

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP**

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE – MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 18th, 2023**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the East Amwell Parks and Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:02p.m by Secretary Kavchok

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the following statement of compliance was read into the record by Acting Secretary Kavchok:

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF THE EAST AMWELL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY A NOTICE SENT TO THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS OF THE TOWNSHIP, POSTED TO THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE, POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND FILED WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK, AS REQUIRED BY LAW, ON JANUARY 4, 2023.

**ATTENDANCE**

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	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>						
<b>Committee Member Name, Title (Term Expiration Date)</b>	/	/	/	/	/						
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Nathalie Nelson, Chair (Term Expires: )	P	P	P	P	P						
Stefanie Hutchins, Vice Chair (Term Expires: )	P	P	P	P	P						
Alison Kavchok, Secretary (Term Expires: )	P	P	P	A	P						
Jason Bloom (Term Expires: )	P	P	A	P	P						
Alexa Hunt (Term Expires: )	P	P	A	A	A						
Emily Mastroprieto (Term Expires: )	P	P	P	A	P						
Frances Gavigan (Term Expires: )	P	P	A	A	A						

Krista Austad (Term Expires: )	P	P	A	P	P						
Al Nardi (Term Expires: )	X	X	P	P	P						
Michael Dendis, TC Liaison (Non-voting)	P	P	P	P	P						

**REVIEW OF AGENDA**

1. A discussion regarding purchases made under the Rediscover Hunterdon Grant was added under items for discussion.
2. Discussion regarding pavilion usage will be added under items for discussion.
3. Meeting status for June 15th will be addressed under items for discussion.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

No members of the public were present.

**PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**

The February, March and April minutes were up for approval.

- **A motion to approve the February, March and April Minutes of the East Amwell Township Parks and Recreation meeting was made by Member Bloom and seconded by Vice Chair Hutchins. All were in favor by voice vote.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Basketball courts/various upgrades to Clawson Park: Liaison Dendis is speaking with DPW Supervisor Silverthorn regarding estimates of basketball court improvements. Pending receipt of this/these numbers, Parks and Recreation members will research what can be done within the provisions of Green Acres. Grant opportunities as well as sponsorship opportunities for all upgrades will then be researched and obtained, where necessary.

Water Fountain: Clean Communities funds have been earmarked for a bottle filling station at Clawson Park in the amount of \$1,500.00. The estimates range up to \$5,000.00. Chair Nelson will procure the estimate from DPW Supervisor Silverthorn and a formal request will be written up to present to the Township Committee.

Regarding Clawson Park funds, Liaison Dendis has been invited to a Freeholders meeting wherein he can request assistance toward making Clawson Park ADA compliant. This could include monies toward the water filling station, a handicap accessible swing, etc.

Upcoming Events

June 3rd music festival has been rescheduled to June 29th. Secretary Kavchok will advise Member Hunt to update the flier she created with upcoming dates. Rescheduled date advertised on social media channels and via twp.

Friday Nights in the Park are set. The sensory bins opportunity will be provided at the September Friday Night in the Park on the 15th.

Somerset Patriots tickets will go through Clerk Giliberti who collected payment o/b/o EA Twp. A signup via google can be created which she can monitor. Secretary Kavchok will speak with Clerk Giliberti regarding this. We need to sell at LEAST 30 tickets to break even.

Summer Playground still has spots. Chair Nelson will speak with Thyra regarding whether or not volunteers are needed, perhaps from the upper school.

Regarding US Sports enrollment, which is low, Secretary Kavchok will reach out to Michelle Miller at EATS re: advertising US Sports in an e-blast to the school as well as post on twp. sites and social media.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Parks and Recreation members will approach Brian at Paint Party Farm re: future events run in conjunction with Delaware Township.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Vice Chair Hutchins advised we should utilize as much of the remaining Rediscover Hunterdon Funds possible to close out the Grant.

- **A motion to purchase items within the parameters of the Rediscover Hunterdon Grant in the amount of no more than \$2,000.00 was moved by Member Nardi and seconded by Member Mastropietro. All were in favor by voice vote.**

Liaison Dendis advised there are folks who would like to reserve the pavilion, however some folks reserve either all day, or inopportune times. It was discussed that we add 2 time blocks for pavilion reservations. Two time slots are proposed. 9-1, 2-6. These would be the same reservation costs - \$50.00 each, \$15 for a rain date hold, non refundable. Secretary Kavchok will reword the application and submit it to Clerk Giliberti for review and Township Committee approval.

The Parks and Recreation meeting for June 15th is canceled as this is also EATS graduation night.

### **ORAL REPORTS**

#### Planning Board

Member Nardi advised there were no pertinent updates from the Township Planning Board.

#### Clawson Park

Parks and Recreation members will rotate monitoring the park.

#### Township Committee

Township Liaison Dendis advised that there were no pertinent updates from the Township Committee.

### **PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS**

There were no vouchers.

### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no members of the public present, therefore no motion.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence is saved in the shared drive and/or circulated accordingly prior to the meeting.

### **ADJOURN**

Acting Secretary Kavchok called for an adjournment.

- **A motion to adjourn the East Amwell Township Parks and Recreation meeting was made by Member Bloom and seconded by Vice Chair Hutchins. All were in favor by voice vote.**

Meeting adjourned 8:04 p.m.

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/Secretary