

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 18TH, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER & OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The meeting of the East Amwell Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:32PM 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; C=Cancelled (quorum=5 members)

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

Alexa Hunt (02/17/2022)	--	A	X	X	X	A	C	X				
Alison Kavchok, Secretary (01/20/2022)	X	X	X	X	X	X	C	X				

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Chair Castellano requested Secretary Kavchok remove the hybrid link option from the agenda as the Parks and Recreation committee has previously moved to be in-person.

CITIZENS PRIVILEGE TO SPEAK ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No members of the public were present.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the June 16th, 2022 meeting minutes was made by Vice Chair Nelson, seconded by Secretary Kavchok and was unanimously approved.

SPECIAL DISCUSSION

There were no items for special discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Friday Night in the Park/Farmer & Artisan Market Update: Secretary Kavchok will follow up with Farmer/Artisan participants to ensure payment.
- Pickleball Courts: The tennis courts have been painted for pickleball usage. Residents have inquired about equipment and lessons. Chair Castellano suggested purchasing pickleball equipment and will reach out to prospective teachers for lessons for residents. A motion to purchase pickleball equipment in the amount of \$200 was made by Secretary Kavchok, seconded by Vice Chair Nelson and unanimously approved.
- Summer Playground/Lunch Bunch/US Sports: Summer playground and accompanying Lunch Bunch and US Sports programs were a success. Fiscally, the Parks and Recreation were in the black with expenditures. Secretary Kavchok will confirm the deposit of funds into the appropriate account(s).

A letter of recognition of Amanda Gokey from East Amwell School nurse, Amy Billera, was read on to the record by Chair Castellano for her actions during a medical emergency at Summer Playground.

- Somerset Patriots: The Patriots game was well received and attended. There was a thunderstorm which prematurely ended the game, however the Patriots have provided 20

tickets for September 17th to residents to make up for the rainout. Member Bloom will follow up with residents to ensure they are aware of these tickets.

NEW BUSINESS / OTHER

Pavilion Signage:

- The temporary signage hung by Secretary Kavchok in June at the pavilion is gone. Secretary Kavchok will replace it with signage that includes a QR code that directs residents to the Clawson Park webpage for reservation inquiries as well as signage advising renters on the trash policy. Chair Castellano will speak with DPW about permanent signage and pricing.

Organized Events Ordinance

- Secretary Kavchok will speak with Committee Member Ramsey regarding rewording the ordinance to reflect that ANY party would need to reserve the pavilion, not parties over a certain headcount.

Capital Improvements

- There is no update on any capital improvements at this time.

Rediscover Hunterdon Grant

- The Parks and Recreation Department has been awarded a \$5,000.00 grant from Hunterdon County. The Township is in the process of creating a “159 Account”, which will allow the Committee to use the grant funds. Once said account is created, the Committee will move forward with purchases satisfying the grant which include items for the Harvest/Chili Cook Off Event on October 2nd and other scheduled events..

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The committee discussed ideas for the 10/2/22 event which could be purchased through the Rediscover Hunterdon Grant funds. Chair Castellano will follow up with DPW regarding whether there is enough power in the Pavilion for residents to use for their cooking/warming apparatus.

The committee discussed when and where to have the car show. It was suggested at the firehouse in the Spring and a questionnaire via Survey Monkey will be sent to residents gauging interest by member Hunt.

ORAL REPORTS

Clawson Park: Member Ostrander advised that all was well with Clawson Park to date.

Township Committee: Liaison Ramsey was not present.

PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS

There were no vouchers for approval.

CLOSE TO THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting was made by Chair Castellano, Seconded by Secretary Kavchok and was unanimously approved at 9:25 P.M.

Alison Kavchok, Secretary