

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMISSION

APRIL 16, 2014 MINUTES

Attendees: Fairfield, Davis, Fiedor, Gallagher, Lincoln, McComb, Rispoli and Warrell.

(Hiller and Messina excused.)

1. Minutes:

March 26, 2014 minutes were approved by a vote of 7-0.

2. Presentations/Public:

EHTBA-

President Ed Keil inquired when the decision was made to shut down field 11.

Chairman Fairfield explained that the fields are deteriorating and work needs to be done to maintain them. A committee of three Recreation Commissioners (Vice Chair Davis and Commissioners McComb and Rispoli) met with Public Works to identify and schedule the shutdown of the fields. In October of 2013, a three year plan was formulated. It identifies fields that are to be closed for years 2014, 2015 and 2016 and an assessment for Bargaintown Park in 2017. Prior to implementing the 2014 schedule it was sent to all League Presidents, on three separate occasions. Presidents from Soccer and Lacrosse attended meetings to obtain additional information regarding the shutdowns. Vice Chair Davis stated that the Recreation Commission mandates that a representative from each group attend our meetings so that they are well informed.

Vice President Vicky Hawkes indicated that baseballs are hit, from the three adjacent fields, into Football field 2. She feels that a Lacrosse player could be injured by incoming balls. Vicky asked whether nets could be installed to preclude this from happening. Chairman Fairfield stated that there would not be an installation of nets. She then stated that a ball was hit into the field on Thursday night. Commissioner Rispoli stated that she was there on Thursday night. She walked between the three fields and did not see any balls come into the Football/Lacrosse field.

Treasurer Kim Feinstein indicated that Baseball is willing to invest in the installation of new fencing. Commissioner Fiedor advised that Baseball would have to talk to Township Administrator about purchasing and installing fencing. Chairman Fairfield denoted that fencing repairs/replacements, for all parks, is in our Capital Improvement plan which was approved in February 2014. Kim stated that the meeting room at Veteran's Park needs to be addressed. It has a conglomeration of old tables and chairs. He said that Baseball would like to purchase three folding tables and thirty chairs for the meeting room. He was advised that this type of purchase is fine.

3. Use of Facility Requests:

US Coast Guard Air Station Atlantic City-

Requested use of the Amphitheater, Tennis Courts and Soccer fields for their annual Easter Egg hunt, on April 19, 2014, from 10am-12pm. Approved by a vote of 7-0.

4. Old Business:

Smoking Ban at all Township Parks-

A letter endorsing a smoking ban at EHT Parks was sent to Administrator Miller. Chairman Fairfield advised that Township Administrator Miller would like the Recreation Commission to come up with a plan.

A.E.D machines-

It was determined that the Recreation Commission will not fund the purchase of AED's for the groups. However, we do support the groups if they want to purchase an AED. A copy of the "New Jersey Public Access for Defibrillation (PAD) Law – Chapter 34" will be sent to the presidents of each group. A letter will accompany it defining approval to purchase an AED.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm.