

**REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES  
EAST AMWELL RECREATION COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 18, 2018; EAST AMWELL MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 1070 ROUTE 202, RINGOES, NJ**

**CALL TO ORDER & OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

The meeting of the East Amwell Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:35 PM by Secretary Maria Prendamano who read the following: In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, it was noted that this is the Reorganization Meeting of the East Amwell Recreation Committee pursuant to the meeting notice published in the December 21, 2017 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. Notice of this meeting was filed in the Township Clerk’s Office, sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat, and the agenda was posted on the municipal bulletin board.

**2018 ATTENDANCE**

Recreation Committee Member (term expires)	1/18/18	2/16/17	3/16/17	4/20/17	5/18/17	6/15/17	7/20/17	8/17/17	9/21/17	10/19/17	11/16/1	12/21/17
Alison Castellano	X											
Mark Gunn	X											
Michael Atzert												
Pete Fick	X											
Erica Johanson	X											
Chris Kellogg												
Thyra Zengel	7:45											
Sandra Gonzalez												
Cassie DeCandia	X											
Peter Miller												

*Others present: Secretary, Maria Prendamano;*

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** No public present.

**PRESENTATION OF MEETING MINUTES – December 21, 2017** –This items was skipped in favor of the Election of Officers and reading of the resolution.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND READING OF THE RESOLUTION** M. Prendamano read the 2018 Meeting Resolution:

**RESOLUTION 01-18**

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Recreation Committee of the Township of East Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that during 2018, The Recreation Committee will hold regularly scheduled meetings on the third Thursday of each month.

All regular meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time, in the Small Meeting Room of the East Amwell Township Municipal Building, 1070 Route 202/31, Ringoes, New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all items to be considered for the agenda shall be presented to the Recreation Committee Secretary no later than one week prior to the scheduled meeting, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be published in the Hunterdon County Democrat.

LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICE: \_\_\_\_\_ 2018

By the Order of the Recreation Committee:

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Maria Prendamano, Secretary

P. Fick made a motion to approve the 2018 meeting resolution that was seconded by M. Gunn. All members were in favor of approving the resolution.

M. Prendamano requested nominations for Chairperson of the Recreation Committee. E. Johanson thanked P. Fick for his many years of service and stated that he has done a phenomenal job on the committee as chairperson. She nominated A. Castellano due to her connections with the school. She hopes that Pete will continue to work hand and hand with Alison to get things done. M. Prendamano called for any further nominations. Hearing none she requested a motion to elect A. Castellano as Chairperson of the Recreation Committee. E. Johanson made a motion that was seconded by M. Gunn. All members voted unanimously in favor of electing A. Castellano as Chairperson of the Recreation Committee.

M. Prendamano called for nominations for vice chair. E. Johanson nominated P. Fick as Vice Chairperson. M. Prendamano called for further nominations. Hearing none, she requested a motion to elect P. Fick as Vice Chairperson of the Recreation Committee. E. Johanson made a motion that was seconded by M. Gunn. All members voted unanimously in favor of electing P. Fick as Vice Chairperson of the Recreation Committee.

**PRESENTATION OF MEETING MINUTES – December 21, 2017** –P. Fick made a motion to approve the minutes that was seconded by M. Gunn. All members were in favor of approving the December 21, 2017 minutes with two abstentions from A. Castellano and C. DeCandia.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** A. Castellano would like to add a discussion on the website and have members look at the township website of Hopewell township as a model. Also added was the Egg Hunt.

**PRESENTATION OF INVOICES: \$90** Invoice for three sign skins from Crown Trophy. E. Johanson asked if we found the banner. T. Zengel noted that she has the banner. E. Johanson made a motion to approve the invoice that was seconded by T. Zengel. All members were in favor of approving the invoice. A. Castellano asked if the signs were generic. T. Zengel stated that they were not. M. Prendamano thought it might be something to think about going forward as the price per skin has gone up from \$20 to \$30.

**PRESENTATION OF UPDATED RECREATION BUDGET:** M. Prendamano noted that the budget is temporary at this time until the budget is approved by the township committee. M. Atzert made a purchase in December for some storage supplies.

#### **REPORTS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

South County Soccer – P. Fick has not received a report from SCSL.

He has communicated with Howard Young and Jaimie Quinn in the past but has not received a report from either. He advised A. Castellano to find out who the person in charge is and get in touch with them. M. Prendamano reminded members that there are two agreements with regard to the soccer fields at the school. P. Fick thought this matter should be referred to the liaison to the township committee, Pete Miller. Things such as the lights and the electric should be discussed with a member of the committee. He felt the bottom line is getting a report from them each month. T. Zengel stated that problems arise with outside organizations. If there is an outside group that wants to use the fields perhaps they should communicate with South County. M. Prendamano showed the committee the two documents for the school soccer fields. T. Zengel thought that it would be appropriate to have a township committee member present with the school and a representative from the recreation committee. M. Prendamano noted that there was an issue last year where we approved a field usage form for one year for South County Soccer. Another organization approached the committee to use the fields and they were told they were not available. This needs to be discussed with South County.

Baseball –No report.

Clawson Park – No report.

Bingo –The committee discussed the possibility of hosting another Bingo at The Grange. The general consensus is that due to the capacity, lack of parking and uncertainty of cost, the school or the church may be a better venue. However, The Grange could be utilized on the weekends. A board game night is one possibility.

Softball –Take off of agenda.

Bingo – The committee will host another bingo well apart from the schools scheduled bingo. T. Zengel took a moment to discuss what she has learned from the Grange. They were happy to host our event. She offered to help advertise any of their events. They gave her a list of programs and events. They are interested in hosting a puppet show. She has not heard back from them yet. They did ask for ideas for future events. A. Castellano suggested the church hall as another venue for events.

Circle Line Cruise –P. Fick mentioned that there is some interest in this event from the senior group and from a few residents. The committee decided to pick a date in September or October and to keep this item on the agenda until we can reach more people. A. Castellano feels that once the website is revamped we will be able to reach more residents.

Bricks for Kids – P. Fick reported that this camp was hosted for the past few years. He hasn't heard from Jim Brown yet. M. Atzert is willing to host it again if the committee decides to do it.

Pickle Ball/Tennis Courts – P. Fick noted that there needs to be a representative from the Township Committee to discuss this matter.

Adult Basketball –M. Prendamano spoke to Jeremy Fry. The activity has been successful with 7-10 adults each week. He noted that there have been a couple of new members since the ad in the VIP.

Friday Nights in the Park – The committee discussed ideas for the next event. The Pet Show might be the next one for June with the games in July and music in September. T. Zengel wondered what the cost of a Marquee sign would cost as it would be a great way to get news out. M. Prendamano reminded committee members of the Spring Newsletter which reached every resident in the

township. It might be a great way to spread the news about the website subscription. M. Prendamano thought perhaps the event could be co-hosted with the school PTO.

New Members – Inadvertently left on the agenda.

Kindness Rocks – A. Castellano reported that rocks are still under the tree. Some have checked in on Facebook. There is a week of Kindness scheduled at the school in early February.

**NEW BUSINESS** – E. Johanson noted that she wanted to formally thank the DPW for removing the tree lights and decorations as it was so cold and snowy when the committee was schedule to do it.

P. Fick suggested picking a date for the Egg Hunt. The committee decided on March 24<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Minutes and Agendas from various committees;

**LIAISON REPORTS** – FOSPC – P. Fick reported that he was elected Chairperson of FOSPC.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** – None present.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

M. Gunn made a motion to adjourn the meeting that was seconded by E. Johanson, and unanimously approved by all to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 PM.

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Maria Prendamano, Secretary