

MEETING MINUTES
EAST AMWELL RECREATION COMMITTEE
December 19, 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.”*

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			
Michael Atzert. Term Expires 12/31/2016	n/a	n/a	X	X
Erica Johanson, Alternate II. Term Expires 12/31/2016	n/a	n/a	X	X
AmyAtzert. Term Expires 12/31/2016	n/a	n/a	X	X
Pete Fick, Chairman. 2 Year Term Expires 12/31/2014	X	X	X	X
Thyra Zengel. Unexpired Term Ending 12/31/2014	X	X	X	
Chris Kellogg, Alternate I. Unexpired Term Ending 12/31/2014	n/a	X	X	X

Others present on 12/19/13: Recording Secretary Scott Bauman

Approval of November 21, 2013, Meeting Minutes

Mr. Kellogg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Atzert to approve the November 21, 2013, meeting minutes as submitted. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Old Business / Updates

1. Field Usage & Fees / South County Soccer League

Chairman Fick informed the Committee that today Kevin Inglin of South County Soccer League emailed him a five-page letter describing the operations of the league, the soccer fields, and plans for 2014. Mr. Bauman distributed copies of the letter to those present. Chairman Fick thought Mr. Inglin would be in attendance to narrate his letter but he was not present; in light of this Chairman Fick tabled this topic and the Committee agreed to carry it to the January 16, 2014, meeting.

2. South County Park

Ms. Zengel was not in attendance so there was no report.

3. Adult Basketball

Ms. Zengel was not in attendance so there was no report.

4. Other Recreation Programs

A. Tree Lighting Recap. Chairman Fick thanked the committee members who volunteered on December 8 and made the tree lighting ceremony a success. Those in attendance discussed how the event went and ways to improve the event for next year. Proposed improvements include purchasing a decorative tree-topper star that works, and blinking lights for the tree. The present lighting supply is sketchy. Committee members expressed a preference to leave up the decorative murals up longer in the municipal building- changing them to a more subdued look

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first. Next year the Committee will ask the road crew if they could place the star on top of the tree. Ms. Johanson said she recalls a wreath was once on the building during the holidays- that option could be explored next year as well.

Those present agreed to meet on January 4 to take down the decorations and move them to storage; Chairman Fick said he would inform the township clerk about this to make arrangements to get into the municipal building.

At 7:45 PM, Kevin Inglin entered the meeting room; Chairman Fick welcomed him and acknowledged receiving his email and letter today. Chairman Fick informed Mr. Inglin that he tabled the topic to January 16, 2014, so that the committee members could have a chance to read and understand the letter. Mr. Inglin understood, thanked the Committee and said he would attend the January 16, 2014, meeting; he left the meeting at 7:47 PM.

B. Summer 2014 Outdoor Movie Program. Ms. Johanson said she made initial contact with someone in Hopewell who runs their summer outdoor movie events and hopes to discuss this more with that person after the holidays.

C. Easter Egg Hunt 2014. Chairman Fick said this is the next big event, and the Committee will begin working on this in January.

5. Recreation Committee Presence on the Township Website

Mr. Bauman informed the Committee that the township clerk is aware of the Committee's request to update the website to reflect an up to date roster, and the Committee's newly revised vision / goal statement. The website will be undergoing many changes in January and it is anticipated that the Committee's requested changes will be made at that time.

6. Voting Members of the Recreation Committee

Mr. Bauman informed the Committee that he has been unsuccessful in obtaining a citation of statute and/or a township ordinance that describes the Recreation Committee's and responsibilities and membership parameters. Until the enabling legislation and/or by-laws are obtained, it is not known whether sitting members of the Township Committee can act as voting members of the Recreation Committee.

New Business

1. 2014 Meeting Calendar

Mr. Bauman informed the Committee that the proposed 2014 meeting dates for the Recreation Committee are: January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, and December 18. The January 16 reorganization meeting has already been noticed and the Committee will adopt a 2014 meeting schedule at that time.

2. 2014 Budget

The Committee reviewed a memo dated December 19, 2013, from the Recreation Committee addressed to the Township Committee requesting a 2014 operating expense budget of \$2,450.00.

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The Committee cited no objections with Mr. Bauman sending this memorandum onto the Township Committee.

Reports

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

Chairman Fick told the Committee that FOSPC is discussing the upcoming Greenfest 2014 event scheduled for Saturday, April 5, 2014. Last year fifteen groups were represented. Ms. Johanson said she has attended in the past and has represented the Recycling Committee at the event. There will be hiking programs scheduled for Sunday April 6, 2014, as well.

Chairman Fick also reported that he updated FOSPC about the recent meeting Thyra Zengel attended about the South County Park.

B. Liaison Report: Kevin Inglin- South County Soccer League

Carried to January 16, 2014.

C. Liaison Report: Chris Kellogg- Amwell Valley Little League Baseball

Mr. Kellogg said there was nothing to report.

Discussion

Ms. Johanson expressed an interest in organizing walks during the year; Chairman Fick said some preserved parks have trails and if she is interested in knowing more about the trails in the township she should get in touch with Toni Robbi of the Environmental Commission.

Adjournment

Being no members of the public present, there was no need to open the meeting to the public. A motion by Ms. Atzert, seconded by Mr. Kellogg to adjourn was unanimously approved by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2014, at 7:30 PM in the East Amwell Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Scott Bauman

Scott Bauman, Recording Secretary
January 4, 2014

MOTION TO APPROVE: Chris Kellogg
MOTION SECONDED BY: Michael Atzert
APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE: January 16, 2014