

Board of Recreation Commissioners

Egg Harbor Township, NJ

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

7:00pm

MINUTES

Call to Order

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

Statement Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act

Parks and Recreation Director Rick Audet read the Opening Statement.

Roll Call

Roll call showed 4 members present. The 2 Alternate seats are still vacant.

Charles Gallagher	Present	Paul Trinkle	Present
Christine Gras	Excused	William Warrell, Vice Chairperson	Present
Toni-Lynn Rispoli, Chairperson	Excused	Paul Weldon	Present
Amy Smith	Excused	Alternate #1	Vacant
		Alternate #2	Vacant

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Mayor Laura Pfrommer, Township Committeeman Ray Ellis, Parks and Recreation Director Rick Audet.

Reading / Acceptance of Minutes

Regular Meeting November 19, 2020

Motion	To approve the November 19, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion made by Paul Trinkle Seconded by Charlie Gallagher
Vote	Motion carried 4-0 Gallagher, Trinkle, Warrell, Weldon

EHT Recognized Youth Groups

Vice-Chairperson Warrell opened the floor to the youth groups that were present. No youth groups presented. Mr. Warrell closed the Recognized Youth Groups portion of the meeting.

Public Comment

Vice Chairperson Warrell opened Public Comment of the meeting at 7:06pm. No public comment was made. Mr. Warrell closed Public Comment at 7:06pm.

Old Business

A. Proposed Ordinance on Private Instruction / Training in our Parks

Parks and Recreation Director summarized the topic and provided background to the Commission on why an ordinance was being requested for their consideration. Vice-Chairman Bill Warrell asked Deputy Mayor Laura Pfrommer when the matter was up for public input and a vote at the Township Committee. Ms. Pfrommer replied that it was on the Township Committee agenda for next Wednesday. No further discussion was held.

Use of Parks Facility Requests

No Use of Parks Facility Requests were submitted for this meeting.

Director's Report

Parks and Recreation Director Rick Audet informed the Commission that the Recreation Department decided to suspend programs and close the community center from December 14, 2020 through January 18, 2021 for the safety of participants and staff. The Recreation Department will resume programs and normal operations on January 19, 2021 as long as there is no Executive Order, Department of Health guidelines or other directive prohibiting do so.

Director Audet stated that he obtained a Parks Report from Public Works Grounds Manager Robert Lundberg. Mr. Audet summarized the report for the Commission which included information on seeding and fertilizing fields in the fall among other work that was performed.

Deputy Mayor Laura Pfrommer asked Parks and Recreation Director Rick Audet if Public Works had fixed the ruts in the amphitheater lawn from the damage that occurred in October. Mr. Audet replied that they had not. Ms. Pfrommer asked Mr. Audet to find out when they can fix the ruts, the sooner the better so that the area is safe for everyone.

Director Audet informed the Commission of the Bargaintown Park fitness area project. The Township Administrator had recently informed Mr. Audet of In-Lieu fees obtained from a developer for use at Bargaintown Park. The project will include the purchase and installation of fitness equipment in proximity to the walking path and the playground area. The new fitness equipment will promote health and wellness for EHT residents who use the park.

Director Audet mentioned the 2020 Coach of the Year award. The deadline for submitting a nomination is December 31, 2020. The award and call for nominations has been promoted on Facebook and email. Each youth group president was contacted multiple times to encourage them to promote the award and nominations in their organization. The Commission will review the nominations and vote on a winner at the January, 2021 Recreation Commission meeting. The award will be presented at the February, 2021 Recreation Commission meeting.

New Business

There were no New Business items.

Correspondence

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

EHT Youth Group Minutes

- A. EHT Street Hockey 10/5/20
- B. EHT Lacrosse 10/7/20

Submittals

A. Notice of unauthorized change to Boy Scouts emblem from Nature Reserve Chair
Parks and Recreation Director explained the letter which describes a recent incident at the Nature Reserve involving the Boys Scouts emblem. The Nature Reserve Chair reached out to Recreation to let us know of the issue.

B. EHT Street Hockey revised game schedules in accordance with new Executive Order
Parks and Recreation Director explained that EHT Street Hockey did a good job recently responding quickly to the new Executive Order on outdoor gathering limits. The new Street Hockey game schedules have one court in use at a time and puts more time in between each game. This will enable their organization to comply with the Executive Order.

Tabled Matters

There were no tabled matters

Public Comment

Vice-Chairperson Warrell opened Public Comment of the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Laura Pfrommer stated that she and Township Committee understand and appreciate how much the Recreation Commission does for the Township and our youth sports organizations during the year. She further stated that the Commission brings a wealth of wisdom to their roles as commissioners and that their service is invaluable to the Township. Ms. Pfrommer thanked the Commission for everything they do.

Township Committeeman Ray Ellis stated that he is very proud to be on Township Committee. Mr. Ellis stated that he loves coming to the community center. He comes to the community center almost every night, especially for the youth basketball games. Mr. Ellis stated that the Recreation Commission does a great job. This was a very tough year for everyone. Mr. Ellis stated to keep up the great work.

Vice-Chairperson Warrell asked Deputy Mayor Laura Pfrommer if there was any movement on new Recreation Commissioners who would fill the vacant seats on the Commission. Ms. Pfrommer stated that there will be appointments made at the January meeting.

Public Comment was closed at 7:17 p.m.

There were no other items to discuss and Commissioner Weldon made a motion to adjourn.

Adjournment

Motion	To adjourn the December 9, 2020 meeting of the Recreation Commission at 7:18 p.m. Motion made by Paul Weldon Seconded by Paul Trinkle
Vote	All voted in favor. Motion carried 4-0. Gallagher, Trinkle, Warrell, Weldon

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

William Warrell, Vice Chairperson

Rick Audet, Parks and Recreation Director
