

**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
EAST AMWELL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
May 16, 2019; 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 7:37 PM by Chairperson Alison Castellano who read the following: In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, it was noted that this is an Ordinary Meeting of the East Amwell Recreation Committee pursuant to the meeting notice published in the December 20, 2018 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 on May 13, 2019.

2019 ATTENDANCE

Recreation Committee Member (term expires)	1/17/19	2/21/19	3/21/19	4/18/19	5/16/19	6/20/19	7/18/19	8/15/19	9/19/19	10/17/19	11/21/19	12/19/19
Alison Castellano (12/31/21)	X	X	X	X	X							
Mark Gunn (12/31/20) resigned 5/2019	X	X	E	E	A							
Michael Atzert (12/31/21)	X	7:42	X	E	X							
Pete Fick (12/31/20)	X	X	X	X	A							
Erica Johanson (12/31/20)	X*	E	X	E	X*							
Thyra Zengel (12/31/19)	X	X	A	X	E							
Michele Doherty (12/31/20)	A	X	X	X	X							
Vacant	-	-	-	-								
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Vacant	-	-	-	-								
Vacant (youth member)	-	-	-	-								
Peter Miller	A	A	A	A								

*Others present: Recreation Coordinator, Rosemary Georgett *indicates remote participation*

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS: No members of the Public were present.

ACCEPTANCE OF LAST MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES: April 18, 2019 – A motion was made by M. Doherty that was second by R. Georgett to approve the minutes was carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF UPDATED RECREATION BUDGET:

R. Georgett said the requested budget was approved and the amount on the budget sheet is a bit confusing because it includes items received in January of 2019 and charged to the 2018 budget were added and then removed. She continued that there is \$121.31 remaining from the 2018 bus trip, and the committee's first expenditures of 2019 will be charged against this.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

REPORTS:

A. South Count Soccer League (SCSL) – A. Castellano said there is nothing to report and this can be as standing agenda item. She continued that SCSL should be added to the agenda when requested by a Committee member and during the months when J. Quinn or another SCSL representative is scheduled to attend.

B. Clawson Park – A. Castellano said that M. Gunn is resigning from the Parks and Recreation Committee and M. Atzert volunteered to take over coordination/oversight of Clawson Park. A.

Castellano said M. Atzert should connect with M. Gunn to transition key items that are in process such as the tennis courts and memorial park. R. Georgett said that J. Silverthorn told her the quote for full tennis court replacement including the fence around the court was \$150,000. She continued that this was put on the back burner due to other priority issues and will not be done in 2019. A. Castellano said the benches provided by The Grange will also be delivered soon and there will be a welcoming event. M. Atzert said he will touch base with J. Silverthorn.

C. Township Committee – P. Miller was not present to provide a report.

D. FOSPC – P. Fick was not present to provide a report.

E. Senior Citizens – A. Castellano said there is no update. There was discussion regarding whether this should be kept as a standing agenda item, and A. Castellano said when she last connected via email with Sandy Roe it was confirmed that they would like to know about events, bus trips, etc. She continued saying it should be kept as an agenda item and the committee should take an active role in reaching out to and sharing information with the Senior Citizen group through Sandy.

F. Basketball – T. Zengel was not present to provide a report. A. Castellano said this can be removed as a standing agenda item. She continued that Basketball should be added to the agenda when requested by a Committee member.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Clawson Park 501.C.3 – A. Castellano said there is nothing to report.

B. Summer Volleyball – Finding a Coordinator – A. Castellano said she will organize this because Jenna will participate.

C. Summer Playground update – T. Zengel was not present for an update, and A. Castellano said T. Zengel had been away for several days for a school event. A. Castellano said without T. Zengel all the information isn't available but she did see an email between T. Zengel and K. Ostrander the Township Committee member who oversees this. She continued that the staff positions have been advertised and people have applied. A. Castellano said the committee needs to know when the information will go home with children from the school, and she will connect with T. Zengel to find out.

D. Color Run/Green Fest – A. Castellano said the weather was interesting, and weather report for the rain date of Sunday was terrible so they proceeded and it ended up raining. She continued that many pop up tents had been collected and were set up for the 30 minutes or so that it rained hard which prevented people from walking around to the tables and getting really involved. A. Castellano said in the end it was a great event and \$7,000 was raised for the school. A. Castellano said Environmental Commission was present handing out tree saplings, and thanked E. Johanson who was present to represent this Committee. E. Johanson said it was a good event. She didn't have a tent for the rain and ended up going in with D&R Greenway. A. Castellano said we did have a Parks and Recreation tent at the event but unfortunately it wasn't set up. E. Johanson said next year we do need to make sure there is a tent whether it's rain or shine. She continued that having something to really attract people to the table should be identified.

E. Friday Nights in the Park update – M. Doherty asked if the \$400 budget had been confirmed and A. Castellano said yes there is \$400 for entertainment and \$200 for music. A. Castellano said Dutch Magic provided food at the Color Run and were fantastic. M. Doherty said the food license for TLC Concessions as August food vendor has been issued. A. Castellano said the committee

should look into other entertainment like the Bubble Guy from last year. She continued asking if a bounce house would be allowed by the Township and M. Atzert asked how much that would cost. A. Castellano said around \$250 but the organization up the road that provided the bounce house for last year's Color Run may provide one for free. M. Atzert said the purpose of the event is to bring people together and the children have found fun things to do without this. A. Castellano agreed and said that if the bounce house is available for free we will get it.

F. **Community Yard Sale Date** – T. Zengel was not present for an update.

PRESENTATION OF INVOICES: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

A. **LAW ENFORCEMENT AGAINST DRUGS CAMP DAYS PROGRAM 2019 (LEAD)** – R. Georgett provided an overview of this event confirming that it is specifically for summer camps. There was discussion about it running on two specific days, would probably conflict with the Summer Camp/Sports Camp, and the LEAD flier has been forwarded to T. Zengel.

NEW/ONGOING BUSINESS:

A. **VIP and Website Articles/Content** – M. Atzert said we need a call for new volunteers, and A. Castellano said she will be preparing a communication soliciting new members for many committees including Parks and Recreation. Friday Nights in the Park dates & information about the food trucks and performers should be included. M. Doherty and A. Castellano will prepare content for the VIP on this. A. Castellano said the website needs to be updated and she will take care of that.

B. **2019 List of Events & Trips** – R. Georgett said a date for Community Yard Sale Day needs to be established, and she needs to get details regarding the fall Blues & Beer bus trip.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – None present.

OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE – M. Atzert said Parks & Recreation tee-shirts to wear at events should be purchased, and M. Doherty agreed it would be good so individuals can identify us. A. Castellano said when ordering a small number of shirts, a set-up fee would be charged and then each additional printing of shirts this needs to be paid again. A. Castellano said we should look on line, get enough shirts for all 11 members and she will research this.

AJOURNMENT - A motion was made by M. Atzert that was second by M. Doherty to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 P.M. was carried unanimously.

Rosemary Georgett
Parks and Recreation Coordinator