

**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
EAST AMWELL RECREATION COMMITTEE - DRAFT
June 21 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 6:47 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 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 on May 9, 2018.

2018 ATTENDANCE

Recreation Committee Member (term expires)	1/18/18	2/15/18	3/15/18	4/19/18	5/17/18	6/21/18	7/19/18	8/16/18	9/20/18	10/18/18	11/15/18	12/20/18
Alison Castellano	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Mark Gunn	X	X	A	X	X	A						
Michael Atzert	A	X	X	X	A	7:22						
Pete Fick	X	A	X	X	X	7:17						
Erica Johanson	X	A	X *	X *	X*	X*						
Chris Kellogg	A	X	A	A	A	7:18						
Thyra Zengel	7:45	A	7:40	A	A	A						
Sandra Gonzalez	A	A	A	A	X	E						
Michele Doherty	-	-	-	X	X	X						
Cassie DeCandia	X	A	X	X	X	X						
Jenna Castellano (youth member)	A	A	A	X	X	A						
Peter Miller	A	X	A	A	A	A						

*Others present: Recreation Coordinator, Rosemary Georgett; *Erica Johanson by phone. Katherine Fuller, FOSPC Administrator and Lisa Davis, Environmental Commission re: Color run*

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS: No members of the Public were present. A motion was made by A. Castellano to close to the public that was seconded by M. Doherty and carried unanimously.

ACCEPTANCE OF LAST MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES: May 17, 2018 – A motion was made by M. Doherty to approve the minutes without edit that second by A. Castellano and carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF UPDATED RECREATION BUDGET: R. Georgett explained the budget sheets and A. Castellano confirmed remaining in the budget we have is \$1799. C. DeCandia asked if we have a plan for these funds. A. Castellano replied not yet and for example we don't know if we'll have expense related to items like pickle ball. C. DeCandia said it would be great if we understood this and R. Georgett agreed that once we have an activities plan for rest of 2018, we can allocate funds. A. Castellano referred to items purchased on the expense list from this & past years which can be used to build a plan. Also as we expand additional funds can be requested. There was discussion regarding the path forward, and how we can build out this plan.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Under XI. New/Ongoing Business

- F. Color Run and Green Fest
- G. 2019 Community Day Plans

A. Castellano
E. Johanson

REPORTS:

South Count Soccer League –

1. Lighting: A. Castellano has followed up with no additional information provided. H. Young also needs to follow up with JCP&L regarding funding for lightings.
2. Usage procedures – No update provided, deferred to next month
3. Field Maintenance – A. Castellano stated that there are activities that should be taken care of by DPW, and we need feedback from Howard Young to proceed because SCSL is paying for it.

Baseball – C. Kellogg provided a written report that will be distributed to the committee.

Adult Basketball – T. Zengel was not present to report.

Clawson Park –

1. Pickle Ball/Tennis Courts – A. Castellano stated that we have people who want to play Pickle Ball and there is an expense associated with drawing lines for this. There is work in process to get a grant to expand use of this area, and redo it for additional activities.
2. Ongoing Maintenance Procedure – A. Castellano reported that she received approval from Recycling Committee to purchase dog waste containers using Clean Communities Grant funds, and they will be installed following final approval.
3. Events Schedule (Pavilion) Management – A. Castellano stated that once the website is up we can post the calendar of events there and people don't need to come in to check it.

The Grange – T. Zengel was not present to report.

Township Committee – P. Miller was not present to report.

New Website – A. Castellano said we have a contract now, and provided some details regarding what will happen once the site is set up. She will present more information to the Committee at our next meeting. E. Johanson reported that at the last Website meeting they had a member of the public so excited about it, she joined the Website Committee. This will be a great opportunity to load up information about activities and set up links to information and events from other parts of the County, etc.

