

Egg Harbor Township Board of Recreation Commissioners Meeting
Egg Harbor Township, NJ

REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES
Wednesday, September 12, 2018 **7:00pm**

I. Call to Order

Recreation Commission Chair Toni Rispoli called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Opening Statement Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act

Opening statement was read by Parks and Recreation Director Rick Audet.

- IV. Roll Call:**
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| Toni Rispoli, Chair – Present | Amy Smith – Present (Arrived 7:26) |
| William Warrell, Vice Chair– Present | Paul Trinkle – Present |
| Charles Gallagher– Present | Christine Gras (Alt. 1) –Present |
| Paul Weldon– Present | Jonathan Parker (Alt. 2) – Present (Arrived 7:05) |
| Kevin Stetser – Present (Arrived 7:25) | |

V. Reading / Acceptance of Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting August 8, 2018

Motion	To approve the 8/8/18 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion made by Charlie Gallagher Seconded by Christine Gras
Vote	Paul Weldon abstained. All others voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0-1

- b. Special Meeting August 29, 2018

Motion	To approve the 8/29/18 Special Meeting minutes as presented. Motion made by Charlie Gallagher Seconded by Paul Weldon
Vote	Bill Warrell abstained. All others voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0-1.

VI. EHT Recognized Youth Sports Groups

Dr. Mark Mensh, 2 Dockside Drive, liaison to YO, informed the commission that he had nothing specific to report. The season is going well at this time. The numbers of players in the younger age groups is lower. Rick Audet asked if YO is continuing to consider combining Cape / Atlantic teams into one division for next year due to the lower numbers. Christine Gras asked if they booked their end of year banquet yet, the Commission discussed their banquet and the mandate of no alcohol at the banquets. Dr. Mensch continued that there are no issues with the fields, however the game field was not mowed last week and the grass was too long and he requests PW mow it as late in week as possible. Dr. Mensch asked about insurance as it relates to their equipment. Rick Audet answered that their equipment is covered as long as it has been scheduled on the policy.

VII. Public Comment

Bill Giannetti, 238 Lily Road Egg Harbor Township, spoke to the Commission on the pickleball programs and facilities in the Township. Mr. Giannetti was speaking on behalf of a large contingent of pickleball players who were present at the meeting. He thanked the Commission for their support of pickleball the past few years. He stated that

the Delilah Oaks pickleball courts are in bad shape with a number of large cracks and it is unsafe to play on. He continued that because the asphalt court is surrounded by a grass border, when the grass gets wet it causes people to slip when playing on the court after retrieving a ball. He requests that repairs be made to the facility. He submitted to the parks and recreation Director a proposal summarizing their requests for improvement to the facility and a quote from Kurt's Kourts for the work.

Mr. Giannetti proposing turning the courts to run north/south as well as other facility improvement ideas. He would like to see an expansion of the facility or develop other facilities in the Township to increase our number of pickleball courts. Rick Audet stated that he has asked the Public Works department to pave the spectator area in the courts. Toni Rispoli informed Mr. Giannetti that resurfacing the courts would be a capital project and each year we get an allotment of funds for parks improvements that we do the best we can with. There was a discussion on using the community center gym during the week more and it was stated that during certain times of the year there is no room for play in the evenings however we could possibly do a Saturday afternoon. Bill Giannetti then asked if we could paint pickleball lines on the tennis courts. He is not expecting for all the improvements to be done immediately but hopes they can be considered and implemented in a reasonable timeframe. Rosemary Quirk stated that pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country and the Township must do more to support their sport including placing lines in a place for them to play at night. Joe, 15 Willowbrook, informed the commission that he rolled his ankle at the courts after his feet got wet in the grass perimeter area.

VIII. Old Business

a. 2018 Capital Projects

Parks and Recreation Director reviewed the list of 2018 Capital Projects with the Commission. Mr. Audet advised the Commission on the status and progress of each capital project as of this date.

IX. Use of Parks Facility Requests

A. EHT Baseball Association Veteran's Park / Bargaintown Park Fall 2018

Motion	To approve the Park use request as presented by EHT Baseball Association. Motion made by Christine Gras Seconded by Bill Warrell
Vote	All voted in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

B. US Coast Guard Canale Park 9/29/2018

Motion	To approve the Park use request as presented by US Coast Guard for a picnic at Canale Park amphitheater area. Motion made by Christine Gras Seconded by Paul Trinkle
Vote	All voted in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

C. A.C. Outlaws Baseball Bargaintown Park 9/13 – 11/29/18

Toni Rispoli stated that according to our field use policy, the Outlaws would be charged field use fees for this request. Rick Audet stated that their request for Thursdays would not be possible and he would inform them they could propose a different day of the week.

