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Vote	Motion carried 8-0.

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Vote	Motion carried 8-0.

VII. EHT Recognized Youth Sports Groups

a. President's Presentations

EHT Girls Softball

Kathleen Glick, 1024 Ocean Heights, discussed the girls softball program with the Commission. She said the new dugouts on field 2 look great. Parks and Recreation Director Rick Audet stated the timeline for the project is that we hope to complete the work in mid-March, put down sod, and be ready to open the newly built Field 2 in mid-April. Ms. Glick asked public works to look at the fencing for field 5, it is coming up along the 1st and 3rd base lines. Robert Lundberg from public works said that he would look into it. Ms. Glick stated that the softball board would like another lighted field, field 2 or field 7, as their capital budget request for this year.

EHT Baseball Association

Jamie Gillespie, 511 Glenn Ave, baseball director of the baseball association spoke for their organization. Jamie introduced himself to the Commission and stated that all is well within their organization. He turned the meeting over to Kim Feinstein the field coordinator to further discuss the facilities with the Commission and Public Works. Kim Feinstein, 447 Delaware Ave, shared a list of work to be performed and hoped to improve a number of areas within the baseball field complex. Mr. Feinstein reminded the Commission that EHT Baseball Association has spent a lot of its own money in performing work on the fields in recent years. They did a walkthrough of the facility on February 26. Most of the work requested is basic maintenance. One of the more pressing issues is the removal of the berm of field 4. The list of field work requested was discussed.

Mr. Feinstein is asking again for the Township to consider converting the existing pump to a tanked system and putting water bibs on all fields. Mr. Feinstein shared his opinion that the Township spends money on field work and sod and then does not perform the necessary maintenance tasks to keep up the conditions to a good level of quality. Mr. Feinstein shared EHT Baseball's capital request of lights that are badly needed on field 6, and they could also use lights on field 4 as those are field sizes with no lighted fields currently. Sam Gioconda from Public Works said the pumps are meant to run with no backflow and his proposed system could present mechanical issues. Kim and Jamie said they have volunteers who are willing to help install the system.

For the fields, Kim stated if the Township provides the dirt, they could help spread it. Jamie stated that Bob Weber resigned as president of EHT Baseball and that Mike Civitello is serving as interim president. The board will address

the positions of president and vice president at their next meeting on March 8. Commission Chair Toni Rispoli stated that full compliment of the board needs to be president in order for them to be able to vote on anything.

EHT BMX

Stan Russ, 3 Patricia Terrace is the president of EHT BMX and spoke for the organization. He said the track is busy preparing for the 2018 season, they have a lot going on. He thanked the Township for their support of the track in the past year. The starting gate installation at this time is 90% complete. They will soon finish the electric work for the gate. The concrete work is done. They are also working on the track itself and they want to do everything right. The bmx board is currently getting a new treasurer in place as the previous one recently resigned. Stan asked if the Township could install split rail fence at the bottom of the starting hill area. Robert Lundberg said they could use snow fence for now. Stan said the run is about 30 feet. EHT BMX has the Jack Frost race on March 17 which starts between noon and 1pm, this race will kick off their 2018 season.

EHT YO

Tony Savastano, 311 Gravel Bend Road, spoke on behalf of the Youth Organization. Mr. Savastano was recently elected president of YO. Mr. Savastano stated that YO would like the Township to pay for the helmet reconditioning for the organization. It is a mandated safety measure and Parks and Recreation has paid for it in all past years, and the Township should at least share in the expense. Tony stated that YO does have about \$41,000 in its accounts however they are seeing 2018 expenses for new jerseys (\$6000), \$5000 to scholarship funds, and cheer uniforms for the varsity squad that will cost \$6000. Therefore, there is a real need for the Township to help support the helmet costs. Mr. Savastano further explained that it costs \$23-25 per helmet for the reconditioning which could total \$7000-\$7500 in costs. YO hopes to one day pay for new and upgraded helmets. Furthermore, YO has an additional \$8000 in budgeted program expenses.

