

**MEETING MINUTES
EAST AMWELL RECREATION COMMITTEE
MARCH 19, 2015; 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 Chairperson P. Fick. P. Fick read the following: In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, it was noted that this is a Regular Business Meeting of the East Amwell Recreation Committee pursuant to the meeting notice published in the January 29, 2015, 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.

2015 ATTENDANCE

Recreation Committee Member (term expires)	1/15/15	2/19/15	3/19/15	4/16/15	5/21/15	6/18/15	7/16/15	8/20/15	9/17/15	10/15/15	11/19/15	12/17/15
Amy Atzert		X										
Michael Atzert		X	X									
Pete Fick	X	X	X									
Erica Johanson	X	X	X									
Chris Kellogg		(8:02)	X									
Thyra Zengel	X		X									
Sandra Gensini	X	X	X									
Tim Mathews	X		X									

Others present on 3/19/15: Recording Secretary Maria Prendamano

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

PRESENTATION OF FEBRUARY 19, 2015, MEETING MINUTES

C. Kellogg made a motion, seconded by S. Gensini, and unanimously approved by all to accept the January 15, 2015, meeting minutes as submitted with two abstentions from T. Mathews and T. Zengel.

PRESENTATION OF INVOICES None

PRESENTATION OF UPDATED RECREATION BUDGET – Account No.: 4-01-28-370-265-003

The updated budget was not available for review. M. Prendamano will obtain one and circulate to members. M. Prendamano noted that the second purchase of pre-filled eggs is not reflected on the updated budget. She has not seen any additional boxes. She has put an inquiry in with M. Pasqua with regard to the status of the order. If the order has not been processed M. Prendamano will pull the remaining boxes from the basement and purchase candy to stuff them.

REPORTS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Soccer Fields Policy P. Fick reported that he proposed number 11 as discussed last month. The contact information was added. He stated that there was a question as to whether or not field hockey works with South County and he responded that yes they do. T. Zengel inquired as to the fee schedule. She is wondering how the figures will be determined. P. Fick feels that South County should come up with that information and provide a breakdown that is pro-rated. S. Gensini stated that T. Matheny was going to provide information about the cost for electric. T. Mathews suggested that the total cost should first be determined and then factor that cost into a daily usage fee. T. Zengel added that a team may only use

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the field in the daytime hours. Perhaps the fee should be adjusted accordingly. S. Gensini noted that the goal is to turn the electric off completely during the off season. P. Fick stated that T. Matheny should take the lead on this issue.

South County Soccer S. Gensini reported that they have 94 children registered so far. The fields are scheduled to be fertilized. P. Fick asked if 94 is a good size enrollment. S. Gensini stated that it is adequate and there is still one more week for registration.

South County Park- T. Mathews has had some informal discussion with the Freeholders. They are on board with the suggestions. T. Zengel added that in the past she had been told to create a plan. She had issues with West Amwell cooperating. T. Mathews stated that there is some leverage now with the proposed library. T. Zengel noted that the municipal fields would have to be replaced yet she fears there may not be enough room at South County Park.

Movie Night M. Atzert noted that the movie will be "The Penguins of Madagascar". Also, the board of the church approved the sports teams (AVLBL) selling refreshments to fundraise for their group. The church offered to provide free popcorn. C. Kellogg noted that the package provides popcorn as well. E. Johanson asked if the popcorn comes with paper bags. M. Prendamano will inquire. C. Kellogg stopped in to Crown Trophy to get pricing for signs. For twelve signs the price would be \$15 each. The signs are heavy duty plastic. White duct tape could be used to change the dates.

US Sports Institute P. Fick reported that Nicola has been trying to get the word out. M. Prendamano stated that she will be brining flyers to the school for distribution. The link is on the township website. M. Prendamano will reach out to her again and confirm that they will be present at the Egg Hunt.

Egg Hunt E. Johanson reported that she has a volunteer bunny. M. Prendamano has some Boy Scouts coming to help. The Girl Scouts have been contacted as well. The only issue that still needs to be worked out is how to hang the canvas. S. Gensini suggested that 9:00 a.m. is a good time for set up. M. Prendamano sent an email to J. Silverthorne for some caution tape. Boy Scout R. Mundy offered to create a sandwich sign board. He may need some funding for materials. C. Kellogg offered to take the lead on this.

M. Prendamano will print the golden tickets. P. Fick will purchase the chocolate bunnies and gift cards for the older children. He inquired as to what type of gift card should be purchased. S. Gensini suggested Shop Rite gift cards. T. Zengel suggested Five Below gift cards. M. Prendamano noted that the flyers went home with the school children and will get sent digitally two days before the event. If the pre-filled eggs were not ordered M. Prendamano will make certain the eggs in the basement are filled. M. Atzert and E. Johanson offered to help stuff eggs if needed. Volunteers discussed picking up supplies the night before. P. Fick suggested using the Recreation display banner. T. Mathews noted that we may not want to advertise it too much. In years past the response has been good with just local advertisement. C. Kellogg suggested skipping advertising with the Democrat. All members agreed. P. Fick has been in touch with Mayor Wang-Iverson. He will be attending.

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S. Gensini thinks we need to purchase more than six chocolate bunnies. M. Prendamano suggested getting medium sized bunnies over the large ones.

M. Atzert offered to bring a folding table to the event.

Adult Basketball T. Zengel reported that Adult Basketball is ongoing and successful. She did not have a head count of enrollees.

AVLBL – C. Kellogg reported that registration is officially closed. The first practice was this evening at Diamond Nation. They are working on having a helmet with face mask mandatory.

Softball – T. Zengel reported that travel softball will be using the school field during the week and the T2 on Sundays. She wanted to inform the Recreation Committee that the school has a softball tournament the first Saturday in May. They will also use T2.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Greenfest- E. Johanson reported that the Environmental Commission will have a table. She is not certain what the Recycling Committee's intention is yet. M. Atzert suggested the Recreation Committee be present. P. Fick would like U.S. Sports to be present. E. Johanson suggested that the Committee announce upcoming events such as Bingo. M. Atzert suggested using the display board for the event.
2. Bingo M. Prendamano reported that the school's PTO offered to loan the Recreation Committee their bingo cage, markers and program that displays the numbers that have been called. The PTO would like the items to be used on school premises. The event should take place on a Friday evening at the school. The only expense incurred would be the playing cards which are relatively inexpensive.

REPORTS

Farmland and Open Space Preservation Committee P. Fick reported that FOSPC hosted a program with speakers giving information about Open Space and Preservation. There are two farms that are interested in preservation at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE Various magazines and catalogues.

ADJOURNMENT

M. Atzert made a motion, seconded by C. Kellogg, and unanimously approved by all to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maria Prendamano, Recording Secretary

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