

EHT RECREATION COMMISSION

NOVEMBER 14, 2012 MINUTES

Attendees: Fairfield, Fiedor, Davis (late), Gallagher, Hiller, Messina, Rispoli, Schafer, Warrell and Williams.

1. Minutes:

October 17, 2012 minutes will be reviewed and voted upon at the December 12, 2012 meeting.

2. Presentation/Public:

EHT Wrestling: Kurt Driscoll voiced concerns on behalf of EHT Wrestling.

- On November 13, 2012, EHT Wrestling was advised that they needed to vacate the building by 8:30pm, instead of their appointed time indicated on their use of facility request, which is 5:45pm-9:00pm. Wanda Schafer explained that the Recreation Department sponsored programs ended at 8:15pm. The Recreation aide responsible to secure the building concluded his tour of duty at 8:30pm. EHT Wrestling is a town sanctioned Independent group. On this date, Public Works did not have an employee assigned to the building. Therefore, the building had to officially close at 8:30pm.
- Inquired why parents are not able to enter the Auxiliary gym to watch their children practice. Wanda Schafer explained that the room has a capacity of 70 people. Allowing the parents to enter the gym would exceed the limit.
- Questioned why High School students weren't able to help teach the younger wrestlers. He stated that other organizations use them. It was agreed that other organizations utilize High School students to help with the younger participants. The Recreation Commission does not discourage former participants from giving back to their respective organizations.
- Stated that wrestling has a Use of Facility from November through March. Presently, they use the gym on Tuesday and Thursday, from 6:00-9:00pm. When Wrestling requested to use the gym on Wednesdays, they were denied. Driscoll questioned why? since the gym was "built" specifically for Wrestling. Wanda Schafer explained that Karate, which is an Egg Harbor Township Parks and Recreation sponsored program, uses the gym on Monday, Wednesday and alternate Fridays.
- Indicated that numerous dates requested, for Use of Facility, are denied. Bob Fairfield indicated that prior to requesting a date, check with Bob Lincoln or Wanda Schafer to ascertain what dates are available. Then put in the request.
- Advised Bob Lincoln, via email, that they would need the Auxiliary gym for weigh-ins on December 28, 2012, from 5-9pm. They were advised verbally that they could

not utilize the gym, as the building would be closed at 4:30pm. Wanda Schafer explained that, due to vacations, the building will close at 4:30pm during Christmas week. Greg Dix inquired, as an alternative, whether weigh-ins could occur throughout the day, up to the 4:30pm closing. An affirmative response was given.

- Kara Driscoll stated that wrestling has the gym from 6-9 pm. Due to the number of participants, in each age level, they need more time. There are approximately 90 wrestlers, which is down by 30 from 2011. She asked whether they could extend their time until 9:30pm. By a vote of 8-0, it was agreed to amend wrestling's time to 9:30pm, provided there is a Public Works employee present.

- Charlie Haney addressed the Commission. He asked why wrestling sign-ups were not in the paper. He was informed that EHT Wrestling sent the information via email directly to the wrestling participants. Upon receipt from the individual groups regarding sign-up information, Bob Lincoln or Wanda Schafer, send the information to the Current and the High School to post it on Channel 2.

3. New Business:

2013 Recreation Commission meeting schedule was reviewed and approved by a vote of 8-0.

4. Old Business:

Special work session to discuss Field Use and Policy slated for November 26, 2012 at 5:30pm.

Meeting adjourned: 8:25 pm.