

**MEETING MINUTES
EAST AMWELL RECREATION COMMITTEE
MAY 21, 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 7:34 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			X							
Michael Atzert		X	X	X	X							
Pete Fick	X	X	X	X	X							
Erica Johanson	X	X	X	X	X							
Chris Kellogg		8:02	X		7:41							
Thyra Zengel	X		X	7:38								
Sandra Gensini	X	X	X									
Tim Mathews	X		X	X								

Others present on 5/21/15: Substitute Recording Secretary Christine Rosikiewicz and Regina Skrebel from South County Soccer League.

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

PRESENTATION OF APRIL 16, 2015, MEETING MINUTES P. Fick referred to conflicting amounts on the invoice for the sign and what is stated in the minutes. He said that under South County Soccer he inquired if it was determined whom the sprinkler company contact was. R.Skrebel explained that the sprinkler was shut off now but the valve was still dripping. She is waiting for the sprinkler company to contact her. She inquired about the role of the DPW supervisor with regard to the sprinkler system. P. Fick said the Township is responsible for the lights, and advised that she following through with the sprinkler company as SCSL is responsible for the sprinkler system. P. Fick stated that the only obligation of the school is to mow the grass. P. Fick referred to the meeting he had with R. Skrebel, T. Matheny (Township Administrator), T. Mathews, and the Mayor to determine where the responsibilities are.

P. Fick said that the movie night will be discussed tonight. US Sports will also be discussed; the lack of response from this program was commented on. He continued that the recycling dumpster will be discussed. E. Johanson said M. Prendamona will talk to Recycling Committee about this.

M. Atzert made a motion, seconded by E. Johanson, and unanimously approved by all to accept the April 16, 2015 meeting minutes.

PRESENTATION OF INVOICES

The Committee tabled this item until C. Kellogg arrives.

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

P. Fick did not believe there were any other invoices. He asked M. Atzert to review the budget with regard to the outdoor movie. M. Atzert said the movie was quoted at \$399 but the invoice is for \$495. M. Prendamona asked Screen Entertainment to amend the invoice; no action is needed at this time. He suggested P. Fick hold the invoice until confirmation is received from M. Prendamona that the invoice will be amended to reflect the promotional price quoted of \$399.

C. Rosikiewicz went over the budget spreadsheet with the Committee. She advised that \$1554.77 was available after accounting for paid invoices and funds encumbered. She explained the encumbering process and the budget line from the spreadsheet.

E. Johanson inquired if the Committee was going to pay the invoice at this time since C. Kellogg is now present. P. Fick said this item, the Green Fest, and the suggestion for a Kids Club will be added at the end of the meeting.

REPORTS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

South County Soccer R. Skrebel reported that they are waiting to sod the fields until the sprinklers are worked out. She explained that the sprinkler system is leaking inside the shed and are now shut off. She is awaiting direction from the sprinkler company.

R. Skrebel reported that N. Mathews would like the portable bathroom moved closer to the road as the pumping truck is eroding the road and the field when it comes each month. She expressed concern of older people watching the soccer game and needing to walk a distance to the bathroom and suggested perhaps there could be another solution. She has reached out to the portable bathroom company. C. Kellogg expressed his concern of children going closer to the road. This portable bathroom has been in this location for numerous years. R. Skrebel asked the Committee for direction. P. Fick said for her to communicate with the school directly and it was noted that Ed Stoloski is the emergency contact. R. Skebel asked about the level of communication the Committee wants with SCSL.

R. Skebel referred to an e-mail she received today from South Hunterdon Regional School District asking if another league could use the soccer fields. She expressed concerns about this and noted that she did not know who the group is, the ages of the players or when they would use the field. She believes that South Hunterdon had an agreement with this group to use the South Hunterdon fields but cannot due to their fields being refurbished so they contacting East Amwell Township for the league to use their fields. The lights will also be used.

R. Skebel said that SCSL uses the fields until June 21st and then closes them down so there would not be anything for them to use after the 21st. M. Atzert asked if the dates listed in the e-mail before June 21st would conflict with SCSL schedule. R. Skrebel said they wouldn't but once the sprinkler is fixed they want to work on the sod. If the age group is younger than nine they can use the bottom field but if they are older they would need to use the top field, which is the field SCSL will be working on.

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P. Fick said this request should come to the Committee and not SCSL. He reported that he has asked R. Skrebel to come up with a daily rate for field use. R. Skrebel explained that for 2014 she used the number of hours the field is used, the number of players, and what the league spent last year. She confirmed with P. Fick that the Committee wanted her to use the hours divided by how much funds they spent on the field to determine the rate. The number of players will not be considered. R. Skrebel said \$3781.78 was spent on the fields in 2014. For 2015 the number will be much higher as sod and dirt will be put down. P. Fick said the number should be for 2015. R. Skrebel noted that total cost for 2015 is not known at this point; P. Fick advised to estimate. Building the “more expensive years” into the cost was suggested by Committee members.

