

MINUTES
East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission
East Granby, Connecticut
September 1, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, September 1, 2016. Members present when Acting Chairman Jay Brady called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. were Karen Hines, Jim Gothers, Brandon Freeman, Bob Ravens-Seger and Rosalie McKenney. Others present: Director Nancy Lawton.

2. DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC

Eagle Scout candidate Sean Brunelle presented his plan to repair the orange trail at Cowles Park. He displayed photos showing the deteriorating steps at the east end of Tunxis Avenue, trees blocking the trail, faded markings and overgrown pathways. He discussed his plan and he had priced out materials from Home Depot at approximately \$300. He was asked to consider the cost of Trex material rather than pressure treated to replace the steps and to remark the yellow trail too. Since the Trex would be more expensive, a motion was made by Rosalie McKenney and seconded by Jim Gothers to sponsor the Eagle Project with a sum not to exceed \$600. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

3. APPROVE MINUTES

A quorum of the members needed to vote on the minutes were not available and this item was tabled until the next meeting.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

The Commission received:

- A thank you note was received from Clerk Sarah Oberg for the get well gift basket sent by the Commission.

5. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Nancy Lawton reported that, as usual, all the summer programs went well – especially due to her having an excellent staff. Several bus trips have sold out. She briefly discussed some new and continued fall programs. Flag football has gotten “huge” and very popular. She is starting the “protect your sports” program that conducts background checks for coaches. The cost will be added to the program cost. She still needs monitors with the Middle School drop-in basketball program.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

No August report was available. A July report was distributed. There was no comment.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

1. **Farmington Valley Heritage Trail** – Bob recently walked the trail and the wood chip work and clean up along the trail looks excellent. Signs have been posted to let people know a section of the trail will be closed in October for repaving.
2. **Open Space** – Recent sales has deposited additional funds to the account.
3. **Cowles Park** – Nothing new to report. See “Discussion with public”
4. **Granbrook Park** – Nothing new to report. Nancy Lawton noted that the metal roofs are complete, new picnic tables are needed, grills have collapsed and will be replaced and the old stone fireplace pit will be rebuilt by DPW.
5. **East Granby Farms** – Nothing new to report. The fund from rentals is at \$2500. This money will be used toward the noise reduction installation.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Halloween Party

Nancy had all members note the date and requested people be available to assist. A motion was made by Jim Gothers and seconded by Bob Ravens-Seger to contribute \$600 to the Halloween Party. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jim Gothers and seconded by Bob Ravens-Seger to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Sarah Oberg
Clerk

