

MINUTES
East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission
East Granby, Connecticut
January 7, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, January 7, 2016. Members present when Patrick Gill called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. were Karen Hines, Bob Ravens-Seeger, Brandon Freeman, Joan Krogh, Jim Gothers, and Rosalie McKenney. Director Nancy Lawton was also present.

2. DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC

No public discussion.

3. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was made by Rosalie McKenney and seconded by Karen Hines to approve the minutes of November 5, 2015. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Patrick Gill shared a thank you letter from Friend to Friend Food Pantry and Thrift Store thanking Nancy Lawton for the donation of food baskets collected at the Halloween party.

He also shared a letter from Project Graduation seeking donations. Rosalie McKenney made a motion to donate \$400.00 to Project Donation. Joan Krogh seconded the motion. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

5. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Nancy Lawton said this is one of the largest years for ski attendance with about 54 kids in the program. Seventeen of those kids are from Seymour school. There is a cooking program with a nutritionist from the YMCA. Summer programming is starting to be developed. The Uconn trip to Madison Square Garden was fun and successful. Baton and zumba classes are going well. Some Red Sox tickets have already sold. Nancy explained some questions that arose regarding the basketball program. She explained the programming is scheduled and finalized with help and continuity from other towns. Some members expressed interest in possibly having open gyms pre-season next year.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

The December 2015 report was distributed.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

1. **Farmington Valley Heritage Trail** – Bob Ravens-Seeger reported that sections of the trail between Route 189 and Route 20 still has leaves and a small section of fence is leaning slightly onto the trail. The area south of Route 189 is in good shape. Both bridges are icy. The section between route 20 and Copperhill has a split post and two broken rails.
2. **Open Space** – Nothing new to report.
3. **Cowles Park** – The committee discussed the need for expanding the parking lot. Karen Hines will check with DPW for ideas.
4. **Granbrook Park** – Nothing new to report.
5. **East Granby Farms** – Nothing new to report.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Refund Policy

This will be tabled until the February meeting.

B. Budget

Discussions will be tabled until the February meeting.

C. Firepit Funding

This will be tabled until more information is obtained.

D. Elections

Karen Hines spoke with the Commission members and the current officers are willing to continue in their current positions as follows: Patrick Gill for Chair, Jay Brady for Vice Chair and Rosalie McKenney for Treasurer. There were no other nominations. A motion was made by Rosalie McKenney and seconded by Joan Krogh to elect the current slate of officers for the 2016 calendar year. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

E. 2016 Meeting Dates

Rosalie McKenney made a motion to accept the meeting dates and time change as presented. Joan Krogh seconded the motion. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karen Hines and seconded by Rosalie McKenney to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Oberg