



**Easton Park & Recreation  
October 2, 2017  
Commission Meeting Minutes**

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Attendees: Phil Tamallanca, Kirsten Ceva, Tom Cable, Dave Gombos, Robert Klem, Ray Longo, Danielle Alves, Lisa Farasciano

Absentee(s): Gary Simone, AJ Martinich

Guest(s): Easton Baseball League – Chris Barcello, Bill Bardani, Bob Kelly, Chris Pulie, Richard Seclow

Meeting called to order @ 7:04pm

Phil Tamallanca announces that Gary Simone will be retiring as the Director of Park & Recreation on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Danielle Alves has been appointed the Interim Director.

**Easton Baseball League (EBL)** - They would like to discuss FOD (Field of Dreams). Phil Tamallanca refreshes the commission about the issues. There was outsourced work done on the field and now there are issues with the field. The clay was dug too deep and now the clay doesn't drain, also mixed clay which is not to be done. Chris Barcello states that the work that was done, is something Gary Simone would never have approved of. The only repair is to remove all the clay and apply new clay. Chris states that there was an irrigation problem in the spring that caused issues with the clay. He has reached out to 3 or 4 different companies to get quotes to repair the field. Per Phil Tamallanca, going forward with EBL we need to sit down and draft a plan this winter, as to how to maintain these fields including the clay. Possibly contact Dura Edge as a consultant. Robert Klem states that EBL will be putting together a field committee. EBL would like to get a scope of work as to how to maintain the fields. Phil Tamallanca would like Park and Rec and EBL to work together in regards to the field.

**Minutes**

The September 2017 minutes were distributed and reviewed.

Robert Klem - Accept

Kirsten Ceva - Second

All in favor of accepting the minutes

**Financial Reports**

**Operating Budget** – October 2017 reports distributed and discusses briefly.

**Activity/Capital Account** – Danielle Alves discusses the accounts.

**Field Usage Account** – All reports distributed and discussed.

Robert Klem - made a motion to accept the Operating Budget, Activity/Capital Accounts and Field Use Account for October 2017.

Tom Cable - Second

All in favor

**Recreation & Extended Day** – Danielle Alves discusses. She is going to the BOF tomorrow night to discuss programs.

**Unfinished Business**

**Trash & Recycling** – Garbage cans were ordered on 9/28/17, ETA is 3 weeks.

**Dedication of New Playground** – New Friends Playground Party is Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 at 12:00pm. Brief discussion is held.

**Vets – Cleaning of Cage** – Phil Tamallanca states that the parking lot (tennis court) is be getting paved soon. The green and the white van are being disposed of.

**Outsourcing Policy & Procedure** - Phil Tamallanca briefly refreshes committee. His concern is that the department only has 2 workers for a majority of the year. His standpoint is, what are we spending and time on things they can't get to? Fertilizing and seeding the fields? He wants to look at those items. Kirsten Ceva discusses that tree trimming and removal from this past summer, needed to be outsourced, maintenance things that they cannot get to. Tom Cable that to make a good decision we need to research what the guys handle and what they are better at. Dave Gombos states that there could be issues with moving equipment back and forth, a company may find it easier to handle (Town Hall, Fall Cleanup, etc.). Ray Longo states we need to prioritize, he isn't opposed to outsourcing landscaping, cleanup, etc. as well. Robert Klem discusses there are two types of outsourcing. He wants to minimize the one off type of outsourcing. Per Phil, we have acquired many places to maintain/landscape and we should get pricing on what it would cost to outsource those places for a season. Let's maximize the maintenance staff strengths.

**Field Use Policy/Application – Deposit Fee for New Users** – Phil Tamallanca discusses setting policy for clubs outside of Easton clubs to pay a deposit fee. Robert Klem states that that if we have never had an issue with a user group, we shouldn't need a policy. Phil states that if the user groups get paid at the beginning of their season, they should pay a percentage of the field use up front. Phil will reach out to Fred Tencic and discuss with him.

## **New Business**

**BOS Subcommittee for Park & Rec Dept Review** – Phil Tamallanca discusses the meeting that was held on September 28<sup>th</sup> 2017. The minutes of the meeting along with the charge were distributed.

**Commissioners Comments** – Phil Tamallanca wants the commission to have better communication. All commissioners need to make decisions and be in agreeance and need to be aware of everything that is going on within the department.

**Public** – Pepsi sign at Aspetuck (Richard Seclow from 44 Redding Road). He would like to have the sign taken down or have a survey done to see who would like it taken down or painted over. Per Phil Tamallanca, there is no affiliation with Pepsi Cola and the Town. He states that they donated the sign and we as a commission do not promote Pepsi Cola. Phil states that if Richard Seclow would like a survey done, the commission can discuss it. Robert Klem asks the Easton Baseball League attendees if they mind the sign being there. They do not and have never heard anyone complain about it.

**Accidents** – Distributed

Kirsten Ceva - made a motion to adjourn.

Ray Longo - seconded.

All in favor

Meeting was adjourned at 8:39PM.

Submitted by– Lisa Farasciano

