

Board of Recreation Commissioners

Egg Harbor Township, NJ

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

7:00pm

MINUTES

Prior to the meeting Recreation Director Rick Audet announced that the meeting recording had begun at 6:59pm.

Call to Order

Vice Chairperson Warrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Statement Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act

Vice Chairperson Warrell read the Opening Statement.

Roll Call

Roll call showed 6 members present. 1 member showed up after roll coll.

Charles Gallagher	Present	Paul Trinkle	Present
Christine Gras, Alternate #1	Present	William Warrell, Vice Chairperson	Present
Jonathan Parker, Alternate #2	Absent	Paul Weldon	Present
Toni-Lynn Rispoli, Chairperson	Late		
Amy Smith	Present		

Commissioner Kevin Stetser resigned from the commission effective August 27, 2020. Chairperson Rispoli arrived at 7:53 pm. Also present at the meeting was Recreation Director Rick Audet and Program Manager Dena Danz

Reading / Acceptance of Minutes

Regular Meeting August 12, 2020

Motion	To approve the August 12, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Gras Seconded by Commissioner Gallagher
Vote	Motion carried 6-0 Gallagher, Gras, Smith, Trinkle, Warrell Weldon

Public Comment

Vice Chairperson Warrell opened the public portion at 7:02pm No public came forward and the portion was closed.

EHT Recognized Youth Groups

Vice Chairperson Warrell asked those groups in attendance if they had anything they needed to bring up. Dorothy Madamba president of EHTYO stated she had nothing.

Joe Olivieri 120 Carmel Drive, EHT. President of EHT Soccer Club requested approval for one out of town player from Galloway Township for the 2007 (U14) boys team. President Olivieri advised that they had 17 players tryout for the team and they took all 17. Due to some injuries they are looking to expand their roster to 18. They may look to add 1 to 2 more players in the future, but tonight he was asking for 1 out of town player.

Motion	<p>To approve 1 out of town player from Galloway Township to play on the 2007 (U14) boys team for EHT Soccer Club. Motion made by Commissioner Gras Seconded by Commissioner Smith</p>
Vote	<p>Motion carried 6-0 Gallagher, Gras, Smith, Trinkle, Warrell Weldon</p>

Damien Correa, EHT Wrestling Club stated he had nothing at this time.

At this time Commissioner Gras asked to go into closed session to discuss a personal matter involving a family with extenuating circumstances. Vice Chairperson Warrell asked if there were any objections. All members were in favor of the closed session.

Vice Chairperson Warrell advised that minutes of the closed session would be taken by Recreation Director Rick Audet or Commissioner Gras. All others were asked to leave the room for the closed session at 7:04pm.

Vice Chairperson Warrell re-opened the public meeting at 7:12. Program Manager Danz, who was recording minutes for this meeting asked for the record to list the nature of the closed session and when the minutes of the closed session would be expected for approval.

Vice Chairperson Warrell advised the closed session was in reference to the Commission needing to discuss out of town players for EHTYO. The minutes of the closed session will be available for approval by the Commission at the next meeting.

Vice Chairperson Warrell advised that the Commission agreed to allow the Mallen brothers to continue playing for EHTYO based on the tragedy the family had faced. This approval is for this year (2020) and next year (2021). He asked President Madamba to keep the commission up to date on the Cape vs Atlantic League.

Old Business

At this time the Commission was asked to go through the revisions that were made to the Recreation Commission Bylaws. Commissioner Gras asked in the future, when things like this need to be reviewed, that a hard copy be provided to all members. She advised that it is too hard to look at their phones in the meeting to review changes. She did not want members of the public to think they were on their phones for other reasons. Recreation Director Audet advised he will use his discretion on printing items.

Recreation Director Audet began going through the changes.

There are no changes on page 1.

Page 2 Article I, 1.2 wording was changed from Mayor to Egg Harbor Township Governing Body. Article II 2.4 and 2.7 wording was changed from Mayor and Committee to Egg Harbor Township Governing Body. 2.9 an (s) was added to the word group.

Page 3 Article III 3.4 the following wording was being questioned as to if it needed to remain in the bylaws: Assist the Director of Parks and Recreation as necessary in recommending all permanent or temporary salaried and non-salaried personnel as per NJSA 40:12-6 and section 2-7.7g. All voluntary personnel serve at the discretion of the Director.

