

MINUTES
East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission
East Granby, Connecticut
Meeting Date: Thursday, September 7, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, September 7, 2017. Members present when Vice Chairman Jay Brady called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. were Brandon Freeman, Jim Gothers, Karen Hines, Rosalie McKenney, and Bob Ravens-Seger. Doreen Jacius was also present as a guest. Member Pat Gill and Director Alicia Van Neil arrived at 7:13 p.m.

2. DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC - None

3. APPROVE MINUTES -

A motion was made by Brandon Freeman and seconded by Jim Gothers to accept the minutes of the meeting held on August 3, 2017. Pat Gill was absent for this vote. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

4. CORRESPONDENCE - None

5. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The end of summer programs went well. A post Granbrook Park Camp survey is being completed, and early indications are that people would like to see the camp run longer to the end of summer. Next year a new Assistance Camp Director will be needed. The Bronx Zoo trip was a big hit, and as expected, the Red Sox trips were not as popular.

Fall programs are beginning and two new programs will take place after school at both Seymour and Allgrove. A meditation class and a Golf for Beginners program were added in the Adult program offerings.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT - Rosalie had nothing new to report.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

- 1. Farmington Valley Heritage Trail** - Bob indicated that Holly from the Farmington Valley Trails Council (FVTC) completed the parking availability survey for the trail. She will update the information showing 65 parking spaces for the trail as follows: Rte. 189 -10 spaces, Rte. 20 - 15 spaces, Lordship Road - 11 spaces, and at Copper Hill Road - 30 total spaces, including 2 which are ADA-compliant. Next week and the following weekend are annual intersection counts, and traffic usage counts along the trail.
- 2. Open Space** - Nothing new to report.
- 3. Cowles Park** - Karen Hines reported that Alicia reached out to her regarding the New England Mountain Bike Association (NEMBA) formally reaching out to East Granby to propose a trail maintenance partnership. They met and went over the

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paperwork NEMBA submitted, including color coded maps and a proposal on which areas needed most attention on the trail. It was agreed that the 2 wet areas south along 187 would be a good place to start with a project to replace/install boardwalks. They also agreed that Jim Hayden should be the person to sign any paperwork and made those revisions.

Rosalie McKenney indicated Wetlands Approval may be necessary and she should check in with that office. The commission discussed the benefits of this type of partnership, as well as, concerns over crowd control from a parking perspective.

4. **Granbrook Park** – Jay has nothing new to report.

5. **East Granby Farms**

a. **Disc Golf** – Ryan Trombly has been looking for an Eagle Scout project and may be interested in pursuing this as his. Rosalie will meet with him Monday, September 11, 2017 to discuss. Issue still outstanding is the design of the course.

b. **Rec Center Sound Abatement** – Rosalie ordered the ceiling tiles which take 8 weeks for delivery. DPW has a lift and Newgate Builders will install. Decision was made to wait to order the wall tiles, as painting may be necessary depending on the color match to the tiles available. Bob Celmer, from University of Hartford, thinks he can attain color samples of the wall tiles in order for the commission to make a decision.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Halloween Party** – Alicia asked about dates to hold the event. The traditional Friday before Halloween conflicts with Soccer Under the Lights at EGHS. The date and format of the event are still TBD. A motion was made by Jim Gothers, and seconded by Karen Hines to approve \$600 be allotted for purchase of supplies for the event. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Before adjournment, Pat Gill congratulated Rosalie on the success of the End of Summer concert, noting it was well put together and promoted and the feedback from participants was extremely positive. A motion was made by Brandon Freeman and seconded by Jay Brady to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Votes in favor were unanimous and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Coushaine
Clerk