

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

REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES
Wednesday, June 12, 2019 7:00pm

I. Call to Order

Recreation Commission Chair Toni Rispoli called the meeting to order at 7:00 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.

IV. Roll Call:

Toni Rispoli, Chair - Present	Amy Smith – Excused
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 (arrived 7:12)
Kevin Stetser – Present	

V. Reading / Acceptance of Minutes

a. Regular Meeting May 8, 2019

Motion	To approve the 5/8/19 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion made by Christine Gras Seconded by Bill Warrell
Vote	Motion carried 7-0

Vi. Public Comment

Isaias Gomez, 129 South Main Street Pleasantville, NJ, spoke regarding his use of parks application for the Asociacion Nacional Futbol organization. His organization is registered with U.S. Soccer Federation. Mr. Gomez wishes to run a soccer tournament for youth and adults, approximately 22 teams, at Tony Canale Park in July. He described the details of his request, the history of the tournament held in past years in Vineland and how it would be a great opportunity for the Township and our local teams to compete in the tournament. The Commission asked Mr. Gomez how many fields he would need and the field sizes. Mr. Gomez stated he would need about nine fields.

The issue of the current turf conditions on our soccer fields was discussed. Many of our fields do not have strong turf conditions currently. Christine Gras stated that the tournament would be great for our kids but we need to ensure the playability and safety of the fields for our EHT kids long term. Mr. Gomez stated that he would be willing to try to help our fields moving forward. Mark Gorman, from the EHT Soccer Club stated that he feels that parking would be a concern for the tournament and did not feel our facility could support this large of a tournament. Jonathan Parker suggested that the commission or soccer club inquire about grant opportunities to help the fields.

Motion	To deny the use of parks application as presented by the Asociacion Nacional Futbol at Tony Canale Park. Motion made by Christine Gras Seconded by Paul Weldon
Vote	Motion carried 6-1 (Stetser – No)

VI. EHT Recognized Youth Sports Groups

Mary Adams, 70 Somers Avenue, requested permission from the Commission for EHT BMX to request a fly over from the Coast Guard at their Nationals Race in August. The Commission informed Ms. Adams that such a request is outside their purview but if she gets proper documentation and approvals together from the appropriate agency that no one on the Commission would be opposed to it. Ms. Adams wanted to make sure the Commission was aware of her efforts on this as well. The request to Township Committee to allow camping during the event was discussed. It was confirmed again that there is no tent camping being proposed during the event, it is camper only. Parks and Recreation Director Rick Audet informed Ms. Adams that he asked the school district on EHT BMX's behalf for approval to allow camping on 11 parking spaces at the Swift School parking lot and had not heard back any answer or status on this matter from school district personnel.

Dr. Mark Mensch, 2 Dockside Drive, attended to update the Commission on EHT Youth Organization. Sign-ups for football are ongoing. Conditioning activities begin July 25. Practices will begin after National Night Out event. The director and Commission asked Dr Mensch to remind all coordinators to take proper precautions for heat during conditioning practices. After discussions, the Commission decided to appoint Christine Gras as the new liaison to

d. Asociacion Nacional Futbol Canale Park 7/27, 28

(see public comment)

e. EHT Y.O. Veteran's Park 7/29 – 11/30/19

Motion	To approve the use of parks application as presented by EHT YO for the Veterans Park fields. Motion made by Bill Warrell Seconded by Paul Trinkle
Vote	Motion carried 7-0

f. EHT Police Department Canale Park 9/29/19

Motion	To approve the use of parks application as presented by EHT Police Department for the Tony Canale Park softball field. Motion made by Bill Warrell Seconded by Christine Gras
Vote	Motion carried 7-0

g. EHT Key Club Lincoln Amphitheater 8/11/19

Motion	To approve the use of parks application as presented by EHTHS Key Club for the Robert J. Lincoln amphitheater. Motion made by Christine Gras Seconded by Paul Trinkle
Vote	Motion carried 7-0

h. EHT Soccer Club Canale Park Fall 2019

Motion	To approve the use of parks application as presented by EHT Soccer Club for the Tony Canale Park soccer fields. Motion made by Christine Gras Seconded by Paul Weldon
Vote	Motion carried 7-0

IX. Director's Report

None.

X. New Business

Toni Rispoli stated that EHT Youth Softball wants to explore lighting field 2 using the existing light poles from field 1. Rick Audet stated that he did not think it would be feasible to properly light a field in that manner but would look into it and an estimate for the project.

Toni Rispoli stated that in the soccer club's meeting minutes it discussed an issue with a particular soccer coach and alleged behavior in their organization. Ms. Rispoli asked Paul Weldon to look into it and follow up with the Commission.

The Commission looked at the proposed EHT Baseball Association bylaws. The changes to the bylaws were not highlighted thus making it difficult to review the changes. The Commission asked Rick Audet to obtain a new copy of the proposed bylaws that highlights all the revisions and edits.

XI. Correspondence

EHT Youth Group Minutes

- A. Baseball Association – 4/4, 4/18, 5/2/19
- B. BMX – last received 4/6/19
- C. Youth Organization – last received 3/6/19
- D. Jr. Wrestling – 2/26/19
- E. Lacrosse – last received 3/5/19
- F. Soccer Club – 4/2, 5/14/19
- G. Street Hockey Association – 3/11/19
- H. Travel Basketball – last received 3/14/19
- I. Youth Softball – last received 2/10/19

Handouts

- A. EHTBA Bylaws for Commission Review
- B. EHT Soccer Club Financials 4/30/19 & thru 5/31/19
- C. EHT Travel Basketball Board Member, Summer Coaches List, Rosters, Practice Schedule
- D. EHTBA Coaches List

XII. Tabled Matters

None.

XIII. Public Comment

None.

XIV. Adjournment

Motion	To adjourn the June 12, 2019 meeting of the Recreation Commission meeting at 8:51 p.m. Motion made by Charlie Gallagher Seconded by Paul Weldon
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 July 10, 2019 Recreation Commission Meeting.
