

**MEETING MINUTES
EAST AMWELL RECREATION COMMITTEE
MAY 19, 2016; 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 7:31 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 December 17, 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.

2016 ATTENDANCE

Recreation Committee Member (term expires)	1/21/16	2/18/16	3/17/16	4/21/16	5/19/16	6/16/16	7/21/16	8/18/16	9/15/16	10/20/16	11/17/16	12/15/16
Amy Atzert	X	X	X									
Michael Atzert	X	X	X									
Pete Fick	X	X			X							
Erica Johanson	7:39	X	X		X							
Chris Kellogg	X	X	X		X							
Thyra Zengel	7:40	X										
Sandra Gensini	7:35	X			7:39							
Tim Mathews	X				7:39							

Others present: Secretary Maria Prendamano & Jim Brown, public

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: J. Brown reported that he has one child registered for the summer Bricks for Kids program. M. Prendamano sent flyers home with the school children. Mr. Brown sent an email blast using contacts on his database and put an item in the VIP. He will be setting up a display table at the ice cream parlor on weekends. E. Johanson suggested that he have a presence at the Hunterdon County Community Day. M. Prendamano thought this was a great idea as it targets the community specific to this area. She suggested sending the flyer home with the children in Delaware Township. The Community Day will be held on Saturday, June 4th at the County Fairgrounds. M. Prendamano advised Mr. Brown to contact Terri Stahl for more information.

Mr. Brown will keep the Committee updated as details emerge. T. Mathews suggested that we have information at the Municipal Building available for residents that may be registering for Summer Playground. P. Fick wants to let Kathy Veith know before we do that. T. Mathews thought it would be helpful to leave a stack of flyers on the counter. Mr. Brown would also like to place a small sign on or near the school. T. Mathews added that the Shell station is very accommodating and will possibly allow him to place a sign.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES – March 17, 2016 – C. Kellogg made a motion to approve that was seconded by E. Johanson. All members were in favor of approving the March 17, 2016 Meeting Minutes with two abstentions from T. Mathews and S. Gensini.

PRESENTATION OF INVOICES None

PRESENTATION OF UPDATED RECREATION BUDGET No comments.

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REPORTS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

South County Soccer – South County would like to invest some funds in the community fields. S. Gensini noted that South County uses the field in the fall. C. Kellogg thought that perhaps they want the field to be in the best condition in the fall.

EATS Soccer Fields – P. Fick reported as per R. Skrebel, that the porta potty will be removed and the parking is fully under control.

South County Park – T. Mathews reported that there is no change in status.

Baseball – C. Kellogg reported that transition is going very well. The East Amwell children are enamored by the bells and whistles associated with the organization. Both sides have openly and graciously embraced each other. They are happy to utilize the municipal fields.

Reusable signs - C. Kellogg needs to get the dates for the future events to update the skins. M. Prendamano asked if we were going to put ‘this Friday’ on the signs so that they could be put out the week before the event. E. Johanson thought that was the case. C. Kellogg thought we could do that.

Egg Hunt – T. Mathews thought that we should have a recycling can for the eggs as a lot of people did not want to take them home. M. Prendamano did get some negative feedback with the stuffed eggs such as the candy was stale and the prizes were not really that good. S. Gensini suggested looking for better eggs that close well. M. Prendamano noted that the pre-filled eggs closed nicely. She added that perhaps 4000 were too many. The Committee discussed other options. They will revisit this item in January 2017.

Bricks for Kids – Discussed previously in Public Comments.

Clawson Park – M. Prendamano noted that M. Petrus is editing the VIP.

Bingo – M. Prendamano suggested we visit this in September.

Movie – C. Kellogg will reach out to M. Atzert to discuss a date for the event. He thought that September or October might be a nice month to host a movie. M. Prendamano added that if it was in September or October it would be possible to send a flyer home with the children.

Softball – no report.

NEW BUSINESS

Volleyball – Teen Volleyball will be held on Thursdays from July 7th in Clawson Park as per request by L. Trupelli. P. Fick thought we should inform the Clawson Park Committee. M. Prendamano will send M. Petrus an email

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CORRESPONDENCE Minutes and agendas from various committees and boards. Various catalogues. Application for Municipal Fields from Chris Thompson – approved. Wage and Salary Ordinance;

REPORTS

Farmland and Open Space Committee P. Fick reported that they have hired an administrator. They are working on the Higgins property. T. Mathews added that they are in phase one of three. He added that the nice thing is that it is not really hitting our open space account as it is mostly grant money.

E. Johanson wanted to add that the Recycling Committee is hosting a Freon device collection at the June depot. It includes only small appliances such as dorm refrigerators and dehumidifiers.

T. Mathews wanted to add something from the Township Committee. He noted that the roads are in bad shape and that a referendum on the ballot in November would raise taxes to help to pay for roadwork. He wanted the opinion of this committee. The raise would be equivalent to the open space tax. At this point we are just reacting to potholes and road conditions. We have five road crew people with limited supplies and equipment. He is not on board with this. The open space debt is too high. He feels the question should be whether or not people want to keep funding open space.

E. Johanson inquired of the status of COAH. T. Mathews replied that it is still under negotiation and we could be subject to anywhere from 10 or more units. He stated it doesn't make sense to force a municipality like ours to do this. There is no infrastructure to support these residents.

S. Gensini asked whether the Township Committee considers cutting in other areas before raising taxes. T. Mathews stated that there is a rift within the Committee as to what should be done. As an example, we have a planning board and a zoning board. In most municipalities these two are merged.

C. Kellogg wanted to share that he started his own business called Nightengale NJ. They will provide care and assistance to the elderly community. E. Johanson suggested he contact M. Petrus. T. Mathews thought he should connect with the COAH people where an elderly community might fit in to their goal.

ADJOURNMENT

E. Johanson made a motion, seconded by C. Kellogg, and unanimously approved by all to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maria Prendamano, Recording Secretary