



**Easton Park and Recreation Commission**  
**Monday, June 7th, 2021**  
**Via Zoom**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Called to Order at: 6.34pm**

**Present:** Phil Tamallanca, Chris Barcello, Rocky Sullivan, Ray Longo, Dave Gombos, Danielle Alves, Alison Luciana, Tom Cable, Lisa Farasciano.

**Guests:** AJ Martinich

**Absentee(s):**

**1. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from May 3rd 2021**

Rocky Sullivan made a motion to accept the minutes.

Tom Cable: second

All in favor

AJ Martinich came onto the meeting to state his resignation and the commission members and office staff thanked him for his service.

**2. Discussion and approval of the Financial reports from May 2021**

**a) Operating budget, discussion and approval**

A discussion was held regarding the Operating budget.

Dave Gombos made a motion to accept the operating budget.

Chris Barcello: Second

All in favor

**b) Field Use Report, discussion and approval**

A discussion was held regarding Easton/Redding Girls and Boys Club Field Hockey's request to use a field for practice in Fall 2021. Phil Tamallanca made a motion to accept the request for a field to practice, twice a week and to purchase one goal for approximately \$1500 with pending conditions that if the club moves to Redding that they reimburse the department for some of the cost of the goal.

Rocky Sullivan second

All in favor

Rocky Sullivan made a motion to accept the field use report.

Tom Cable- Second

All in favor

**3. Maintenance and Field Info Review**

**a) Maintenance Crew Union Contract Update**

A discussion we held regarding the Board of Finance's discussion with the first selectman to amend the maintenance staff contracts to a 10 month contract. Both the commission chairman, Phil Tamallanca, and department director, Danielle Alves, stated that they were not in agreement with these changes. The change to the contracts was not addressed during union contract negotiations and the commission agreed that the contracts were satisfactory to the department as they stand.

**b) Easton Baseball Batting Cage at FOD**

The project development was discussed and it was stated that the project has been approved and that Jeff Candee will be doing the construction.

**4. Recreation and Extended Day Review**

**a) Discussion and approval of the Activity Account from May 2021**

A discussion was held regarding various activities and the extended day program. It was noted that the extended day was doing well and was winding down for the year and that summer camp registration had started. The collaboration with the ECC and the Easton library is going well and the next collaboration planned is a movie night.

Chris Barcello made a motion to accept the activity account

Dave Gombos: Second

All in favor

**b) Discussion and possible action on Tennis Court Rentals**

A discussion was had regarding a policy being implemented for registration and rental charges for people using the courts for tennis lessons. Phil Tamallanca made a motion to adopt a policy whereby a court for private lessons can be reserved Monday through Thursday for 1-4 people through the Park & Recreation department with a maximum of one court for two hours at \$25/hour. The user must provide liability insurance with no lessons Thursday before 11:00 AM and Friday through Saturday.

Dave Gombos: Second

All in favor

**5. Unfinished Business**

**a) Discussion on COVID updates for Dept.**

A discussion was held regarding the department's COVID safety precautions. Department programmer stated that the department was in compliance with all state and CPRA protocols.

**6. New Business**

A discussion was held regarding lining the tennis courts with pickleball lines to gauge the level of interest by residents on permanent courts. It was determined that the department would use signage to let residents know of the pending temporary change in additional court usage and promote the change via social media once dates were determined. A further discussion was held regarding using social media and different media outlets to forge an inclusive collaboration with Easton residents regarding projects in the works and pending projects.

**7. Commissioner's Comments**

Commission director noted that the next meeting will be in September unless there is a need for a July meeting.

**8. Public Comment**

none

**9. Discussion and Approval of monthly accident/incident reports.**

No incidents

**10. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn at 7.57pm**

Chris Barcello made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Dave Gombos - Second

All in favor

**Submitted by: Alison Luciana, P&R Secretary**