

**FEBRUARY 20, 2014, MEETING MINUTES  
EAST AMWELL RECREATION COMMITTEE  
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 7:32 PM by Chairman Pete Fick. Recording Secretary Scott Bauman read aloud the following: “In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this is a regular meeting of the East Amwell Recreation Committee pursuant to the meeting notice published in the January 23, 2014, issue of the Hunterdon Democrat. Notice of this meeting was filed in the Township Clerk’s Office, sent to the Hunterdon Democrat, and the agenda was posted on the municipal bulletin board.

**ROLE CALL 2/20/14**

Recreation Committee Member (term expires)	1/16/14	2/20/14	3/20/14	4/17/14	5/15/14	6/19/14	7/17/14	8/21/14	9/18/14	10/16/14	11/20/14	12/18/14
Amy Atzert (12/31/16)		X										
Michael Atzert (12/31/16)	X	X										
Pete Fick (12/31/14)	X	X										
Erica Johanson, Alt II (12/31/16)	X											
Chris Kellogg, Alt. I (12/31/14)	X	7:45										
Thyra Zengel (12/31/14)		7:35										
Sandra Gensini, Alt. III (12/31/ )	n/a	X										

*Others present on 2/20/14: Committeeman Tim Matthews, and Recording Secretary Scott Bauman*

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** No members of the public were present.

**PRESENTATION OF JANUARY 16, 2014, MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Atzert made a motion to accept the meeting minutes amended to eliminate the last sentence on page 1: “Vice Chairwoman Glashoff abstained from voting”. Ms. Atzert seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Ms. Zengel arrived at 7:35 PM.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

South County Soccer League. Chairman Fick reported that he has spoken with Regina Skrebel, President of the South County Soccer League about their applications for field facilities at both the school and the municipal park. The Committee reviewed the SCSL application for use of school facilities from 3/1/14 to 8/31/14. Mr. Atzert made a motion for temporary approval of usage of the school facilities. Those present discussed the motion- the SCSL is requesting 184 days of field usage, but they will provide an actual schedule once it is finalized; the school board cannot approve any agreement that continues after the school year ends; and should other parties want to use the fields at the same time, the proposal would be run past the SCSL. Ms. Gensini said the schedules are usually finalized by the second week in April. The motion to approve the field facilities at the school from 3/1/14 to 6/30/14 was approved unanimously by those present. Vice Chairman Kellogg arrived at 7:45 PM and did not vote.

The Committee discussed costs related to field maintenance and upgrades, establishing a maintenance schedule, and what are the roles and responsibilities of the township, the SCSL, and the Recreation Committee. The next step is to summarize and present to the township committee the visions and recommendations from the Recreation Committee as to what they feel is best for the community. A

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discussion ensued over the number of fields at the school and municipal park, coordinating the soccer and baseball games at the facilities, and the best way to obtain landscape estimates. With regards to the field maintenance plan and obtaining estimates, the Recreation Committee should approach Township Administrator Tim Matheny and he can obtain quotes and bring those quotes to the Township Committee. Chairman Fick volunteered to approach Mr. Matheny.

South County Park. Nothing new to report; Chairman Fick volunteered to contact Ken Novak of Delaware Township to seek an update.

Field Usage and Fees. Chairman Fick said there is no fee structure in place for field usage at either the school or municipal parks. Committeeman Matthews said we need a policy- fee or no fee, and if there is a fee, what is the policy for the fee- the fee structure must be fair. Those involved in the discussion agreed that there should be a gatekeeper and a police in place. All were in agreement that a decision on the policy should wait until the township knows what the SCSL is willing to commit to the maintenance of the fields.

Adult Basketball. Ms. Zengel reported that the adult basketball program is going well.

Other Recreation Programs. Chairman Fick reported that he received an email from Ms. Johanson about a Pitch, Hit, Throw baseball/softball program; Mr. Atzert noted that these programs are a lot of work to coordinate, register, and keep track of, and this proposed program is scheduled next month. Those present agreed that next year this could be given fair consideration, but it is too late for this year.

Greenfest Saturday April 5. Chairman Fick reported that Ms. Johanson is going; Mr. and Ms. Atzert said they too are attending. Mr. Kellogg reported that the banner is ordered and it should be ready in time for Greenfest.

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 12. Chairman Fick reported that the flyers are being distributed, an article is in the VIP, an email will be sent through the school, and Ms. Johanson has agreed to volunteer to help. Vice Chairman Kellogg agreed to help as well

Outdoor Movie Presentation. Vice Chairman Kellogg reported that he researched the costs and a 21' screen with staffed audio and video is \$698.84 per event, and there are openings on May 17 and June 7. After discussion, the Committee agreed that one event should be considered at first- May 17 with June 7 as the preferred rain date, and that Vice Chairman Kellogg should research the public performance licensing fee that accompanies the outdoor movie presentation.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

South County Soccer League. Discussed earlier in the meeting.

Amwell Valley Little Baseball. The Committee discussed the contract regarding the use of the trailer located at the municipal park- it was referred to the Committee by Mr. Matheny. It was agreed to strike the wording on page 1, #1: "the maximum number of signs to be erected is 10"; Chairman Fick agreed to inform Mr. Matheny of this recommendation.

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Farmland and Open Space Preservation Committee. Chairman Fick reported that the Open Space Trust Fund also funds recreation fields and maintenance of those fields. The Committee discussed what type of proposals that could qualify for local open space trust funding.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Atzert made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Kellogg, and unanimously approved by all to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Scott Bauman

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Scott Bauman, Recording Secretary  
February 26, 2014

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**MOTION SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE:** \_\_\_\_\_