

**EAST AMWELL
RECREATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2010**

Call to Order:

The February regular meeting of the East Amwell Township Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:30PM.

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act Christine Rosikiewicz noted that this was a regular meeting. Notice of this meeting was filed in the Township Clerk's Office, sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat, the Trenton Times and the Star Ledger. The agenda was posted on the bulletin board on January 28, 2009.

Present were Linda Beck, Michael Dendis, Rob Mulcahy, Christine Rosikiewicz, Mike Gum and Dennis Hajek (Committee Chair). Angelo Lovisa was absent. Dawn Payne, a township resident who is interested in joining the Recreation Committee, was also present.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the January meeting minutes was made by Mike Gum, seconded by Mike Dendis. All were in favor, the January meeting minutes were approved.

Announcements:

D. Hajek thanked Dawn Payne for coming to the meeting. Dawn Payne may be interested in joining the Recreation Committee; there are two alternate positions open.

D. Hajek reported that the budget has not been approved yet. There is a Township Committee budget meeting tonight.

C. Rosikiewicz referred to a January 20, 2010 memo from the Recycling Committee. Clean-Up Day is scheduled for April 24th 2009, the Recycling Committee is inquiring if there are any scheduling conflicts. C. Rosikiewicz will let the Recycling Committee know that that Recreation does not have an event scheduled for that day.

Budget:

D. Hajek informed the committee that there is one thousand dollars approved for the Recreation Committee at this point. After a discussion the committee agreed to go ahead with the egg hunt. It was noted that the egg hunt has the biggest turnout of any Recreation event and is a tradition that residents look forward to year after year.

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Old Business

Farmland and Open Space Preservation Committee: Angelo Lovisa, the FOSPC liaison, was not present as he was away on business. Christine Rosikiewicz read a summary to the committee that A. Lovisa provided prior to the meeting. A. Lovisa met with Scott Ciarrocca to determine if AVLBL is interested in acquiring the land between the municipal fields and rt. 202/31. They are not as there is no immediate need to expand the outfield at this time and much of the land is considered wetlands.

There was discussion about possible plans for the county fields near the fairgrounds; a joint meeting between East Amwell and West Amwell has not taken place yet at this time.

Amwell Valley Baseball League: D. Hajek asked M. Dendis to contact Scott Ciarrocca, the ABLBL president, and referred M. Dendis to the AVLBL website. D. Hajek will follow up with AVLBL regarding the upcoming season field use form and other items including fencing and recycling.

Winter Basketball: R. Mulcahy reported that attendance is up at the Thursday night winter basketball program. Last week he received a call from Mr. Reilly at East Amwell School that three of the East Amwell School game basketballs were missing after last Thursday night. R. Mulcahy, on his own accord, purchased two new basketballs for the school to use at an expense of \$110. The committee discussed reimbursing R. Mulcahy for the expense; he will submit the receipt at the next meeting. R. Mulcahy reached out to some of the basketball players and was able to recover two of the balls; hopefully he will recover the third one tonight. R. Mulcahy was told that the storage cabinet door where the balls are kept would not close; this is why the balls were taken off the premises rather than left at the school. The committee discussed the clipboard for sign in that is not being utilized. It was decided that R. Mulcahy and D. Hajek would reach out to two men who regularly play basketball on Thursday nights and ask them to request players sign in. D. Hajek complimented R. Mulcahy on the handling of this incident. R. Mulcahy commented on what a “great program” Thursday night basketball is as the players enjoy playing from November through April and this is the first time there has ever been any incident. Using the new or recovered basketballs exclusively for the recreation program (instead of using the East Amwell School balls) was discussed.

Math and Science Club: M. Gum reported that his daughter attends this club weekly and it is well attended.

Soccer: R. Mulcahy reported that registration has not started yet.

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Tennis: A tennis tournament was suggested, it will be added to the agenda for the March meeting.

Yoga Class: Due to the forecasted storm the committee agreed to cancel the yoga class scheduled for Saturday, February 6th. It will be rescheduled for Saturday, March 6th.

New Business:

Egg Hunt: The Egg Hunt will be held on March 27th at 11AM. C. Rosikiewicz suggested it be held at the school or municipal fields this year and not at Clawson Park, as the park was too big a venue. The committee discussed the other two possible locations, the municipal fields or the school fields. With the exception of the last two years the egg hunt was held at the school but there are concerns about the number of geese there. It was agreed the egg hunt would be held at the municipal fields. L. Beck will chair this event. The committee will discuss logistics for this event at the March meeting.

Proposed Cricket League: C. Rosikiewicz received a proposal from a township resident, Alan George, about starting up a cricket league. This would require an expense of approximately \$650 for equipment. Since the committee's budget has been submitted for 2010 it cannot be an option for this year. D. Hajek will respond to Mr. George.

Correspondence:

There were no comments on any correspondence.

Open to the Public:

D. Hajek asked D. Payne if she had any questions about the committee, she did not. R. Mulcahy provided D. Payne with an overview of the programs that took place last year. D. Payne will contact T. Stahl about joining the Recreation Committee.

Adjournment:

There being no further business a motion was made M. Gum, seconded by R. Mulcahy, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Christine Rosikiewicz, Recording Secretary

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