

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 19TH, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER & OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

The meeting of the East Amwell Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:36PM by Secretary Kavchok.

The following statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read into the record by Secretary Kavchok: "In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this is a regularly scheduled meeting pursuant to the annual meeting notice as published in the February 04, 2022 issue of 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."

**2022 ATTENDANCE** X = Present; A = Absent; E = Excused (quorum = 5 members)

<b>Committee Member (term expires)</b>	<b>1/20/2022</b>	<b>2/17/2022</b>	<b>3/17/2022</b>	<b>4/21/2022</b>	<b>5/19/2022</b>	<b>6/16/2022</b>	<b>7/21/2022</b>	<b>8/18/2022</b>	<b>9/15/2022</b>	<b>10/20/2022</b>	<b>11/17/2022</b>	<b>12/15/2022</b>
<b>Stefanie Hutchins</b> <b>(12/31/2021)</b>	X	X	X	A	X							
<b>Erica Johanson</b> <b>(12/31/2023)</b>	X	A	X									
<b>Nathalie Nelson-Vice Chair</b> <b>(12/31/2023)</b>	X	X	A	X	X							
<b>Sandy Ostrander</b> <b>(12/31/2021)</b>	X	X	X	A	X							
<b>Tara Ramsey, TC Liaison</b> <b>(12/31/2021)</b>	X	X	A	A	A							
<b>Alison Castellano-Chair</b> <b>(12/31/2021)</b>	X	X	X	X	X							
<b>Tiana Blakley, Secretary</b> <b>(12/31/2021)</b>	A	X	--									
<b>Jason Bloom</b> <b>(02/17/2022)</b>	--	X	X	X	X							

<b>Francis Gavigan</b> (02/17/2022)	--	X	X	A	X							
<b>Alexa Hunt</b> (02/17/2022)	--	A	X	X	X							
<b>Alison Kavchok</b> (01/20/2022)	X	X	X	X	X							

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRAYER**

**REVIEW OF AGENDA**

Chair Castellano inquired about the meeting start time, and whether it should be 7PM instead of 7:30. It was agreed that the meeting start time would remain 7:30.

Secretary Kavchok moved to have future meetings in-person. After discussion about logistics, a motion to have the East Amwell Parks and Recreation Committee meetings be fully in-person was made by member Hutchins, seconded by Vice Chair Nelson was unanimously approved.

**CITIZENS PRIVILEGE TO SPEAK ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

A motion to open to the public was made by Vice Chair Nelson, seconded by Secretary Kavchok and unanimously approved. Two youth members were present. There was no additional comment(s).

A motion was made to close to the public by Vice Chair Nelson, seconded by Member Bloom and was unanimously approved.

**PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the April 21st, 2022 meeting minutes was made by Member Hutchins, seconded by Vice Chair and was unanimously approved.

**SPECIAL DISCUSSION**

There were no items up for special discussion.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1. Events:**

Bingo Night: Bingo night will be rescheduled due to a school event conflict. The bingo night has been moved to June 24th at the Clawson Park pavilion. It was moved that a new bingo machine was needed and would cost at most \$200. A motion to approve the Committee to spend \$200 toward a bingo machine was made by Vice Chair Nelson, seconded by Member Bloom was unanimously approved.

Farmer/Artisan Market: Chair Castellano has circulated a signup genius for local farmers to gauge interest and see what items will be provided. A fee of \$25.00 per table was proposed. The farmers markets will be in addition to the summer Friday Nights in the Park series.

Friday Night in the Park: JSK karate and Martial Arts & Fitness will alternate Friday Nights in the Park and Toadshade Wildflower Farms and the Native Plant Society will have a combined table of items for sale and information.

Car Show:

- An update on the car show will be provided by Sandy Ostrander in July.

**2. Pickleball Courts**

- A status update will be provided by Chair Castellano at a later date.

**3. US Sports/Lunch Bunch:** Registration is ongoing for US Sports. Lunch bunch payment reminders will go out in June.

**4. Multi-Use Courts:** Member Hutchins advised that there have been no responses to requests for quotes to update courts.

- Stefanie Hutchins to provide an update in July.

**NEW BUSINESS- OTHER**

Member Bloom provided an update on East Amwell group attendance to a Patriots game. The best date for this would be August 4th, at 7:05 PM, which is fireworks night. If the Committee blocks 30 seats on behalf of East Amwell residents, a discount would be provided. Said group cost is \$33.00 and includes special seating in the BBQ area. Individual seating is \$9.50 - \$15.00.

- Member Hunt created a Facebook poll for residents to vote on what they would like to attend; individually or collectively.
- Other dates will be entertained depending on response.

Member Hunt has arranged a Parent-Toddler meetup at Clawson Park on Saturdays which has been well received.

Secretary Kavchok will apply for the Rediscover Hunterdon tourism grant in the amount of \$5,000, the purpose of which is an effort to supplement/reinvigorate our current Parks and Recreation event schedule post Covid.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Budget: A line item will be added to the Parks and Recreation budget for the Pavilion maintenance which the Committee has taken over. Secretary Kavchok has confirmed this with CFO Pasqua.

The bulletin board at Clawson should be updated with current events and the Parks and Recreation Calendar.

- Chair Castellano has requested Deputy Clerk Dymek provide a copy of the key for the Clawson Park bulletin board. Secretary Kavchok will follow up on this and update the board accordingly .

Lunch Bunch funds:

- Secretary Kavchok will reconcile checks, send payment reminders and confirm with CFO Pasqua that they are appropriately deposited into the Parks and Recreation fund.

**ORAL REPORTS**

Clawson Park: Member Ostrander advised there was a bees nest and she would alert DPW about it.

Township Committee: Liaison Ramsey was not present.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

A motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Vice Chair Nelson, seconded by Member Gavigan and was unanimously approved.

2 youth members were present. No additional comment(s) were made.

A motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Vice Chair Nelson, seconded by Member Gavigan and was unanimously approved.

**PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS**

There were no vouchers for approval.

**ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting was made by Member Hutchins, seconded by Vice Chair Nelson and was unanimously approved at 8:57 P.M.

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Alison Kavchok, Acting Secretary