

**East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission
East Granby, Connecticut**

MINUTES

Meeting: Thursday, May 3, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the East Granby Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, May 3, 2018. At 7:03 pm Chairman Pat Gill called the meeting to order. Members present were Joan Krogh, Bob Ravens-Seger, Doreen Jacius and Rosalie McKenney. Director Alicia VanNeil was also present.

2. DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC

Brendan Egan and Oliver Forero, two fifth grade students from Seymour school, presented a proposal for the planting of trees at EG Farms and/or Granbrook Park. The well thought out presentation emphasized the effect of pollution on our environment and how increasing the number of trees will help the environment. They plan to ask for donations and/or fundraise to purchase trees and raise awareness of pollution. They will develop a plan on where to plant, which would then be reviewed by Parks and Recreation for approval. Rosalie indicated that perhaps the Town Hall green, which lost many trees recently, could potentially be added. A suggestion was made to perhaps ask the community if they wish to sponsor a tree. A motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger to approve the planting of trees by Brendan and Oliver according to a plan to be approved in the future. The motion was seconded by Doreen Jacius. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

3. APPROVE MINUTES

The minutes for the meeting dated 4/5/18 could not be approved due to the absence of members needed to vote on this item.

4. CORRESPONDENCE – None.

5. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Flag football has grown to 82 participants. The addition of a field at Granbrook Park in the fall will greatly help the practice scheduling. Granbrook summer registrations are going well. The change in hours was well received and no complaints on the change in pricing. The Red Sox game rained out on 4/16/18 has been rescheduled for May 17th. Tickets are still available.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Rosalie distributed a preliminary outlook for May 2018. Potentially, there will be a pre-payment this fiscal year to Ayotte for work at Granbrook Park and sound panels purchased for EG Farms is also planned. Members asked to keep in mind any areas that may need funds before the close of the fiscal year.

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7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

1. **Farmington Valley Heritage Trail** – Nothing new to report.
2. **Open Space** – Nothing new to report.
3. **Cowles Park** – The New England Mountain Biking Association members are continuing the work on the south end orange trail rehab project. In addition to clearing overgrown vegetation and installing the donated boards for the boardwalk over the wetlands, they have added a trail that allows the original trail to loop back and enhances the trail experience for all users. They are working with Eversource on the trail maintenance agreement and including their trails that lead up to the Metacomet Ridge on the Cowles Park trail map. Alicia has been contacted in regards to bike shops holding mountain biking demos this summer. The Rules sign for Cowles park has been replaced.
4. **Granbrook Park** – The Rules sign was cleaned up and DPW continuing to work on new flag football area and parking lot.
5. **East Granby Farms** – Getting a quote for painting the kitchen and back area is still in progress. The Park Rules sign will be fixed and will be mounted on a pole and relocated. The porta potty has been relocated from across the parking lot to the back side of the snack shack area. The bike rack that was rarely used will be moved to the Copper Hill Road parking area for the greenway trail where it will get frequent use.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None at the present time. The Summer Concert will be added to the agenda for June.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50pm Bob Ravens-Seger made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Doreen Jacius. The votes in favor were unanimous and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Coushaine
Clerk