YO does expect to collect about \$25,000 in program registration fees later in the year prior to their season. Mr. Savastano said that YO is not comfortable raising program fees for the third year in a row and that YO serves a lot of lower income families. He stated it is becoming tougher to compete with other football programs and other sports as well. He clarified that football and cheer registration fees are the same. Christine Gras discussed the actual costs per kid to outfit them for football or cheer and that you need to base your fees off those actual costs. Amy Smith discussed that football helmets are a different scope of equipment than in other sports, however in many cases when parents choose to sign up for a sports program, they are also choosing to purchase the equipment needed to play that sport. She further stated that it may be a lot of money but parents should inherently know the added costs to participate.

Mark Mensch, 2 Dockside Drive, stated that while lacrosse players buy their own equipment, football provides the equipment to the players and the sports are different in that regard. He stated that he has heard that a lot of people already have serious concerns about the cost of their program. Toni Rispoli suggested that they could lessen the amount given out in scholarships to help offset the cost of helmet reconditioning. Tony Savastano said the YO does not wish to reduce scholarship costs and that those costs do not come from registration fees, but fundraising efforts. Toni Rispoli stated that no other sports equipment is purchased for any of our sponsored youth sports groups. Tony Savastano stated that they are not looking for new equipment from the Township but instead asking for a shared expense to meet safety guidelines and that football has more inherent costs than any of our other sports. Amy Smith stated that even with the costs laid out to us, their annual registration fees do allow you to afford the helmet reconditioning costs. Christine Gras stated that soccer serves 1200 kids per year without any snack stand funds and that they have been able to afford all the costs of their organization. Kevin Stetser stated that the Commission can consider splitting costs for this year, and giving them time to afford the full cost in the next round of helmet reconditioning. Tony Savastano stated that the helmets are going out in a few weeks. Rick Audet stated that it could

only be the O/E budget parks line item that pays for this cost and the Commission does not have authority over this line item and that currently we are on our temporary budget and have zero funds in this line item.

Tony Savastano stated that YO funds don't just sit around they get directly put back into the program to benefit the kids who play football and cheer. Toni Rispoli stated that at this time the Township is not preparing to pay for the helmet reconditioning and that YO will have to cover those costs.

Tony Savastano also stated that as the incoming president, he wants the relationship with the Recreation Commission to be a good one, wants to have a fresh start, and wants YO to be a good feeder program to the high school team. YO has been discussed in the past year, often not in a favorable light, and they want to turn over a new leaf. They had a full board at their last meeting when votes were made, they will accept nominations for a new VP at their next meeting. There is also a general board position open.

EHT Jr. Wrestling

Damien Correa, 109 Ohio Ave, introduced himself as the wrestling club president. He spoke of their club hitting the reset button for their organization and the transition to some new people on the board. He stated that the club has been doing great lately. Christine Gras stated that the board seemed well organized and with good people in place at the last meeting she attended. Damien stated the board filled the vice president position with Michael Priveti. The club sent 30 wrestlers to a Cape May tournament and they had top 3 finishes. They held a beef and beverage fundraiser recently that went very well. They purchased new uniforms this year and charged a \$20 rental fee. For their capital wish list, they would like for the Township to purchase new mats, they have 3 sets but would like 4 sets. Damien stated that they are already well ahead of schedule in planning next year's wrestling calendar with the Parks and Recreation Department.

EHT Lacrosse

Andrew Carpenter, 35 Marshall Road, is the president of EHT Lacrosse Association. Andrew stated that lacrosse is in good standing at this time as a number of projects have been completed that he has asked for including paving the parking lot, putting up new field fencing, fixing the fencing adjacent to the school property and they have received approval to put in new backstops. The recent vandalism to field 5 was discussed. Andrew said there should be fencing around the entire fields' area. He stated there was a quad on the field just today. Robert said public works can put up more bollards to help keep cars out. Andrew also asked public works to address the drainage between fields 3 and 4. Paul Weldon stated the storm water runoff from the school property increases the drainage issue. Andrew asked if we can do a french drain in this area, Robert stated it is too long a run for that. Andrew explained that field conditions are the largest concern for lacrosse and that they are left every spring with damaged fields from the previous football season. Andrew stated that lacrosse wants scoreboards for their game fields. There was a discussion to add security cameras to the back fields, Paul Weldon explained that it will be tough to run electricity to all the locations and that light poles are only powered when the lights are turned on.

