East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission East Granby, Connecticut

MINUTES

Meeting: Thursday, March 1, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the East Granby Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, March 1, 2018. At 7:02 pm Chairman Pat Gill called the meeting to order. Members present were Jay Brady, Brandon Freeman, Karen Hines, Joan Krogh, Doreen Jacius and Rosalie McKenney. Director Alicia VanNeil was also present.

2. DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC - None.

3. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Doreen Jacius and seconded by Brandon Freeman to accept the minutes of the meeting dated 12/7/17. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried. The minutes for the meeting dated 2/1/18 could not be approved due to the absence of members needed to vote on this item.

4. CORRESPONDENCE – None.

5. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Alicia reported that the next issue of Let's Talk Turkey will include all of the Summer Program offerings. There may be some changes to the Granbrook Park Camp structure. She is seeking a tennis instructor for the spring session. Ski Sundown is in its final week and Basketball is wrapping up. She will explore including more referee training next year to coordinate rules across towns. The UCONN women's game was a hit with 90 tickets sold and next year she will try to arrange a bus for transportation. All programs youth and adult are going well.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Rosalie distributed the expense report as of January 31, 2018. There is nothing out of the ordinary to report.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

- 1. Farmington Valley Heritage Trail Nothing to report.
- 2. **Open Space** Nothing new to report.
- 3. Cowles Park A local resident donated more boards to make another boardwalk.
- 4. **Granbrook Park** DPW removed the tennis court and fencing completely.
- 5. East Granby Farms Nothing to report.

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8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Easter Egg Hunt – Three hunts will take place on March 31, 2018. Pre-school and younger will continue on the Baseball Field and Kindergarten through 2nd grade in the flag football area, both of which will start at 10 am. In lieu of the flashlight hunt for the older kids in grades 3-5, there will be a more challenging hunt in the lower farms and hiking trail area commencing at 10:30 am.

Rosalie McKenney made a motion to approve up to \$800 for the events, which was seconded by Jay Brady. The votes in favor were unanimous. The motion carried.

B. Priorities for 2018 Budget –Numerous repairs and replacements are needed and will be the biggest budget driver. Rosalie outlined the following detail which was agreed upon by all.

(1) Granbrook Park

- **a.** Safety issue repaving/moving the pathway as described in previous meetings, approximately \$12,000 per Ayotte quote.
- **b.** Seeding of area where tennis court was removed.
- **c.** Rehab to area on left as entering park where old courts used to be for a parking lot and add a grassy field area which could be used for flag football. Materials include rocks, gravel, soil and seeding ~ \$4,000 at most.

(2) EG Farms

Painting of the EG Farms Rec Center should be covered by funds available in our account from facility rental. Electricity extension tabled.

- **a.** Sound abatement wall tiles purchase. Approximately \$4,000.
- **b.** Adding play equipment of some kind.
- **c.** Increased costs for field maintenance.

(3) Trails

- a. Materials for fence repairs and annual spraying for poison ivy control.
- **b.** Safety issue annual repairs for damage from frost heaves.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:40 pm Rosalie McKenney made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Brandon Freeman. The votes in favor were unanimous and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Coushaine Clerk