M. Atzert expressed that if the fields will be closed on June 21st then there is no obligation to this other group. P. Fick would like more information before declining the request. A. Atzert commented on the importance of getting the field work done.

P. Fick asked R. Skrebel how the SCSL program is going. She reported that it is going well and ends June 21st. She noted that the spring season has lower enrollment than the fall season due to baseball. There is a summer camp being offered in August. R. Skrebel will submit an application for field use for this. P. Fick asked if R. Skrebel can put something in writing to him in the next day or so. He will follow up on the e-mail from South Hunterdon School District. It was noted the e-mail was received at 4pm today.

R. Skrebel left the meeting at this time.

South County Park There was no report.

Movie Night M. Atzert said he will await M. Pendamano’s response on the invoice. They are “ready to go” for the movie. E. Johanson inquired about a set up time. M. Atzert said there is not much to set up. He confirmed that there is a recycling container on a question from E. Johanson. The bathrooms in the church will be available for use. AVLBL will sell refreshments. C. Kellogg said there needs to be a separate area for people who want to sit on blankets rather than higher back chairs. Favorable comments were made about the fliers which have been hung at Township businesses. There will be additional e-mails sent to AVLBL. E. Johanson asked if fliers were on the counter at the municipal building; C. Rosikiewicz confirmed that they were. It was also confirmed that it is on the Township website.

US Sports P. Fick reported that there is one child registered for the multi-sports camp. M. Prendamano will provide fliers to the school for distribution. Information was put in the VIP and will be put in again. Missed opportunities for advertising by US Sports at the Egg Hunt and AVLBL opening day were mentioned. It was confirmed that the information is on the Township website. In response to a question P. Fick explained that the camp is rain or shine.

Adult Basketball There was no report.

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AVLBL C. Kellogg reported that June 13th is the 21st annual Clash of the Country. He went over the teams and where they will be playing. Tournaments will begin on Memorial Day weekend. There are approximately 100 children in the program.

P. Fick asked about recycling. C. Kellogg said the biggest issue was the large containers with lids. He explained that he has [recycling] stickers and that the lids with a small hole on top make a big difference. E. Johanson asked if more bins are needed. C. Kellogg said most of the garbage is from the Snack Shack and the majority of the trash is recyclables. Securing the garbage bags in the cans was discussed. E. Johanson said she will bring these suggestions to the next Recycling meeting.

Greenfest P. Fick said there is a desire to increase attendance for this event. E. Johanson commented on the “good ideas” M. Prendamano had for this that she passed along to G. Robbi and S. Katz. Food trucks and local businesses were successful in Pennington. Increased advertising was mentioned. C. Kellogg commented favorably about the speakers and how they were experts in their fields. It was suggested it be held at the end of March next year to not conflict with baseball. E. Johanson commented that if local businesses attended they would also advertise.

Volleyball: P. Fick reported that volleyball will be on five Thursdays in July from 6pm to dusk for high school students. L. Trupelli would like to keep it “word of mouth” or maybe an ad in the VIP or fliers as there was a high turnout last year. Purchasing another net was suggested but there may not be enough room.

Other:

Invoices: P. Fick asked for direction on the payment of \$53.26 for the Boy Scouts which was approved last month. C. Kellogg reported that the Township will make an exception and reimburse the Boy Scout with a check. Suggestions were made including a slush fund for petty cash for items fifty dollars or less. P. Fick spoke of going through the process before purchasing. It was suggested the Road Department be asked to construct the signs. C. Kellogg said that perhaps leftover funds at the end of the year could be used to purchase a sign at a cost of around \$200 with vinyl pieces that would lay over for \$40 each. The Committee agreed this was a good idea.

C. Kellogg said \$67.02 was for the sign for movie night; this expense needs to be approved. P. Fick will follow up with M. Prendamano on this. A gift card will be provided to C. Kellogg.

Suggestion Box: P. Fick shared that there were two suggestions that were put in the suggestion box at Green Fest. They were from a mom and her daughter who suggested a Township run kids’ night from 7-10 on Fridays from grades 4-6 at the Kirkpatrick Church with parents volunteering. The kids could eat snacks and play board games. Alternate locations to meet were discussed. The lack of other venues was mentioned. M. Atzert will inquire at the church if hosting this activity is a possibility. This item will be tabled and added to the agenda for next month.

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NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence included miscellaneous catalogs.

REPORTS

Farmland and Open Space Committee Nothing new to report.

ADJOURNMENT

M. Atzert made a motion, seconded by E. Johanson, and unanimously approved by all to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Rosikiewicz, Substitute Recording Secretary