

EAST AMWELL RECREATION COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting Minutes: October 17, 2013
East Amwell Municipal Building, 1070 Route 202, Ringoes, NJ

Call to Order

The meeting of the East Amwell Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:31 pm by Chairman Pete Fick. The following notice was read into the record by Recording Secretary Scott Bauman: *“In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this is a regularly scheduled meeting pursuant to the annual meeting notice as published in the June 6, 2013, issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat, a copy of the agenda for this meeting was forwarded to the Township Clerk’s Office, posted on the municipal bulletin board, and faxed to the Hunterdon County Democrat on October 15, 2013.”*

2013 Attendance

Member / Term Expires	5/30/13	10/17/13	11/21/13	12/19/13
Dawn Payne, Vice Chairwoman 3 Year Term Expires 12/31/2013	X			
Pete Fick, Chairman 2 Year Term Expires 12/31/2014	X	X		
Thyra Zengel Unexpired Term Ending 12/31/2014	X	X		
Chris Kellogg, Alternate I Unexpired Term Ending 12/31/2014	n/a	X		
Alternate II is presently vacant				

Others present on 10/17/13: Recording Secretary Scott Bauman

Introduction of New Recreation Committee Member Chris Kellogg

Chairman Fick welcomed Chris Kellogg who was recently appointed to the Recreation Committee. Mr. Kellogg introduced himself and expressed enthusiasm in looking forward to working with all the Committee members.

Approval of May 30, 2013, Reorganization Meeting Minutes

Ms. Zengel made a motion, seconded by Chairman Fick to approve the May 30, 2013, Reorganization meeting minutes of the East Amwell Recreation Committee as submitted. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote with Mr. Kellogg abstaining.

Old Business / Updates

A. Liaison Report: Chairman Fick- Farmland and Open Space Preservation Committee

- Chairman Fick told the Committee that at the last FOSPC meeting, he heard from Toni Robbi of the Environmental Committee that he and numerous volunteers are trailblazing the Rocktown Woods walk on Sunday mornings. Chairman Fick said there was interest when he brought up the South County Park meeting

B. Recreation Committee presence on the Township Website

- Chairman Fick said that on the township’s website, under Recreation Committee it says: “if it’s fun we can get it done”. The membership roster is outdated and there should be a list of planned activities.

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C. South County Soccer League

- Mr. Kellogg said he can work on getting someone, preferably a board member, to attend the Recreation Committee meetings as a representative of the South County Soccer League.

D. AVLBL Baseball

- Mr. Kellogg said he is a coach with the league, he will serve as liaison.

E. Field Usage

- Ms. Zengel said this is something the Committee has not usually been involved with in the past. There are a series of transitions when different sports are utilizing the fields. Temporary fences are taken care of by their respective sports- baseball or soccer. The snack shack is jointly maintained. Ms. Zengel further commented that the system kind of runs itself.

F. Adult Basketball

- Ms. Zengel emailed Chairman Fick about some insurance matters- the adult basketball league needs insurance from the township. Ms. Zengel was sure that Township Clerk Terri Stahl will be aware of the requirements.

G. Other Recreation Programs- Tree Trimming

- Tree Trimming. Chairman Fick said he has no problem with giving it a shot. He obtained an email from the previous coordinator which provided much of the details necessary in running the show. Ms. Zengel said her involvement will depend on the date of the event. Mr. Kellogg said he would be happy to help out. Ms. Zengel said that she wished that Ms. Payne was present, but that she would call her soon. Mr. Kellogg said he would reach out to the Boy Scouts.

South County Park

Ms. Zengel reported that she attended a meeting with officials from West Amwell and Delaware townships in an effort to continue the ongoing discussions of the development of the South County Park. The following list for the park was prepared as a result of that meeting and it will be taken directly to the freeholders:

- a) Field hockey / lacrosse
- b) Soccer field
- c) 60 x 90 baseball field
- d) 2 smaller baseball fields- 40 x 60, and potentially a 60 x 70 softball / baseball field
- e) Equipment shed, bathrooms, concessions
- f) Walking path
- g) Fencing- not elaborate but will need dugouts with backstops; this can be done in phases
- h) Parking
- i) Picnic pavilion

Ms. Zengel added that some freeholders are already familiar with the concept of having the South County Park, but the funding issue is always the thing. But after this list is given to the county, they will

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have a list of what we want; we put it in their court and see what happens. Ms. Zengel said she will follow up once the county is provided the list.

The Committee further discussed the listed improvements. The county would first grade and install parking. Bathrooms are going to require some planning. The next step will then be a few officials from the townships formally go to talk with the Freeholders. Ms. Zengel will make sure the Recreation Committee knows when the next meeting is scheduled.

Vision Statement / Goal Statement

Chairman Fick distributed a handout titled which read:

Possible Vision Statement- Actively pursue collaboration with the Township Committee and other Township Committees in the development and maintenance of parks, open space, playing fields, other facilities, and recreational programming.

Possible Goal Statement- To provide recreational opportunities to all citizens.

Mr. Kellogg said the Committee may wish to consider adding an educational element to the statements, such as having speakers and people with special abilities to run programs such as “plays in the park”. The township has a wealth and diversity of people. Those present discussed the benefits of hosting programs that would generate local interests. Ms. Zengel wanted to know what “other facilities” means in the vision statement. Chairman Fick thought adding “other facilities” would leave it open ended, it could be trails, or the Clawson House. Chairman Fick asked the Committee to look them over and be prepared to discuss more at the next meeting.

Adjournment

A motion by Ms. Zengel, seconded by Mr. Kellogg to adjourn was unanimously approved by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2013, at 7:30 PM in the East Amwell Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Scott Bauman

Scott Bauman, Recording Secretary
November 3, 2013

MOTION TO APPROVE: Mr. Chris Kellogg
MOTION SECONDED BY: Chairman Peter Fick
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE: November 21, 2013