During this discussion, Recreation Director Audet asked Committeewoman Pfrommer if she was able to look into this. He mentioned that Chairperson Rispoli had reached out to her, but had not heard back.

At this time Commissioner Smith stated it is too hard to reference and understand what changes are being made without the document in front of her. A short break was taken so that Program Manager Danz could make copies of the bylaws.

Once all members received a copy, it was agreed to remove the wording from listed above from section 3.4. Section 3.5 was changed to read: Recommend and determine fees pertaining to park use. 3.8 wording was added to keep the consistency of Egg Harbor Township Governing Body. 3.9 was added to read: Prepare and submit capital budget estimate in conjunction with the Recreation Director.

There are no changes to Article VI.

Article V 5.3 was broken down into subsections instead of a long sentence. Formatting this section was updated.

Page 4, 5.4c (of the last meeting or special meeting) is removed, c will now read Approval of the minutes. 5.4e the word presentations was removed and Public Comment was left to be consistent with how the agenda reads. 5.4j communications was changed to Correspondence to match the board agenda. 5.4l wording changed from open to the public to public comment to be consistent with the board agenda. The next paragraph was given the section 5.5 and 5.6 was broken down into subsections to keep formatting consistent. 5.8 (Newly Revised) was removed

Article VI 6.1 was moved from 6.2. This change was made since the commission must re-organized before they can nominate members for offices. 6.2 Secretary was removed and will be placed in its own article.

Page 5 Article VII 7.1a this was originally b. It was moved because you need to elect first, then you can preside. 7.1f wording was changed from (at the discretion of the chair) to (at their discretion). 7.1g was removed and placed under Article III. 7.1i was removed and placed under the Vice-Chairperson section. 7.2a and b were switched so that the election takes place first. 7.2c was added to separate the duties. 7.2f was moved from Chairperson to Vice Chairperson. 3. The Secretary was removed from the officers section and placed under its own article.

Page 6 Article VIII Secretary to the Commission was added as a new article. 8.1 f, g, h are removed beginning with the sentence the secretary shall be elected...

Article IX Committees had no changes.

Article X Amendments was changed for spelling and formatting.

Article XI Communication 11.1 the wording Egg Harbor Township Governing Body was added. 11.2 Egg Harbor Township Governing Body was added along with upon request.

Page 7 Article XIII Adoption of bylaws. Wording was changed from Parks and Recreation Commission to Egg Harbor Township Board of Recreation Commissioners as established on page on under the commission name. 12.3 wording was changed to Egg Harbor Township Governing Body and the section was reformatted. 12.4 the word advisory and its activities were removed. Egg Harbor Township Governing Body was added to this section.

Program Manager Danz advised that the changes requested would be made and sent to all Commissioners for their review. The bylaws will be available to be read at the October Commission Meeting.

Recreation Director Audet advised that the bylaws should be adopted annually at the January reorganization meeting. They should be amended every three years.

Motion	To approve bylaw changes as presented at the meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Weldon Seconded by Commissioner Gras
Vote	Motion carried 6-0 Gallagher, Gras, Smith, Trinkle, Warrell Weldon

Use of Parks Facility Requests

Janeen Yacovelli, EHT Boy Scout Troop 94 Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Motion	To approve the Park use request for Troop 94 Eagle Scout Court of Honor for 10/24 at the Robert J. Lincoln Amphitheater Motion made by Commissioner Gras Seconded by Commissioner Weldon
Vote	Motion carried 6-0 Gallagher, Gras, Smith, Trinkle, Warrell Weldon

Nenad Gorgiev, Prestige Soccer Training, Tony Canale Park Soccer Field

Motion	To approve the Park use request for Prestige Soccer Training 5:30-8:30 pm on Tuesday's and Thursday's 9/1/20-11/5/20. Motion made by Commissioner Weldon Seconded by Commissioner Gras
Vote	Motion carried 6-0 Gallagher, Gras, Smith, Trinkle, Warrell Weldon

Director's Report

Recreation Director Audet recapped that the Recreation Department has put together a list of fall events. All events will be under the state guidelines for outdoor events. We will be hosting a Halloween Event on 10/31 from 12:30-2 at the Amphitheater, the 10th Annual Craft Fair will be moved outdoors and be held on 11/7 from 10-2 and the 2nd Annual Tree Lighting will take place on 12/5.

