

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

REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES
Wednesday, March 13, 2019 7:00pm

I. Call to Order

Recreation Commission Chair Toni Rispoli called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Opening Statement Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act

Parks and Recreation Director Rick Audet read the Opening Statement Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act.

IV. Roll Call:

Toni Rispoli, Chair - Present	Amy Smith - Present
William Warrell, Vice Chair - Present	Paul Trinkle - Present
Charles Gallagher - Present	Christine Gras, Secretary (Alt. 1) – Present
Paul Weldon - Present	Jonathan Parker (Alt. 2) – Present
Kevin Stetser – Present	

V. Reading / Acceptance of Minutes

a. Regular Meeting February 13, 2019

Motion	To approve the 2/13/19 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion made by Paul Trinkle Seconded by Christine Gras
Vote	Motion carried 6-0-1 (Bill Warrell abstain)

b. Regular Meeting January 9, 2019

Commission Chair Toni Rispoli noticed a mistake in the January meeting minutes that had previously been approved. In the first paragraph under EHT Recognized Youth Sports Groups, Mr. Olivieri was named Mr. Isabella twice in the paragraph by mistake. Ms. Rispoli commented on the mistake and asked for a motion to correct it henceforth in our published meeting minutes.

Motion	To amend the 1/9/19 Regular Meeting minutes as discussed. Motion made by Kevin Stetser Seconded by Charlie Gallagher
Vote	Motion carried 7-0

VI. Public Comment

Brandon Whiting from the Positive Coach Alliance made a presentation to the Recreation Commission. He had previously spoken with Rick Audet in the Parks and Recreation Department about his organization and what they can offer to a community. Their mission is to improve the culture of youth sports and they accomplish this with a variety of parent and coaches trainings as well as free online resources. Mr. Whiting stated that he recently made plans with the EHTHS athletic director to incorporate PCA's offerings through the high school.

PCA can collaborate with organizations and provide training seasonally. There was discussion on the benefits of providing these trainings as well as what he and commissioners have seen and encountered in youth sports in recent years. Most of the workshops they host are at the school facilities. Mr. Whiting presented additional ideas on how clinics and trainings can work and how to collaborate with the high school and local youth sports organizations.

VII. EHT Recognized Youth Sports Groups

Barb Dodd, 20 Rushwood Drive, spoke for the EHT BMX organization. She thanked the Public Works Department for their recent work on leveling a certain area of the track. She stated that the BMX volunteers have been working every day getting the track ready for the season. The Jack Frost race is on March 23. There will be races all day long. Beth Russ, 3 Patrician Terrace, thanked the Commission for their support as well.

Nathan Schaefer, 50 Marshal Drive, is the intramural coordinator for EHT Soccer Club. Mr. Schaefer discussed an impending background check for one of the parents who wishes to coach in the club. Rick Audet explained to him the Appeal process and how it works if or when an applicant's letter comes back as disqualified. Mr. Schaefer stated that there is a shortage of coaches in the club. He stated that EHTSC recently handed out flyers to the schools, there is an increase in the number of families participating in the soccer club this season. They are 5 or 6 coaches short for the spring season.

Mr. Schaefer went on to discuss field lights for the soccer club. Space is tight for their operations and only three of their seven fields have lights. He asked if we could add more lights to the existing poles and turn them toward a practice area currently without lights. The Commission said that some soccer teams may have to use Bargaintown Park fields more during the week and can use the field at Shires Park. Christine Gras recommended to Mr. Schaefer that he be aware of parking issues and how they are scheduling games.

VIII. Old Business

None.

IX. Use of Parks Facility Requests

- a. St. Katherine Drexel Parish Canale Park June 2, 2019

Rick Audet confirmed for the Commission upon being asked that this park use request would incur a \$90 fee per the field use policy and fee schedule adopted in 2018. Paul Trinkle stated that they wish to book a rain date for the event, Rick Audet responded that this would not be a problem.

Motion	To approve the Park use request as presented by St. Katherine Drexel Parish. Motion made by Bill Warrell Seconded by Paul Weldon
Vote	All voted in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

- X. US Coast Guard Egg Hunt Canale Park April 13, 2019

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

XI. Director's Report

Parks and Recreation Director Rick Audet stated that the department has printed its spring programs guide and begun accepting registrations for these programs. Mr. Audet also summarized recent fieldwork performed by the Public Works Department. Toni Rispoli asked Rick Audet if he would include her and members of the fields subcommittee on any fieldwork emails and keep them informed as needed on the fields. Mr. Audet replied that he would.

XII. New Business

Christine Gras stated her concern on the goalmouth of our soccer fields in that the players are playing on dirt at this time and also stated her disappointment in the ongoing conditions of our soccer fields. There was discussion on coordinating repairs to the goalmouths with Public Works as well as why our goalmouths are in such poor condition at this time. The Commission discussed what work can be done now and at what can be done the end of the season. Ms. Gras also stated that the fields have too many rocks in them. Toni Rispoli stated that we have the money for treatments and that we have to do our due diligence in making sure all applications and treatments are performed. There was discussion on what, if any, maintenance the soccer club is allowed to perform on their fields.

XIII. Correspondence

EHT Youth Group Minutes

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| A. Baseball Association – 2/7/19 | F. Soccer Club – last received 11/19/18 |
| B. BMX – 2/5, 3/5/19 | G. Street Hockey Association – 1/28/19 |
| C. Youth Organization – last received 10/17/18 | H. Travel Basketball – 1/10/19 |
| D. Jr. Wrestling – last received 12/18/18 | I. Youth Softball – 1/ 2019, 2/2019 |
| E. Lacrosse – 1/8, 2/5/19 | |

Toni Rispoli discussed the youth group minutes that were presented tonight. She noted that the BMX minutes contained a mention of alcohol at the end of season party. Street Hockey Beaver division had an injury and discussed the application for secondary insurance through Parks and Recreation. Also in the hockey minutes, there was mention of a parent stepping onto the court of play, which is a code of conduct violation. Also in the Cadet division there was verbal abuse towards the officials. Paul Weldon stated his opinion that Street Hockey either should reduce their registration fees or moved towards paid officials to run their games.

The finance subcommittee was asked to summarize their review of the EHT Youth Softball financials. Amy Smith stated that there were no findings of anything amiss and Christine Gras agreed stating that they looked in good order. The subcommittee recommends that anytime there is a donation made that it is put into the minutes and to use snack stand money, not registration fees. They also noted that they told the softball organization that there are too many signors on their account.

Handouts

- A. EHT Softball 2019 Tournament Dates
- B. EHT YO Financial Report 3/6/19 (on file in office)
- C. EHT Public Works Buildings & Grounds Summary 3/13/19

XIV. Tabled Matters

XV. Public Comment

None. Public Comment closed at 8:29 p.m. There was a brief discussion on the background check process as it relates to the soccer coach.

XVI. Adjournment

Motion	To adjourn the March 13, 2019 meeting of the Recreation Commission meeting at 8:29 p.m. Motion made by Amy Smith Seconded by Kevin Stetser
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 April 10, 2019 Recreation Commission Meeting.
