

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

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

7:00pm

Minutes

I. **Call to Order** Chairman Fairfield called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. **Pledge of Allegiance.**

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 at 7:16 p.m.	Paul Weldon – Present
Kathy Fiedor - Present	Kevin Stetser - Excused
William Warrell - Present	

Laura Pfrommer (Township Committee Liaison) - Present  
Rick Audet (Director of Recreation) - Present

V. **Reading / Acceptance of Minutes**

a. Minutes – August 17, 2016

Commissioner Warrell made the motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a vote of 7-0.

VI. **EHT Recognized Youth Sports Groups Comment**

Christine Gras; Soccer President- Christine strongly advocated about having out of towners, using the 80/20 rule be able to coach and participate for travel. She agreed that using EHT kids should come first, but rosters are not being filled and the Soccer Club needs help in order to keep some teams afloat, especially the teenage girls' teams. Gras also asked about having more info on why EHT is one of the only towns to not use this rule. Chairman Fairfield explained he is looking into this request, and but seems only travel is having this problem of filling rosters. Vice Chair Messina questioned roster size at the u13 level.

Commissioner Weldon asked who was on the subcommittee. Chairman Fairfield replied with Secretary Rispoli, Vice Chair Messina, and himself. Chairman Fairfield also explained that multiple issues need to be addressed before bringing this to the full Recreation Commission level. Gras inquired on a bathroom update. Director Audet explained it should be delivered within a few days, and the necessary water and sewer hookups should occur within a few weeks after that. Director Audet explained he will do his best to have it operational as soon as possible as the two contractors allow. Vice Chair Messina inquired about sewer and water mark outs. Director Audet explained they were done, and if they need to be marked again that is a quick process to make that happen.

Stan Russ; BMX President- BMX facility is closed due to construction. Lights at the fieldhouse building were recently vandalized, Director Audet stated he will work with Public Works to get them will be fixed. Public Works are working on drainage issues as well during the course of the BMX turns project.

**\*\*\* The above minutes were taken by Commissioner Justin Riggs.\*\*\***

**VII. Public Comment**

**a. Non-Resident Coaches**

Lori Oberman inquired whether there was any progress with allowing non-residents to coach in EHT? Chairman Fairfield indicated that volunteerism within EHTBA is less than 4%. There are 800 participants in the program. He questioned the low number of volunteers. Lori Oberman explained that parents do not want to coach their children. They would rather watch their children play. She asked why if a non-resident coach has been approved through the Kids Safe program couldn't they coach. Lori indicated that she has been trying to get an answer to this question for five months.

Committee Woman Pfrommer said a decision could be reached by December 2016. Chairman Fairfield stated that the Commission wants to be fair and equitable to all of the residents of EHT. We have met once and plan to meet again next week to discuss this issue.

**\*Public portion was closed at 7:34 p.m.**

**VIII. Old Business**

**a. Capital Projects Update**

**Canale Park Bathrooms**

Site work has been completed. Building should be installed next week.

**Amphitheater cover**

A new design has been proposed. The project is moving forward. The cover is pre-fab. It is a metal roof with steel columns and a fascia can be added. The company is under NJPA contract.

**Surveillance Project**

Installation of the cameras is scheduled for the last week of September or the first weeks of October. Breakers LLC is under state contract. Installation of the cameras should take approximately one week.

**BMX turns-**

Work is slated to commence the week of September 26, 2016.

**Childs-Kirk field 3 dugouts**

Quotes have been received and the new dugouts will be built at grade.

Veteran's Park Baseball Field 3 snow fence will be installed to keep youth visiting football teams off of the infield grass.

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

##### **a. Hope for Atlantic City**

A request to use the Amphitheater at Canale Park on November 6, 2016 was denied due to a lack of a motion. Additional information is required,

##### **b. New Jersey Baseball 13u Team**

A request to use the Bargaintown Baseball field was not entertained. The team has no relationship with EHTBA. Chairman Fairfield stated that the Recreation Commission has never given fields to any unrecognized youth organizations.

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

##### **a. EHT Travel Basketball**

Director Audet congratulated Cameron Bell on his appointment to Head Basketball Coach for EHTHS. Tammy Mahana has stepped up as the President for Travel Basketball. Commissioner Rispoli stated that all Executive Board positions must be filled prior to holding any meetings. Vice-Chair Messina concurred. Director Audet will inform President Mahana and is working with the Travel Basketball Board to make sure they are ready for their season.