Motion	To approve the Park use request as presented by AC Outlaws contingent upon the Parks and Recreation Director ensuring all field use policies are met and the published field use fees are paid by the requestor. Motion made by Kevin Stetser Seconded by Christine Gras
Vote	All voted in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

D. Praistock Music Festival

Motion	To deny the park use request as presented. Motion made by Charlie Gallagher Seconded by Paul Weldon
Vote	All voted in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

X. **Director's Report**

None.

XI. **New Business**

a. Revision to Facility Use policy fee structure for use of amphitheater

Rick Audet reminded the Commission that he proposed park use fees for use of the amphitheater for the Commission to consider. The fees would be the same as use of fields as currently described in the field use policy. Mr. Audet discussed the difference between a park use request and a special event permit request. It was decided to bring this topic back to the Commission in October for further consideration.

b. Six Year Capital Budget Workshop

The Commission and Parks and Recreation Director reviewed the current year Six Year Capital Project and noted the projects that have been completed and removed them from our capital plan. The capital improvement needs in the parks as identified by the Commissioners and the sponsored youth groups presidents were discussed. Rick Audet stated that although many of our youth groups are requesting lights at this time, the Township is not approving any new lighting project currently. Projects for consideration in next year's capital budget request include: new playground at Veteran's Park next to baseball/football fieldhouse, new wrestling mats, improvement to pickleball facility and expansion of courts. Future years projects include new pavilions, new sports field lighting, improvements in field drainage. Rick Audet will create a Six Year Capital Projects draft and provide to the Commission to review and approve.

c. Cancel Recreation Commission Meeting

Rick Audet recommended to the Commission that they could cancel their second meeting in September if they wished as there was a discussion tonight on all capital projects and budget and he would put a draft together for their review in October or November.

Motion	To cancel the September 26, 2018 meeting of the Recreation Commission. Motion made by Christine Gras Seconded by Kevin Stetser
Vote	All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0-1.

XII. **Correspondence**

EHT Youth Group Minutes

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| A. Baseball Association – 6/7, 7/10/18 | F. Soccer Club – 7/10/18, 8/14/18 |
| B. BMX – last received 4/16/2018 | G. Street Hockey Association – 6/11, 7/9/18, 8/13 |
| C. Youth Organization – last received 4/11/18 | H. Travel Basketball – last received 7/17/18 |
| D. Jr. Wrestling – last received 3/27/18 | I. Youth Softball – last received 7/9/18 |
| E. Lacrosse – las received 5/1/2018 | |

Handouts

- A. Travel Basketball Assoc Financials Report thru 7/31/18
- B. EHT Soccer Club Financials thru 7/31/18
- C. EHT Baseball Association 2018 Financials Report
- D. EHTBMX Financials thru 6/30/18

- E. Travel Basketball Association – Updated Boardmembers List
- F. EHTYO Home Football Games Schedule – 2018
- G. EHTBA – Bargaintown Baseball Field Schedule
- H. EHT High School Soccer – community night handout
- I. EHT Street Hockey Volunteers List

Toni Rispoli discussed with the Commission that P.S.T. had a game scheduled at Bargaintown Park and had not finalized the field use permit with Parks and Recreation nor paid the field use fees. Christine Gras discussed a check that had been written to EDP. There was discussion on the league that the PST team plays in and the Commission asked Rick Audet to contact the P.S.T. representative to address this issue and ensure all policies are met moving forward.

Christine Gras informed the Commission that Jr. Wrestling Club President Damien Correa contacted her to clarify the policy of the Commission as it relates to the presence of alcohol at end of year banquets and similar functions. The Commission discussed the issue. The decision, as has been previously stated to all, is that there is to be no alcohol at any official youth group activity in which children are in attendance. Toni Rispoli directed Rick Audet to draft a letter for both to sign that will be sent out to all youth groups presidents.

XIII. Tabled Matters

None.

XIV. Public Comment

None.

XV. Adjournment

Motion	To adjourn the September 12, 2018 meeting of the Recreation Commission meeting at 9:30 p.m. Motion made by Kevin Stester Seconded by Amy Smith
Vote	All voted in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Toni Rispoli, Chair

Rick Audet, Director of Parks and Recreation

These minutes were approved at the October 10, 2018 Recreation Commission Meeting.
