

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20th, 2022 [RESCHEDULED]**

CALL TO ORDER & OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The meeting of the East Amwell Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:43 P.M. 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	X			
Erica Johanson (12/31/2023)	X	A	X									
Nathalie Nelson-Vice Chair (12/31/2023)	X	X	A	X	X	X	C	X	X			
Sandy Ostrander (12/31/2021)	X	X	X	A	X	A	C	X	A			
Tara Ramsey, TC Liaison (12/31/2021)	X	X	A	A	A	A	C	A	A			
Alison Castellano-Chair (12/31/2021)	X	X	X	X	X	X	C	X	X			
Tiana Blakley, Secretary (12/31/2021)	A	X	--									
Jason Bloom (02/17/2022)	--	X	X	X	X	X	C	A	X			
Francis Gavigan (02/17/2022)	--	X	X	A	X	X	C	X	X			

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Member Hunt advised of a correction to the August 18th minutes regarding Survey Monkey being utilized as a polling option to gauge resident interest for a car show. Chair Castellano requested the addition of the Tree Lighting and canopy purchase under “New Business & Events/X”

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 August 18th, 2022 minutes with amendments was made by Member Gavigan, seconded by Vice Chair Nelson and was unanimously approved.

SPECIAL DISCUSSION

There were no items for special discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Friday Night in the Park/Farmer & Artisan Market Update: Chair Castellano advised the committee will revisit the market idea for next year. Community engagement ideas were proposed such as a “Make and Take”. Diana Burdge of Burdge Family Farm will join the next meeting to discuss further.
- Pickleball Courts: At the August meeting, there was a motion to purchase pickleball equipment in the amount of \$200 was made by Secretary Kavchok, seconded by Vice Chair Nelson and unanimously approved. Pickleball equipment will be purchased via Amazon PO by October.
- Somerset Patriots: The Patriots event was well-received and the committee will revisit doing this initiative again in the near future.
- Pavilion Signage:
Temporary signage has been hung and will suffice until we can have approval for the appropriate, durable, permanent signage.

- Organized Events Ordinance Review: Chair Castellano advised the Committee collectively review the ordinance as a whole and submit multiple necessary changes as opposed to just one or two. The ordinance will be reviewed and any changes will then be submitted by the end of the year for approval by the Township Committee in 2023.

NEW BUSINESS / OTHER

- Canopy: Chair Castellano and member Hutchins are meeting with Joe DelVecchio who erected the Barley Sheaf school canopy for pricing on a canopy at Clawson Park in October.
- Water Fountain: Chair Castellano has priced out a water fountain for Clawson Park in the amount of \$3,300, which would be paid for by the Clean Communities grant.
- Tree Lighting: the Hunterdon Central Madrigals and East Amwell School band will perform at the tree lighting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed ideas for the 10/2/22 event which could be purchased through the Rediscover Hunterdon Grant funds. Secretary Kavchok will check with the CFO/Twp as to whether we can make a purchase from petty cash (\$200 increments) and apply it against the grant.

- Proposed Harvest Fest Budget: \$550.00

DJ/Music	\$250.00
Pumpkins	\$200.00
Prizes/Gift cards	\$60
Utensils/Table covers	\$
Photographer	In Kind
Crafts	\$

The Committee discussed logistics of the Harvest Fest. There will be 2 people manning the chili/bake off area. There will be a hay maze provided by Deer Run Hay Farm, pumpkin decorating, the main chili and bake off and music. Judging will be by 4:30.

A push on social media will be made in the coming weeks and member Hutchins will draft an email to send to participants.

ORAL REPORTS

Clawson Park: Member Ostrander was not present

Township Committee: Liaison Ramsey was not present.

CLOSE TO THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present.

PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS

There were no vouchers for approval.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting was made by Member Bloom, Seconded by Vice Chair Nelson and was unanimously approved at 9:09 P.M.

Alison Kavchok, Secretary