

**MINUTES**  
**East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission**  
**East Granby, Connecticut**  
**Meeting Date: Thursday, August 3, 2017**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, August 3, 2017. Members present when Chairman Pat Gill called the meeting to order at 7:05pm were Jay Brady, Brandon Freeman, Jim Gothers, Karen Hines, Rosalie McKenney, and Bob Ravens-Seger. Director Alicia VanNeil and citizen Doreen Jacius were also present.

**2. DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC - None.**

**3. APPROVE MINUTES**

A motion was made by Rosalie McKenney and seconded by Brandon Freeman to accept the minutes of the meeting held on May 4, 2017. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE - None.**

**5. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Alicia reported that the summer programs are going very well. The most popular being the Jr Chef and Granbrook Park Programs. Jr. Chef added a second session for ages 6-9 due to high demand and will do programs in the fall. Granbrook is averaging 40-50 kids per week. Addition of special events with the Land Trust (Water Study, Nature Hike) and Alicia Sterling-Newton's Blender Bike day were very well received. Bowling was moved to Blue Fox Run this year and has worked out very well. Kids can mini golf or laser tag at their own added cost. Sneaker Camp enrollment is down this year. Flag Football will be back for fall as it was very popular in the spring.

Rosalie mentioned that there is a nomination process for CT Parks and Recreation Association (CRPA) annual awards. She would like Alicia to nominate Nancy Lawton for the Distinguished Service Award.

**6. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Last Fiscal Year there was a transfer from reserves to cover the budget shortfall. Rosalie distributed the Fiscal Year budget to the commission. There was no bottom line change, but some line items were adjusted. Time will tell if State Budget cuts affect the Parks and Recreation budget this year.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Committee Reports**

- 1. Farmington Valley Heritage Trail** – Bob indicated that Holly from the Farmington Valley Trails Council (FVTC) contacted him asking about parking availability for the trail. She will update the information on their website. He indicated that Rte. 189 access has 10 spaces, the Rte. 20 has 15 spaces, and at Copper Hill Road there are 30 total spaces along the road and the lot west of the trail, including 2 which are ADA-

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compliant, handicapped accessible spaces and a porta-potty. Copper Hill has unofficial ability to park more along the sides.

2. **Open Space** – Nothing to report.
3. **Cowles Park** – Karen reported that there is interest from the scouts in town to help with trail maintenance. She also indicated that the New England Mountain Biking Association has reached out and is interested in working with EG Parks & Recreation on trail development and signage.
4. **Granbrook Park** – Jay questioned the security deposit and fees charged for renting Granbrook Park for residents vs. non-residents. The lower fees and system for recouping the deposit is different than the other town facilities rental agreements. A motion was made by Rosalie McKenney and seconded by Bob Ravens-Seger to change the rental arrangement for Granbrook Park to be similar to the Recreation Center at EG Farms. This is a \$250 deposit, a portion of which is returned less the actual rental cost for the event (\$25 per hour) so long as there is no damage on site to be addressed. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.
5. **East Granby Farms**
  - a. **Disc Golf** – At this point in time there is not an Eagle Scout for this project. In addition, Rosalie has applied for a grant to cover the materials cost for a 9-hole course. The total materials cost would be approximately \$4,700 and the grant could potentially cover \$2,000-\$3,000 of it.
  - b. **Rec Center Sound Abatement** – Proceeds from Rec Center rental fees should cover the cost buy the materials, which is approximately \$5,200. Eddie Hubbard indicated there is adequate storage available in the Town Hall basement and at DPW to store materials until installation. Newgate Builders is quoting the project. Potentially, it will be done in stages with the ceiling first and then the walls.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

The “Last Blast of Summer” concert featuring the band Ticket to Ride will be August 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00pm at the Town Center Complex. This is a free family event.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Jay Brady and seconded by Brandon Freeman to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Coushaine  
Clerk