

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Wednesday, October 12, 2016  
Minutes**

**7:00pm**

**I. Call to Order by Chairman Fairfield at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Fairfield.**

**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 – Excused
Toni Rispoli – Present	Paul Weldon – Present 7:07 p.m.
Kathy Fiedor - Present	Kevin Stetser - Present
William Warrell - Present	
Laura Pfrommer (Township Committee-Recreation Liason) - Present	
Rick Audet (Director of Recreation) - Present	

**V. Reading / Acceptance of Minutes**

a. Minutes – September 28, 2016.

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Gallagher and seconded by Commissioner Fiedor. Minutes were approved by a vote of 7-0.

**VI. Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs Program – Largest Fish Contest Award**

Elijah Chapman

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

**EHT Jr. Wrestling-**

Kara Driscoll, Vice-President, requested that Recreation purchase four portable score clocks for their tournaments. Cost per clock is \$530.00.

Kara advised the Commission that Wrestling is in need of another mat. She asked whether Recreation would purchase another mat, along with the bags to house them. Kara indicated that Jr. Wrestling needs two sets of mats. The portable mats located in the Auxilliary Gym are no good. Kara asked whether they can be given to various coaches to personally use. Director Audet indicated that the mats can not be given to the Wrestling Coaches due to liability. The school district has expressed an interest in the mats. Rick will explore legitimate avenues to sell the mats to Jr. Wrestling.

Vice-Chair Messina asked why Jr. Wrestling needs another mat? Kara explained whenever EHT Jr. Wrestling holds tournaments they need four mats. They borrow mats from Fernwood, Alder and the High School. Kara also requested more mat tape. Recreation provides them with ten rolls, which is not enough. They actually need 50-100 rolls of mat tape. Mat cleaner is also needed.

Kara inquired whether EHT Jr. Wrestling could move to the Betterman building, as they really need to practice more than two-three days per week. Commissioner Weldon stated that the building was leased to PAL and is overrun with mold. Kara explained that their season begins in November and runs through April. They practice in the Auxiliary gym on Tuesday and Thursday nights. On Wednesdays they move the mats into the Multipurpose room in order to hold their practice. Saturdays are out since they go to tournaments on the weekends. She implored the Commission to give Wrestling some place to practice as they really need it. Clearview obtained land and built a pole barn for their wrestlers. Chairman Fairfield explained that EHTBOE has an Ad Hoc Committee looking into the charges to Recreation for use of School facilities. Director Audet explained that all EHT school gyms have been blocked out for the month of November.

#### EHTBA-

Brian Hawkes, President, indicated that EHTBA purchased infield mix for field 10 at \$20.50 per ton. EHTBA is waiting until the Spring to do more work on the fields. Director Audet requested a list of repair items for Public Works to complete on field 10.

#### **VIII. Public Comment**

**\*Public portion was closed at 7:35 p.m.**

#### **IX. Old Business**

##### **a. Policy & Procedures Subcommittee (Non-Resident Coaches)**

A discussion regarding non-residents acting as coaches for EHT Youth Sports was discussed. The manual will need to be amended. Chairman Fairfield requested that all Commissioners email him with their thoughts regarding non-resident coaches. He asked that the Commissioners focus on penalty phases when an organization fails to follow the guidelines in place. If the recommendation is approved, the Recreation Commission will closely monitor the pilot program concerning non-resident coaches. The Recreation Commission will assess the program at the end of 2017 and determine whether it will continue. Commissioner Gallagher inquired whether we need to expand this pilot program to all of the organizations? An affirmative answer was received.

##### **b. 2016 Capital Projects Update**

###### **Canale Park Bathrooms**

Sewer work will commence this week. Water and electrical work thereafter. We are close to meeting the goal of October 21, 2016. Commissioner Weldon indicated that balls are being kicked at the building. He suggested that wire cages be placed over the lights to protect them.

###### **Amphitheater cover**

No update.

### **Surveillance Project**

Installation of the cameras is halfway completed on all four buildings. The project is well underway.

### **BMX turns-**

Work has been completed on the turns. Thanks to the BMX Board Members who helped with this project. Public Works assisted and did a fine job. A Pump Track was installed. The track will re-open on October 15, 2016. All parties concerned did an outstanding job!

### **Childs-Kirk field 3 dugouts**

Field 3 dugout work is scheduled to commence on October 17 and completed by October 22.. EHTYS is aware that the field will be shut down.

#### **c. Six Year Capital Plan**

Recommendations for the Six Year Plan must be submitted to Peter Miller, Township Administrator by December 19, 2016.

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

### **XI. Director's Report**

#### **a. Recreation Department Halloween Event on October 25, 2016**

Chairman Fairfield, Commissioners Fiedor, Gallagher and Warell will judge the costume event.

### **XII. New Business**

#### **a. Spring 2017 Mens' over 45 Baseball league**

To be discussed at a later date.

#### **b. Green Acres**

The Recreation is presently working on a draft fee schedule which must be approved by Township Committee.

#### **c. Public Works**

Commissioner Warrell expressed his thanks to Public Works for fixing the area in front of Veteran's Park snack stand that floods. He suggested that EHT Road Improvement roll and resurface this area.

### **XIII. Correspondance**

#### **EHT Youth Group Minutes**

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| A. Baseball Association– last received 8/11/16 | F. Soccer Club – last received 7/12/16       |
| B. BMX – 8/25/16                               | G. Street Hockey Association – 8/29/16       |
| C. Diamond Cheer                               | H. Travel Basketball –last received 9/8/16   |
| D. Jr. Wrestling – last received 5/24/16       | I. Youth Softball – last received 3/28/16    |
| E. Lacrosse – last received 4/5/16             | J. Youth Organization –last received 8/17/16 |

**XIV. Handouts**

Public Works Buildings and Grounds Summary 10/12/16.

**XV. Tabled Matters**

- a. Policy & Procedures – non-resident players

**XVI. Public Comment**

**XVII. Adjournment at 8:12 p.m.**

(Motion Commissioner Gallagher. Seconded Commissioner Weldon) 8-0 approved.

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Robert Fairfield, Chairman

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Toni Rispoli, Secretary

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These minutes were approved at the November 9, 2016  
Recreation Commission Meeting

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