#### **XI. New Business**

##### **a. Capital Budget Workshop**

##### **Draft – Six Year Capital Budget – 2016**

Tony Canale Park Soccer Bathrooms and Amphitheater cover, BMX asphalt turns, All Parks Surveillance & Security project and Childs-Kirk Park field 3 dugouts are presently under way. All other projects slated for 2016 that were not started were moved to 2017.

YO Football Helmet reconditioning was removed from the Capital Budget as it is not a Capital project it should come under O&E.

##### **2017**

Soccer goal replacement and Veteran's Park West Hockey Court sports decking were removed as they are not Capital improvements. Asphalt work was changed to Road Improvement. Tony Canale Park Expansion and Tennis Court backboard were moved to 2018.

Lacrosse field netting was changed to a 20 foot chain link fence in 2017.

##### **2018**

Veteran's Park Playground was moved to 2017.

Park fencing and Veteran's Park Refurbishment stayed in 2018.

Veteran's Park Baseball field 6 lighting, and Bargaintown Park Tennis court backboards were moved to 2019.

Soccer Goal Replacements and YO Football helmet Reconditioning was removed as they come under O&E. Childs-Kirk PA System was removed as EHTYS purchased a new system.

##### **2019, 2020 and 2021**

Will be discussed at the next meeting.

**b. On-going Capital Projects**

**Veteran's Park-**

Continue with the refurbishments and improvements of the park. Concrete pads were placed under the bleachers.

Lacrosse- A 10 foot chain link fence will be installed on field 3 to protect the cars. This will commence when the parking lot is repaired.

Hockey Court Relamp- Musco has been contacted and met with Director Audet. Changing the lights to LED or Halogen is being discussed and will entail upgrading the poles.

North Court- Holes in the dasher boards/plexi-glass panel has been repaired/replaced.

West Court- Needs new asphalt.

**c. Youth Coaches**

Commissioner Fiedor inquired whether coaches under 18 were covered by our insurance.

Director Audet stated that if they are registered as a volunteer the answer is yes.

**d. EHT Jr. Wrestling**

Commissioner Fiedor whether the Betterment building was available for EHT Jr. Wrestling?

Commissioner Weldon stated that there are problems with the building.

**XII. Correspondence**

**EHT Youth Group Minutes**

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| A. Baseball Association- 8/11/16        | F. Soccer Club - 7/12/16                  |
| B. BMX -last received 6/8/16            | G. Street Hockey Association - 8/29/16    |
| C. Diamond Cheer                        | H. Travel Basketball -9/8/16              |
| D. Jr. Wrestling - last received4/26/16 | I. Youth Softball - last received 3/28/16 |
| E. Lacrosse -4/5/16                     | J. Youth Organization -8/3/16, 8/17/16    |

**XIII. Handouts**

- a. EHT Running Eagles Lax- financials report 12/15-7/16
- b. EHT Baseball Association- financials report 9/1/16
- c. EHT Soccer Club Rosters- sent 8/25/16 (64 pages, on file in office)
- d. WHT Public Works Grounds Department summary

**XIV. Tabled Matters**

- a. Discussion Policy & Procedures - non-resident coaches.
- b. Discussion Policy & Procedures - non-resident players.

**XV. Public Comment**

Re-opened at 8:58 p.m.

Ed Keil stated that the voters of EHT hold Township Committee to be consistent. He stated that Hope for Atlantic City was denied without a motion. He questioned this action when Coca-Cola was given use of facility last month after discussion. His request for Bargaintown Park baseball field for his New Jersey Baseball 13u team was denied without a motion.

Stan Russ BMX President asked if a recycling bin can be placed at the track. Public Works and ACUA will be contacted to see if a dumpster can be placed at the track.

Stan suggested the building in front of King Pin for Wrestling. Commissioner Rispoli indicated that the structure of the building is not good. There is no heat.

Christine Gras Soccer President asked when the bathrooms arrive how keys will be distributed.

Director Audet explained that he is looking into an automated/timed locking system, however it will be managed the same as our bathroom buildings at Vets Park for now in that leaders from the youth group will be expected to lock up every night.

Commissioner Riggs stated that an adhoc committee has been formed by EHTBOE to look into the cost of building use to EHT Recreation.

**XVI. Adjournment at 9:12 p.m.**

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Riggs, motion was seconded Commissioner Gallagher. The motion was approved 8-0.

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Robert Fairfield, Chairman

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Toni-Lynn Rispoli, Secretary

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**These minutes were approved at the  
September 28, 2016 Recreation Commission Meeting**

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