EHT Soccer Club

Matt Bailey, 107 Cabot Lane, is the new president of the soccer club. Joe Olivieri is the vice president and Theresa Rosenberg is the treasurer. Matt thanked Robert and Public Works for getting the fields ready for spring. Soccer has not begun to use the fields yet. It was discussed that soccer club would hold off until Monday to access the fields per our policy and procedures. Matt stated that their next board meeting is March 13. Matt discussed recreation player numbers are down for the club this spring, the amount of girl players is down as well. Two teams that had done intramurals are now doing travel. Rec and intramurals program starts the last week of March. The capital request for soccer club is to install lights onto the soccer field area adjacent to the softball diamond.

EHT Street Hockey

Gary Adams, 108 Ruby Drive, is the president of street hockey board. They have finished their rec season, they had a good season this year. Gary mentioned the west hockey court capital project and the work that has yet to be completed on that facility. Gary explained that the lights are out on the east court and he has been asking for them to be replaced for a while now. Sam Gioconda from public works said that a purchase order is in place and they are waiting for parts that are on order. Gary asked to schedule a walkthrough of the fieldhouse snack stand with BMX for the room to be turned over to BMX. Rick Audet stated that he would schedule it with both groups shortly. Gary discussed that there are holes in some hockey boards that will need to be replaced. It was discussed that damage to the facility often occurs not when street hockey is using the courts, rather from members of the public using the courts improperly in off hours. Gary said they are going to do a maintenance walkthrough of the hockey courts as well. Street Hockey requests that the north court lights be fixed in the capital budget as there are dim areas on the court from when it was expanded.

Travel Basketball

Not present, no presentation made.

VIII. Public Comment

The Commission and Parks and Recreation Director reiterated their strong recommendation that all youth groups purchase D&O insurance for their boards. Tony Savastano shared the quotes he had received on it recently, and that you can also add general liability to the policy. There was a discussion on covering equipment owned by the groups such as golf carts. Kim Feinstein and Kathleen Glick also discussed their D&O coverage and details on what is covered and what is not.

Toni Rispoli reviewed the liaison assignments with all groups. She asked the Commissioners to do the best they can to attend all board meetings of the youth groups. She encouraged the youth group to reach out to their liaison with any issues that may arise. Toni reminded everyone that they must submit rosters for their youth and adult teams.

Toni also thanked all the groups and stated that the Township could not offer these programs without them.

On the topic of financials reporting, Toni reminded everyone that we may ask to see receipts from time to time, there must be no use of ATM cards to withdraw cash, and that all groups should use checks to pay officials and reimburse board members as necessary.

Toni stated that the Township will not pay for AED's for the youth groups that they should provide them as part of their program's operations. The Township will install AED cabinets in the fieldhouse buildings. There needs to be proper signage on the premises stating when there is access for the public to AEDs. The memo that Rick Audet handed to every president was discussed as well. Toni stated that alcohol and our youth groups should never mix, there is to be no alcohol present at any banquets. A beef and beverage fundraiser is ok if the kids are not present. We want a wholesome environment for our kids. Lastly, if there is a complaint or issue in an organization, it is up to the organization to address it first and take care of the problem, or else the Commission may have to step in and resolve any issue.

Frank Finnerty, Township Committee member, spoke to all the youth groups in attendance. Mr. Finnerty stated that he is proud to be part of EHT and is proud and was very complimentary of the efforts of our youth groups on behalf of our children. The boards for the most part conduct themselves in a professional manner and everyone who presented tonight was excellent. As an elected official he is again proud of their efforts. He concluded by stating that EHT is a great town because of our schools, public safety and recreational opportunities.

Tony Savastano asked public works the status of the practice fields for the fall and if there are plans to shut any field down for maintenance. Robert Lundberg stated that we do not plan any field closures at this time but we must take a look at the fields after the lacrosse season and decide at that time.

Kim Feinstein asked the Parks and Recreation Director what the status of the showcase baseball tournament this summer was. Rick Audet answered by stating that the Commission will vote on that park use request tonight, but if it is approved that we will allow the tournament to be held and ask baseball to not schedule home games on those two weekends in July. Rick Audet also stated that he hopes an EHT team will enter the showcase tournament.