FOSPC – P. Fick said we should use the Lambertville document as a starting point for the Hunterdon County Open Space funds application. K. Fullerton stated that she received documents for this from the county and that she'd like to coordinate Parks and Recreation as well as FOSPC to write it. There was further discussion regarding completion and submission of the application for funds and general agreement that a cooperative effort coordinated by K. Fullerton was best.

Senior Citizens – A. Castellano said that members are happy with the location for their meetings, and so we will table this.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Monthly VIP Article – A. Castellano suggested we repeat the Friday Nights in the Park and Volleyball reminders with dates and confirm there will be a food truck, etc.

PRESENTATION OF INVOICES: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

NEW/ONGOING BUSINESS:

Friday Nights In The Park – R. Georgett shared a letter sent to neighbors surrounding Clawson Park last year informing them about Friday Nights in the Park dates, and A. Castellano said we have confirmed food trucks, etc and can include this information in the message. P. Fick said there were no comments or complaints from neighbors last year. R. Georgett will prepare an amended letter to send. There was general discussion regarding last year's events, equipment we have and what was used. A. Castellano gather games from the Township Office basement to bring to the events and will organize help from the committee as needed. We have confirmed a DJ, and will bring a cooler with beverages and water. A. Castellano will coordinate with R. Georgett on a P.O. to purchase beverages and snacks. C. Kellogg has a contact at CostCo who is the store manager, and they are interested in supporting future events.

Volleyball - A. Castellano and J. Ostrander will begin communications regarding volleyball including fliers and will have them added to our website.

Clean up of File Room/Storage Area – E. Johanson said the date for this Friday 6/29/18 at 1:00.

Water Maze project for Clawson Park – A. Castellano is following up regarding the plans for the one she experienced in England, and will review at a future meeting. R. Georgett has contacted the Executive Director for NJ Clean Communities regarding whether we could tap these funds for a project like this. C. Kellogg said that in the past Home Depot has had a grant for building items like this with a stipulation that all the work is done by members of the community. He stated that Chris Thompson was the contact when this was explored previously.

Color Run/Green Fest on September 29, 2018: A. Castellano introduced Katherine Fullerton from FOSPC and Lisa Davis from Environmental Commission who were attending to discuss integrating Color Run with Green Fest and having a wider event that incorporates more of our community. A. Castellano explained the location and activities from the 2017 Color Run event, which was both a walk around school grounds and a 5K run. This year they can expand into more of the school fields but need to have an idea of numbers to attend to properly organize. A. Castellano continued that there will be a cut-off date for sign up, and the external vendors/partners and the various committees attending will send out communications. The school will cover it under their liability insurance this year.

K. Fullerton and L. Davis shared a number of organizations they would plan to include. K. Fullerton said we want green companies to participate; it could be beneficial as this is a major fund raiser for the school. There was discussion about various companies that might be of interest, that there is a "pitch fee" for companies to come market their services, and non-profits do not pay to come but could help raise funds in other ways such as a raffle. There are lists

being leveraged from last year to identify good companies to contact. A. Castellano asked everyone to use their connections to help build this up. L. Davis clarified that A. Castellano in her PTO role is the primary contact for the Color Run, and will provide a letter to use for communications.

E. Johanson volunteered to lead coordination of a table for Parks and Recreation at this year's Color Run.

2019 Community Day – E. Johanson attended 2018 Community Day where East Amwell Historic Society had a table and suggested that Parks and Recreation needs a presence there in 2019, especially if we want to begin running trips. L. Davis said the Environmental Commission was there and many people visited the booth. It was agreed that East Amwell's presence in 2019 will be coordinated among various committees.

Hopewell Township trips/activities ideas for East Amwell – R. Georgett reported that feedback was only provided by a couple of members, and this was tabled to the next meeting. All committee members were asked to send R. Georgett the ideas they would like to adopt.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – None present.

OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE – No Comment

ADJOURNMENT

A. Castellano made a motion to adjourn the meeting that was seconded by M. Dougherty and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 PM.

Rosemary Georgett, Secretary