

# EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMISSION

## SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 MINUTES

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** 7:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:**

Audet, Fiedor, Gallagher, Riggs (7:03 p.m.), Rispoli, Warrell and Weldon.  
Fairfield and Messina excused. McComb resigned.

3. **Minutes:**

September 16, 2015 minutes were approved by a vote of 5-0.

4. **Presentations/Public Comment:**

### ***Youth Groups-***

#### **BMX**

David Dorofee is the Track Operator. David addressed the capital improvement list for BMX. They need the three turns repaved, a new starting gate/barrel gate (approximately \$25,000.00-\$30,000.00), new fencing and the Pump Track moved. Director Audet stated that Public Works may not be able to do the asphalt work, an outside company may be needed. Peter Miller, Township Administrator will address the issues with Public Works and an engineer to ascertain how to proceed with the project of repaving the turns.

#### **Soccer**

Christine Gras made another request for a "Kick Wall". The original wall was destroyed by hurricane Sandy. Commissioner Rispoli recalled the conversation concerning the wall. However, it was not determined where the wall would be placed. After acquiring the 40 acres of property adjacent to Canale Park, the project was put on hold until plans were drawn up for the expansion. Commissioner Warrell asked whether a wooden structure would suffice. It would be a temporary wall that could be removed when the expansion occurred. Christine indicated that she would like the wall constructed at the end of the Softball field, near the trees, where the old wall stood. Director Audet will speak with Public Works.

Christine explained how costly porta-potties are for Soccer. Director Audet explained that Recreation rented additional units for Canale and Bargaintown Park. In 2016, Recreation will continue to use O/E budget funds to pay for port o lets at Canale and Bargaintown Parks.

### **EHTYS**

Kathleen Glick, President, indicated that Softball would like an additional lighted field, a PA system and picnic tables under the pavilion.

Kathleen asked whether a decision had been reached concerning their Fall Ball program. Director Audet explained that he will meet with Township Administrator Miller concerning the program. Commissioner Gallagher expressed his concern of changing a program that has existed for 10 years or more.

### **EHTYO**

Dominic Branca, President, indicated that the game field is beyond repair. The soil has no nutrients left in it. He asked whether sod could be installed for 2016. Tuckahoe Turf Farm gave an estimate of \$25,000.00 to sod the field. Commissioner Riggs advised that the Fall is the best time to seed. He asked whether the Aerator and Seeder had been used on the field. Commissioner Weldon gave a negative response and indicated that 600 pounds of seed had been spread on the field, to no avail.

Dominic expressed concern regarding the grounds between the field house and the game field. The ground has eroded and puddles form all around the building. Because the ground is no longer level. He asked whether new asphalt could be spread around the building. Director Audet advised that he would look into it. This project could be coupled with asphalt work at the BMX track.

Dominic asked for new picnic tables. Director Audet indicated that picnic tables are on order for Veteran's Park.

Dominic inquired how one may apply to become a Recreation Commissioner.

Commissioner Fiedor advised that he should submit a letter to Mayor McCullough advising of his interest.

#### **5. Director's Report:**

Director Audet advised that Commissioner Maryann McComb resigned.

#### **6. New Business:**

##### **Six Year Capital Budget-**

Director Audet asked the Commissioners for input regarding the plan.

##### **Childs-Kirk Park**

Commissioner Rispoli cited issues at Childs-Kirk Park. Field 3 dugouts need to be raised. They are below ground level and fill with water, especially on the third base side. Public Works hit this dugout a few years ago with a back hoe when digging out the drain. Since

then, the dugout has wooden supports to hold it up. Field one needs new dug outs. They are cracked and wasps house within the blocks. The field house gutters need to be pitched differently, water does not drain properly. All of the downspouts have been destroyed. The downspouts should be PVC pipe that goes through the concrete walkway and vents out to the drains. Lights under the fascia need to be repaired or replaced around the building. A spot light on top of the building would provide much needed light to the parking lot. Commissioner Gallagher concurred with the assessment.

#### **Veteran's Park-Street Hockey**

Commissioner Fiedor expressed concern with the West Court. Commissioner Weldon advised that the West Court is the oldest. The court needs to be resurfaced and new decking installed. The gate has been repaired and the concrete barrier removed. The North Court needs upgraded lights.

#### **Canale Park-Soccer**

Commissioner Fiedor voiced concern about the lack of permanent bathrooms at Canale Park near the Soccer fields.

Commissioner Riggs spoke about the broken goals near the parking lot/softball field. He felt that they need to be removed from the Park, as they are a hazard.

#### **Capital Budget**

Commissioner Warrell asked whether it was possible to raise the amount of money allocated to Capital Improvements from \$150,000.00 to \$200,000.00.

Director Audet identified additional areas that will need attention in future years, and advised that general park assets should be protected and addressed beyond those that directly affect the youth sports groups. Resurfacing or crack repair of all the outdoor basketball courts will be needed (Bargaintown, Oakland, Shires and Delilah) within the next six years.

The tennis courts at Canale and Bargaintown Parks, lighting can be considered ,and cracks repaired on the courts. The Pickleball courts at Delilah Oaks Park and tennis courts at Bargaintown Parks need benches. Measured walking fitness paths / trails at Canale and Veteran's Parks, would be a valuable project for the community. New playground equipment will be needed at Veteran's Park near the Football/Baseball field house as well.

#### **7. Old Business:**

EHT Jr. Wrestling by-laws will be reviewed at the October 16, 2015 meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.