Dena Danz reminded the Commission and the youth groups in attendance that National Night Out is August 7 this year. All groups will be required to not hold any activity at Vets Park that evening, but more importantly all groups are strongly encouraged to take part in the event and show off their organization to the community.

Kim Feinstein stated that they will need fields ready for an April 14 tournament.

Stan Russ stated his concern on the left hand turn into Vets Park off Ocean Heights Blvd needs a turn lane. Stan also stated that the gas station across the street now sells vaping materials as well and that kids are cutting through the park even more now.

IX. Old Business

a. 2017 Capital Projects Update

Rick Audet stated that the capital project report is the same as the January meeting. The amphitheater cover project is completed except for new lighting under the cover. He plans to have that completed by end of May. All other capital projects had been discussed during the course of the meeting.

X. Use of Parks Facility Requests

a. Bargaintown Fire Auxiliary – Egg Hunt Canale Park March 17 (rain date March 24)

Motion	To approve the park use request of Bargaintown Fire Auxiliary. Motion made by Bill Warrell Seconded by Christine Gras
Vote	Motion carried 8-0.

b. EHT Baseball Association 3/1 – 7/31, 2018

Motion	To approve the park use request of EHT Baseball Association. Motion made by Paul Trinkle Seconded by Christine Gras
Vote	Motion carried 8-0.

Jamie Gillespie stated that baseball opening day is April 14.

c. PG Super 25 Tournament: July 6-8 & July 27-29, 2018

Motion	To approve the park use request of PG Super 25 tournament. Motion made by Kevin Stetser Seconded by Bill Warrell
Vote	Motion carried 8-0.

d. Hope for Atlantic City concert – 4/14/18

Motion	To adjourn the park use request of Hope for Atlantic City. Motion made by Paul Weldon Seconded by Kevin Stetser Bill Warrell and Christine Gras abstained. Paul Trinkle voted no.
Vote	Motion carried 5-1-2.

e. EHT Lacrosse 3/1/18-6/17/18

Motion	To approve the park use request of EHT Lacrosse. Motion made by Paul Weldon Seconded by Bill Warrell.
Vote	Motion carried 8-0.

f. EHT Youth Softball - 3/1/18-7/31/18

Motion	To approve the park use request of EHT Girls softball. Motion made by Bill Warrell Seconded by Paul Trinkle
Vote	Motion carried 8-0.

XI. Director’s Report

Rick Audet reported that the spring program guide comes out this week. The Parks and Recreation department is offering two new adult sports programs this season: Mens Over 30 basketball and Adult Coed soccer.

XII. Correspondence

EHT Youth Group Minutes

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| A. Baseball Association – 11/2, 12/21/17, 1/17/18 | F. Soccer Club – last received 12/12/17 |
| B. BMX – 1/15/18 | G. Street Hockey Association – 1/8/18 |
| C. Youth Organization – last received 10/18/17 | H. Travel Basketball – 1/11/18 |
| D. Jr. Wrestling – 12/26/17 | I. Youth Softball – 10/25/17, 11/21/17 |
| E. Lacrosse – 11/7/17 | |

Handouts

- EHT Soccer Club financials report 1/31/18
- EHT Lax financials report 2017
- EHT Baseball Association financials 12/7/17, 1/18/18, 2/1/18
- Letter from Township Solicitor re Policies and Procedures – Removal of Volunteer from Program
- EHT Street Hockey Association – Bylaws updated 1/8/18
- EHTBMX 2018 Race Calendar

XIII. Tabled Matters

VIII. Public Comment

Toni Rispoli discussed the letter she received from Township Solicitor on the issue of removing a person as a volunteer from a youth group organization. The youth group organization should handle the matter first and report its actions back to the Recreation Commission. If the youth group fails to act, the Commission and Director can direct a person to be removed from an organization.

Street Hockey's proposed new bylaws will be discussed at the next meeting.

Toni reminded all groups to send their bylaws in every year.

IX. Adjournment

Motion	To adjourn meeting of Recreation Commission. Motion made by Kevin Stetser Seconded by Christine Gras
Vote	Motion carried 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Minutes as heard by Rick Audet, Parks and Recreation Director.

Toni Rispoli, Chairperson

Rick Audet, Parks and Recreation Director

These minutes were approved at the March 14
Recreation Commission Meeting.
