

Board of Recreation Commissioners

Egg Harbor Township, NJ

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

7:00pm

MINUTES

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

Director of Parks and Recreation Rick Audet read the Opening Statement.

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 August 21, 2019

Motion	To approve the 8/21/19 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion made by Bill Warrell Seconded by Paul Trinkle
Vote	Motion carried 5-0-2 (Christine Gras and Jonathan Parker abstained)

VI. Public Comment

None.

VII. EHT Recognized Youth Sports Groups

Mark Mensh, 2 Dockside Drive, spoke for the Youth Organization. Dr. Mensh stated that Opening Weekend of the season was last weekend. He further stated that Walshy's Warriors benefit scrimmage was held in EHT and Absecon. The foundation receives a donation as a result of this fundraiser.

VIII. Old Business

a. 2019 Capital Projects update

Director of Parks and Recreation Rick Audet reviewed all 2019 capital projects and the status of each. The Veteran's Park playground project is in its third day of installation and scheduled to be completed on 9/13/19. The pickleball court improvement project has its final phase scheduled for the new concrete pad to be poured. The fencing and court surfacing are completed. The new Parks and Recreation Department pick-up truck has been ordered, delivery is scheduled within the month. The new sound system at the football field has been ordered and installation will occur by end of month, the new wrestling mats are also ordered and will be delivered soon. The Childs Kirk Park batting cage status is that we are obtaining quotes from contractors. The Canale Park Expansion line item is open, we are waiting on the status of the Green Acres grant.

b. EHTBA Bylaws Approval

EHT Baseball Association submitted their proposed new bylaws to the Recreation Commission. The Commission has had a chance to review the bylaws over two of its regular meetings.

Motion	To approve the proposed EHT Baseball Association bylaws as presented. Motion made by Charlie Gallagher Seconded by Bill Warrell
Vote	Motion carried 7-0

c. Proposed Revision to Parks & Facilities Use Policy

The Commission was updated on the status of the proposed revisions to the Parks & Facilities Use Policy. The changes are on the agenda for the next Township Committee meeting. The Recreation Commission had officially approved all changes at a previous meeting.

IX. Use of Parks Facility Requests

a. EHT Nature Reserve Committee Nature Reserve 9/25/19

Motion	To approve the use of parks application as presented by EHT Nature Reserve Board. Motion made by Christine Gras Seconded by Paul Trinkle
Vote	Motion carried 7-0

b. EHT Baseball Association Bargaintown Park 9/1/19-11/15/19

Park use application was amended from a previous submission. The Commission asked the Parks and Recreation Director to contact EHT Baseball Association for a full accounting of all teams playing this fall.

Motion	To approve the use of parks application as presented by EHT Baseball Association for use of Bargaintown Park baseball field in Fall 2019.
Vote	Vote was tabled.

X. Director’s Report

Director of Parks and Recreation Rick Audet brought up the topic of the field use request and subsequent fees for the outside group’s field use request. The Director recommended to the Commission that we charge the team the new fees for the fall as the Commission has approved it already as has Township Committee.

Motion	To approve the park use permit at the new fees. Motion made by Christine Gras Seconded by Paul Weldon
Vote	Motion carried 7-0

Rick Audet reminded the Commission of the upcoming Volunteers Day event and encouraged everyone to attend. We are currently working on compiling all of the sponsored youth groups coaches lists and forwarding them to the event organizers.

XI. New Business

a. Capital Budget Workshop

The Commission reviewed the current Six Year Capital Projects plan and removed the projects that have been completed to date. The Commission discussed future capital improvement needs for the parks and youth groups as related to them over the past year. Rick Audet informed the Commission that recommended projects from Public Works would be a rebuild of baseball field 4 and building a pole barn at Veterans Park so that we can remove the connex boxes that are on site. The projects on our current six-year plan were further discussed. The Commission will further review the plan and proposed projects and finalize in October and November.

XII. Correspondence

EHT Youth Group Minutes

- A. Baseball Association – 6/8/19
- B. BMX – last received 4/6/19
- C. Youth Organization – 7/10/19
- D. Jr. Wrestling – 2/26/19
- E. Lacrosse – 4/2/19
- F. Soccer Club – 8/13/19
- G. Street Hockey Association – 7/8/19
- H. Travel Basketball – 8/8/19
- I. Youth Softball – 6/9/19

Handouts

- A. EHT Soccer Club 2019-2020 Rosters (on file in office)
- B. EHT Soccer Club Financials 8/31/19

Christine Gras stated that there was an issue with the YO Cape Cheer Coordinator that was relayed to her. The coordinator allegedly verbally attacked a coach in front of the parents and kids on the team. A second alleged incident involves a complaint received by the YO board that the Cape Cheer Coordinator called a cheerleaders phone directly to question why she was not at practice. The issues are expected to be handled by the YO board, it will need to be determined if the action violates the code of conduct as detailed in their bylaws. The coordinator may be required to come to a Commission meeting to be held accountable for her alleged actions. Commission Chair Toni Rispoli called a meeting for Tuesday, September 17, 5:00 pm. Rick Audet was asked to contact all parties to inform them of the meeting.

XIII. Tabled Matters

XIV. Public Comment

None.

XV. Adjournment

Motion	To adjourn the September 11, 2019 meeting of the Recreation Commission meeting at 8:48 p.m. Motion made by Paul Weldon Seconded by Jonathan Parker
Vote	All voted in favor. Motion carried 7-0.