

**MEETING MINUTES  
EAST AMWELL RECREATION COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 20, 2014; 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 7:30 PM by Committee Member Pete Fick. P. Fick read the following: In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, it was noted that this is a regular Business Meeting pursuant to the meeting notice published in the December 19, 2013, 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.

**2014 ATTENDANCE**

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			X		X		X		X	
Michael Atzert (12/31/16)	X	X			X	X	X		X		X	
Pete Fick (12/31/14)	X	X	X		X	X	X		X		X	
Erica Johanson, Alt II (12/31/16)	X		X			X	X		X		X	
Chris Kellogg, Alt. I (12/31/14)	X	7:45	X		X		X				7:38	
Thyra Zengel (12/31/14)		7:35	X						7:37		7:34	
Sandra Gensini, Alt. III (12/31)		X			X	X	X		7:46		7:48	
Tim Mathews							X		7:48			

*Others present: Recording Secretary Maria Prendamano*

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

**PRESENTATION OF SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014, MEETING MINUTES**

M. Atzert made a motion, seconded by A. Atzert, and unanimously approved by all to accept the September 18, 2014 meeting minutes as submitted.

**PRESENTATION OF INVOICES:** None

**PRESENTATION OF UPDATED RECREATION BUDGET:** No changes from last month.

**REPORTS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Soccer Fields Policy in Progress: P. Fick has reviewed the draft from T. Matheny. He forwarded it to all committee members. Responses and comments to the draft were forwarded to T. Matheny, E. Stoloski and D. Sageser on October 29<sup>th</sup>. P. Fick is waiting for a reply to these comments. T. Zengel noted that the Policy reads that the fields can be used only for soccer or lacrosse. She would like field hockey to be included. C. Kellogg noted that all of the different sports have always overlapped. To compartmentalize may cause friction. He stated that if South County has their equipment on the field and child from another league get injured, who is responsible. M. Atzert noted that any equipment left on the fields becomes the property of East Amwell Township School. T. Zengel noted that the goals are left in place all year round. They are used by the school as well. T. Zengel feels that it is difficult to enforce the rules regarding cleanliness. It has always been something that the leagues have taken care of. Who is going to

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be in charge of enforcing this? C. Kellogg stated that the Amwell Valley Baseball League made every attempt at keeping the recycling clean of trash. It is sometimes difficult to ensure that the proper receptacles are used. M. Atzert stated that the regular leagues seem to know what is expected of them and comply. T. Zengel recalled a time long ago where there was vandalism. It is likely is occurred after games and not by the players. P. Fick feels there should be a meeting of all parties to discuss this draft. He suggested that any committee members interested should be present.

2. South County Soccer – See above discussion.
3. East Amwell Soccer Fields Update – Lights and Sprinkler System, Other – S. Gensini would like a clearly defined policy for the sprinkler system. There was an incident with the lights not working once. S. Gensini reported that the fields are maintained and closed by volunteer parents. This report also ties in to report number 1. T. Zengel asked if the irrigation system is in working order. P. Fick stated that he believes it is working better than last year but still needs some improvement. P. Fick noted that there has been an effort to utilize other fields.
4. South County Park – P. Fick stated that at our last informal meeting, T. Mathews reported that the Township Committee is seeking to have a library constructed adjacent to the municipal building. The future site would be where the ball fields are now. C. Kellogg stated that the only field that would remain is T3. The feeling is that the firehouse field could be used and that South County Park could be renovated to include some additional fields. The Committee is concerned as to whether or not that would be sufficient. P. Fick understood that it is a County initiative.
5. Movie – T. Mathews mentioned last month that the church could be one of any number of venues.
6. Annual Tree Lighting – P. Fick wants to set up on December 5<sup>th</sup>. M. Prendamano will give the Committee access to the building. M. Prendamano did ask J. Silverthorne of the DPW to somehow rig the existing star so that it does not fall over. If they are unable to do so, we will consider purchasing another from Home Depot. C. Kellogg offered to go to Home Depot with a member of the DPW to purchase the lights, hooks and possibly the star. M. Prendamano reported that the Girl Scouts have been working on the canvas. They are also making snowflakes to hang from the ceiling. We will be ordering a plastic backdrop to cover the section that the canvas won't cover. T. Zengel will pick up the donated items from ShopRite and will shop for the candy canes. She is donating the marshmallows. C. Kellogg, M. Atzert, P. Fick and M. Prendamano will put the lights on the tree on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. On Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. the Committee will decorate and set up for the event. M. Prendamano will reach out to the DPW to make sure that there is a working outlet outside. She will also make sure that there are ladders available.

M. Prendamano found that there is blue painters tape left over from last year to hang artwork. There are three tables in the basement for our use. The Committee found that there are paper goods leftover from last year. E. Johanson will donate hats for Committee members to wear at the event.

T. Zengel mentioned that one year the Committee provided pictures with Santa using a Polaroid camera. This is something to think about for next year. The flyer will go out via email to school families the week of the event. A hard copy has gone home with the children already.

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The Committee would like to the decorations to be left up until the New Year. M. Prendamano will send an email to T. Matheny regarding this matter. M. Atzert would specifically like to see the artwork created by the children left in place.

P. Fick noted that Santa will arrive on a fire truck. He has worked out the details.

7. US Sports Institute – This will be discussed next month. It seems the biggest issue is how to coordinate it with the Summer Playground Program.
8. Holiday House Decorating Contest – M. Atzert spoke to the owner of Mom’s restaurant who has volunteered to offer a gift certificate for the best decorated house in the Village. The Ladies Auxiliary will be judging the contest.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

Farmland and Open Space Preservation Committee – P. Fick reported that FOSPC has made a few recent acquisitions. Nothing else to report

**CORRESPONDENCE**

M. Prendamano reported that the Recreation Committee has been invited to attend the public movie screening of “The Sourlands” by Jared Flesher.

Various catalogues from playground equipment manufacturers.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** None present

**ADJOURNMENT**

M. Atzert made a motion, seconded by T. Zengel, and unanimously approved by all to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Maria Prendamano, Recording Secretary