

**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
EAST AMWELL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 16, 2019; EAST AMWELL MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
1070 ROUTE 202, RINGOES, NJ**

CALL TO ORDER & OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The meeting of the East Amwell Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:33 PM by Secretary Sara Monus who read the following: In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, it was noted that this is an Ordinary Meeting of the East Amwell Recreation Committee pursuant to the meeting notice published in the December 20, 2018 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. Notice of this meeting was sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat, and the agenda was posted on the municipal bulletin board and Township website.

2019 ATTENDANCE A = Absent; E = Excused (quorum = 5 members)

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Recreation Committee Member (term expires)	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	0	1	1
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Alison Castellano Chairperson (12/31/21)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Michael Atzert (12/31/21)	X	7:4 2	X	E	X	X	X	X	A	X		
Pete Fick (12/31/20)	X	X	X	X	A	X	7:3 7	A	X	X		
Erica Johanson (12/31/20)	X*	E	X	E	X*	X*	X	X*	A	A		
Thyra Zengel (proposed 12/31/19)	X	X	A	X	E	A	7:4 2	A	X	X		
Michele Doherty (12/31/20)	A	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	X		
Shayna Hendrix								X	X	X		
Vacant (since 5/2019)												
Vacant (since 5/2018)												
Taytum Timmerman (youth member)								X	X	A		
Chris Sobieski (Township Committee)	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	7:3 1	A	A		

Others present:

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: NONE

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

ACCEPTANCE OF LAST MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES: A motion was made by M. Atzert to approve the August and September minutes that was second by S. Hendrix and carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF UPDATED RECREATION BUDGET: A. Castellano said it was sent via email and the balance available is \$797.87. T. Zengel will get some prices on signs for next years Townwide yard sale and price out some Christmas decor for the tree lighting. P. Fick and M. Atert will check the Christmas tree lights and see how many sets need to be replaced.

REPORTS:

- A. **Clawson Park** – No Update
- B. **Township Committee** – No update.
- C. **FOSPC** – No Update
- D. **Senior Citizens** – No Update
- E. **SCSL** - S.Monus told the committee that SCSL sent in to renew the use of the Municipal soccer fields and the soccer field at the East Amwell School from September 1, 2019 thru August 31, 2020. M. Atzert made a motion to approve the usage of the fields and P. Fick second which was carried unanimously.
- F. **Secretary** - S. Monus explained that going forward we will use the recreation email address for signups for the events which will make it easier to be able to communicate with the participants. Also, if anyone in the committee has any thoughts and suggestions on the budget she will be contacted in the coming weeks to give a proposal for next year.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **Community Yard Sale** – T. Zengel said she came back into town towards the end of the sale and it looked like there were a few more sales that weren't on our address list. There were a few inquiries if there would be another one in the spring and/or next year. A. Castellano mentioned coordinating with the cleanup in spring. Positive feedback.
- B. **Longwood Gardens**– Signup is going slow but should perk up soon. Deadline is approaching. S. Hendrix mentioned the bus needs 48 hours notice if we need to cancel and the gardens would not refund if we didn't come. She will be following up since we will be purchasing our tickets well in advance as to make sure our entrance is granted.
- C. **Pie In the Park** - Not much interest as of meeting. Decision will be made by Thursday before if we cancel.
- D. **Tree Lighting** - P. Fick had list of updates. December 6, 2019 6:00pm to 7:30pm was agreed on. Santa, Gina and Mayor were confirmed. Program and songbook are being worked on. Background music was discussed. A. Castellano said her daughter and some friends are working on pieces to perform. Lights will be checked after the meeting. Decorating and setup will be done November 30, 2019. All spoke of updating some of the decorations and T. Zengel was going to look into it. Ex. Snowflakes from ceiling and some possible Michaels purchases.

PRESENTATION OF INVOICES: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

NEW/ONGOING BUSINESS:

- A. VIP and Website Articles/Content – Longwood Gardens and the Tree lighting will be in the VIP article and website along with ongoing event
- B. 2019 events – All the events were discussed earlier in meeting as the year is coming to an end.

AJOURNMENT - A motion was made by M. Atzert to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 P.M. that was second by M. Doherty and carried unanimously.

Sara Monus, Parks and Recreation Secretary