Commissioner Smith asked if the indoor capacities have changed for us to run programs? Recreation Director Audet advised that we are currently running at 25% capacity of our rooms. We currently have a max of 50 in the multipurpose room and outdoor capacities are at 500 max and we must maintain social distancing.

Director Audet advised that more issues are coming to light with pickleball concerns. These concerns are from the residents. Discussion was had about improving the sound barrier and possibly adding trees. Director Audet advised that trees have been thought about. The issue is the sight lines for our police department. There are major concerns with the park from a safety standpoint.

Director Audet said there is hopes of moving the facility one day, we just need the funding to do it. He stated he was asked to go out do a residency survey of those who are using the courts.

New Business

Capital Budget summary of completed projects from 2019-2020 was provided to the commission. The spread sheet is attached to these minutes for a breakdown.

Vice Chairperson Warrell stated he would like to see additional cameras throughout the parks.

Chairperson Rispoli arrived at 7:53pm.

Commissioner Gras wanted to readdress pickleball. She asked if there was anything else we could do to keep the sound/noise down since building a new court was a few years away? Commissioner Smith asked if we could do additional fencing. Committeeman Balles advised that some of the other issues involve the increased traffic. Vice Chairperson Warrell stated that planting trees isn't the solution, they need too much time to grow. He asked if the court could be converted back to Tennis. Director Audet advised it could, but the current fencing is not tall enough.

Commissioner Gras asked if the basketball was going to be fixed in Delilah Oaks as well. Director Audet advised it needed to be fixed as it is a hazard. He mentioned that will also bring some residential complaints back to the commission, but the court is for the neighborhood. Vice Chairperson Warrell disagreed. He said the court is for all Residents of the Township. It was done with EHT tax dollars, therefore every resident has the right to use it.

Committeewoman Pfrommer agreed that the basketball court at Delilah Oaks is in terrible shape. Director Audet stated that there is also traffic concerns, but agreed the basketball court needs attention. Chairperson Rispoli agreed, she stated it's a safety issue.

Committeeman Balles asked if we were looking to spend \$40,000 to re-do basketball. He asked if it could be moved to the current location of the pickleball courts. We could move pickleball to another location. Director Audet advised it would take more than \$47,000 to relocate both. We would have to build pickleball in another park and you will need about 6 courts. Plus additional lighting and parking. There would also be an expense to relocate the basketball court to the current pickleball court.

Correspondence

Commissioner Gras asked wrestling President Correa when they last met. President Correa advised they met on 7/28 and 8/25. He advised that Recreation should have the 7/28 minutes. Director Audet advised he would double check.

President Correa also asked if there was another liaison being appointed to wrestling since one of the commissioners resigned. Chairperson Rispoli advised she would do it, however, Commissioner Gras stepped up and said that she and President Correa work well together and she would take on that task.

The below listed minutes and submittals from the youth groups will be attached to these minutes.

EHT Youth Group Minutes

- a. Baseball Association – **Nothing**
- b. BMX – 6/17/20
- c. Youth Organization – 7/1/20, 7/15/20
- d. Jr. Wrestling – **Nothing**
- e. Lacrosse – **Nothing**
- f. Soccer Club – 8/11/20
- g. Street Hockey Association – **Nothing**
- h. Travel Basketball – 7/9/20
- i. Youth Softball – 7/12/20, 8/17/20

Submittals

- a. EHTYO treasurers report dated 8/5/20
- b. EHT Jr. Wrestling financial transaction spreadsheet
- c. EHTYO football game schedule
- d. EHT Soccer Club August Financials

Tabled Matters

There are no tabled matters at this time.

Public Comment

Public comment was opened again at 8:02 pm by Vice Chairperson Warrell. No one wished to speak and the public portion was closed.

There were no other items to discuss and Vice Chairperson Warrell made a motion to adjourn

Adjournment

Motion	To adjourn the August 12, 2020 meeting of the Recreation Commission 8:05 pm Motion made by Commissioner Warrell Seconded by Commissioner Gras
Vote	All voted in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes as heard by Dena Danz, EHT Recreation Program Manager.

William Warrell, Vice Chairperson

Dena Danz, Recreation Program Manager

These minutes were approved at the October 14, 2020 Meeting
