

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 16, 2011 MINUTES

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

1. Minutes:

January 19, 2011 minutes were approved 8-1 (one abstention).

2. Coach of the Year Award:

Joe LaSala was honored as the 2010 Coach of the Year. Carmen Messina presented the award. Joe humbly accepted the award.

3. Public:

Girls Travel Basketball: Bill Pappas, Tammy Mahana, John Mahana, Jim Kelley and Jill Pappas addressed the Commission. Bill Pappas asked what he had to do to establish a Recreation sponsored Girls' Travel Basketball team. He stated that he has been coming to Recreation meetings since November 2009 and feels that he is getting the run around. He asked how Recreation could sponsor four Boys' Travel Basketball teams, but not a Girls' travel team? Bob Lincoln responded that the teams have absolutely nothing to do with Recreation. They were not funded in any way by Recreation.

Pappas asked how he could get Community Center gym time for his travel team to practice. Kathy Fiedor and Bob Fairfield explained that the Township Ordinance would have to be changed in order for a Travel team to use the Community Center gym. Kathy and Bob spoke with Peter Miller about changing the ordinance. He stated that the ordinance would not be changed to afford travel teams gym time. Furthermore, Recreation originally had the Boys and Girls Basketball programs. PAL took over both programs. When PAL dropped the Boys program, Recreation picked it up. Now that PAL no longer runs the Girls program, Recreation started a girls program.

Pat Kelly addressed the Commission. He stated that girls also want to play Basketball and asked why there were no Girls Recreational Basketball teams. Bob Lincoln responded that the Fall Recreational Program had sign ups for Girls' and Boys' Recreation Basketball. However, only a few girls signed up. The girls were then placed on Boys' teams, which are now co-ed. Bob further explained the history of EHT Girls Basketball. Bob reiterated the he will continue to run girls programs in the hopes that the program will grow once again.

Tammy Mahana inquired how they could organize to become a Recreational Travel Team. Bill Warrell stated that Lacrosse organized last year. They started with submission of by-laws and a Board of Directors.

Bob Fairfield reiterated that the Recreation Commission sponsors Recreation teams, not strictly travel teams. Kathy and Bob spoke with Committee Members and Peter Miller about gym use for strictly travel teams. Peter's response was that the Community Center gym will not be given out to travel teams and that the ordinance will not be changed.

- A vote was taken with regard to Girls Basketball. The vote was 6-3 in favor of supporting Girls and Boys Basketball programs as a Recreation program.

EHTYO – Football: Jim Kafkalas addressed the Commission regarding the removal of Marco Barrella as a Head Football coach. Jim asked whether EHTYO followed proper procedures when deciding who could coach and at what level. It was explained that as long as the by-laws were filed EHTYO was in compliance. As the liason, Bill Warrell will review the by-laws. Bill requested copies of the updated by-laws which were presented by Bill Mascuilli.

4. Old Business: Corrected electric bill breakdown was reviewed.
5. Use of Facilities: Canale Park Easter Egg Hunt, on 4/16/11, was approved 9-0.
6. Youth Group Minutes: Lacrosse has never sent minutes from any of their meetings. Bob Fairfeild will contact Joe Sheffer, Lacrosse President, regarding this issue.

Meeting was adjourned @ 10:50pm.

