and Rispoli).

- 5. New Business:**
Kids Safe Program- When the Township ordinance requiring coaches to be finger-printed was enacted, there were no term limits imposed. A discussion on whether coaches should be required to go through the process again ensued. It was agreed that after five years the coaches should go through the process again. Bob Fairfield will advise Township Committeewoman Laura Pfrommer.

Meeting Recessed: 8:30pm to 8:55pm.

Chair Fairfield, Vice Chair Fiedor, Recreation Director Lincoln and Commissioner Williams left the meeting room.

Meeting reconvened at 8:55pm.

Chairman Fairfield requested that the following information be added to the minutes.

Commissioner Williams stated that he was “unofficially resigning” and did not return to the meeting after the recess. Chairman Fairfield advised the Commissioners of an allegation concerning Commissioner Williams and EHT Baseball. Further discussion was tabled until the September 19, 2012 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.