

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 20, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER & OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The meeting of the East Amwell Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:08pm by Chair Nelson.

The following **statement of compliance** with the Open Public Meetings Act was read into the record by Jason Bloom: "In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this is a regularly scheduled meeting pursuant to the annual meeting notice as published in the the Times of Trenton. A copy of the agenda for this meeting was forwarded to the Hunterdon County Democrat, filed in the Township Clerk's Office and posted on the bulletin board."

2023 ATTENDANCE: X=Present; A=Absent; E=Excused; C=Canceled (quorum=5 members)

Committee Member (term expires)	1/19/23	2/22/23	3/16/23	4/20/23	5/18/23	6/15/23	7/20/23	8/17/23	9/21/23	10/19/23	11/16/23	12/21/23
Nathalie Nelson (Chair)	X	X		X								
Stefanie Hutchins (Vice Chair)	X	X		X								
Michael Dendis, TC Liaison	X	X		X								
Krista Austad	X	X		X								
Jason Bloom	X	X		X								
Francis Gavigan	X	X		A								
Alexa Hunt	X	X		A								
Alison Kavchok	X	X		A								
Emily Mastropietro	X	X		A								

NEW BUSINESS–

CITIZENS PRIVILEGE TO SPEAK ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

A request for a motion to approve the 3/16/23 minutes was made by Chair Nelson and was seconded by member Hutchins. They were unanimously approved.

SPECIAL DISCUSSION

There were no items for special discussion.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

- A. Basketball courts – resident offer to raise monies
- B. Playground shades – status of funding request. Small playground shade estimate is \$37,500. It will need to be taken down in the winter.
- C. Fountain – status of discussion with Recycle Committee re: using clean communities funding
- D. Pavilion rental resolution including exemption of East Amwell School PTO
- E. Past events recap
 1. Roller Skating @ Frenchtown: 131 showed up; overall, a success
 2. Egg hunt @ Clawson: Smaller turnout than usual, but overall a success
 3. Town Wide Yard Sale: Idea for possible repeat in fall
- F. Upcoming events
 1. Friday Nights in the Park status: everything booked
 2. Somerset Patriots status: tickets paid for and will be mailed to municipal building attn: Linda. We will start advertising soon.
 3. Spring Fling is coming up next weekend.
 4. Summer Playground – additional Rondesko camp, bathroom and water request. 59 people signed up as of 4/19/23. Ed S said students can use the school bathrooms. Sports camp will have their own water outside (large containers refilled)

NEW BUSINESS-OTHER

- Social media page for Parks and Recreation (tabled until next meeting)
- P and R shed was cleaned out and organized. A list of new items and costs will be provided by Member Hutchins via spreadsheet. Some examples of items are speaker/mic, new Easter Bunny costume, new star, more eggs, table cloths, ornaments, bubble machine, etc.
- Liaison Dendis brought up the future idea of township fireworks.

ORAL REPORTS

- A. Planning Board–nothing to report
- B. Township Committee Liaison–talk of keeping bathroom open all year. Not sure of the cost. This could take precedence over water fountain.

OPEN/CLOSE TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS

There were no vouchers for approval.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was provided prior to the meeting either in hard copy or via the Parks and Recreation Committee shared drive.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION for ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No additional items were discussed.

ADJOURN

A request for a motion to adjourn the East Amwell Parks and Recreation Committee meeting was made by Chair Nelson at 8:03pm, seconded by member Bloom and was unanimously approved.