

Egg Harbor Township Board of Recreation Commissioners Meeting
EHT Community Center
5045 English Creek Avenue
Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

7:00 pm

Chairwoman Toni-Lynn Rispoli called the meeting to order 7:04 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Recreation Director, Richard Audet, read the opening statement pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act.

Roll Call:	Toni-Lynn Rispoli	Present
	William Warrell	Present
	Justin Riggs	Excused
	Charles Gallagher	Excused
	Paul Weldon	Present
	Kevin Stetser	Present
	Amy Smith	Present
	Paul Trinkle	Present
	Christine Gras	Present

Also present Township Committee member Laura Pfrommer and Parks and Recreation Director, Richard Audet, and members from the public.

Chairwoman Rispoli stated Commissioner Gras would be the honorary secretary due to Commissioner Rigg's excused absence.

Reading/Acceptance of Minutes: Motion made by Commissioner Weldon, Commissioner Smith second to approve September 13th minutes. Commissioners Trinkle/Gras abstain all else in favor. Minutes approved.

EHT Recognized Youth Sports Groups: Kathleen Glick, President of Softball, requesting Ray Murdoch be approved as an out of town assistant coach. Kathleen explained the need for him to be a part of the team to help the girls with their skills and that he has no desire to become the head coach. Mr. Murdoch explained he is a Veteran, will be fingerprinted, and has a lot of experience as he coached all 3 of his daughters. Vice Chairman Warrell made a motion to approve, Commissioner Smith second, all in favor. The board thanked him for his service to the country.

Kim Collins from Softball wanted clarification/advice regarding video-taping. During their 6th Annual Ovarian Cancer tournament a parent was removed because he was filming directly behind the backstop which Babe Ruth states you cannot film from that area. Kim wants to know if she can

post there may be videotaping happening to protect the organization because we are all aware people have cell phones at any minute and could begin video recording. Chairwoman Rispoli said that you can put a sign but also suggested adding verbiage to their registration forms as well. Commissioner Trinkle mentioned to add the rule on a waiver. Commissioner Rispoli suggested they call Rob to get latest edition of softball rule book as well and that she would also speak to Darren about backstop rule. Richard Audet advised that videotaping in a public park is permitted, however an umpire has the authority to ban it in a certain area adjacent to the field if it's in Babe Ruth rules.

Commissioner Weldon advised Kathleen Glick, President of Softball, he put in a request for a street light at Child's Kirk at Idlewood & Biscayne.

Public Comment: No public comments were given.

Capital Budget: Commissioner Warrell asked Township Committeewoman why can't there be a more consistent amount of money with reasonable cost of living increase. Committeewoman replied that it was a tough question to answer because they need to see where other things fall into place as well.

Chairwoman Rispoli stated that the resurfacing of the tennis courts is a priority and she also asked about the pickleball courts as well.

Chairwoman Rispoli asked Commissioner Gras to confirm the lighting situation at Tony Canale Park. Commissioner Gras stated that they only need the outfield lit (soccer field 7) and can just add to the existing poles currently there this will reduce costs and add for something else to be done. Chairwoman Rispoli suggests the wrestling mats be moved up to the 2018 budget.

Commissioner Weldon asked about the addition for Tony Canale Park and what is needed to start. Richard Audet said this project would be a bond and that in order to start it would need to be voted on and approved, than the design and engineering needs to take place. The town should realize a difference between Playmore Sports and our youth groups who are tax payers. The athletic field use policy does charge commercial groups more than non-profit groups.

Commissioners then begin discussing relations between schools and township because of the burden basketball deals with. When discussing Vice Chairman Warrell states there should be a flat fee, not an astronomical one either, for basketball and wrestling.

Township Committeewoman Pfrommer stated that she and Peter Miller discussed our playing fields and the need for there to be better turf management. At this time, the Township does not have quality field turf on most fields.

Township Committeewoman Pfrommer asked if we are doing anything for adults in the budget. Richard Audet provided that resurfacing the tennis and pickleball courts, possibly converting the softball field to Shires Park to an adult size, and adding more walking paths and fitness areas to existing parks. Committeewoman requested that we keep these things for our adults on our radar.

Chairwoman Rispoli informed Richard Audet to make changes discussed and to send to Peter Miller.

Director's Report: Mr. Fox was suspended per August 18th letter as a board member until February for EHTYO. Will there be an extension for 1 year and all youth groups or is the suspension for just Football? Commissioner Warrell suggests we hold off on making a decision. Commissioners begin discussing responsibility for other organizations in which parents/coaches members may sit in various groups and the consequences. Commissioner Gras stated at the very least since not all Presidents review the "Approved Coaches List" that they should be notified. Commissioner Smith states that we are held responsible for all youth organizations so it should be for all and one year. Commissioner Smith makes motion to suspend Mr. Fox from sitting on a board or coaching due to multiple offenses for 1 (one) year for any program that falls under the Recreation Program from date of EHTYO letter. Commissioner Gras seconds, all in favor.

Richard Audet, requested commission to review amended policy and procedures. A brief discussion was held and the proposed policy change was tabled to the October meeting.

Liaison Reports: Commissioner Weldon stated Baseball needs a 70/30 infield mix end of season. Commissioner Weldon suggested Public Works pick up the cost.

Vice Chairman Warrell asked anyone available from 11AM-2PM to attend the dog park opening.

Commissioner Stetser stated the EHTYO meeting went well regarding the issue with the 6 year old girl. He also reminded those scheduled to attend regarding a meeting with EHTYO on October 2nd.

Commissioner Trinkle – Travel Basketball had their meeting. They are ready to go to EHT School Board meeting regarding costs for gym. They also have a new treasurer.

Vice Chairman William Warrell made a motion to the meeting at 9:58 pm, Commissioner Weldon seconded, unanimously approved.

Minutes as heard by Commissioner Christine Gras

Christine Gras for Secretary Justin Riggs

Chairwoman Toni-Lynn Rispoli

**These minutes were approved at the October 11, 2017
Recreation Commission Meeting**
