

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

MINUTES

Meeting: Thursday, November 1, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC - None.

3. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Doreen Jacius and seconded by Joan Krogh to approve the minutes for the meeting dated 10/4/18. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

4. CORRESPONDENCE – None.

5. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Alicia VanNeil submitted her report to Pat Gill, as she was unable to attend this meeting. Pat reported that per Alicia all is going well with the fall programs and the after-school programs. Basketball and Ski Sundown registrations are open. The Halloween Party went well and feedback from the community was positive. Jay Brady recommends that with the change in venue volunteers are recruited to assist in the cleanup – particularly at the Community Center.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Rosalie McKenney had nothing to report this month.

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** – Not much new to report. The fall cleanup and boardwalk install went well. The Wynding Hills neighborhood is building a bench for the park in memory of Bill Westervelt.
- 4. Granbrook Park** – Jay Brady reported that the grass is coming in well in the newly cleared areas and the additional parking area added looks good.

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- 5. East Granby Farms** – Rosalie McKenney reports that after some road work projects finish up, DPW will be expanding the area where the current play tractor. Alicia and the commission are looking to purchase 2 pieces of equipment, one for this area and another closer to the basketball court.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. The Annual Tree Lighting will be held Friday, December 7, 2018 at 6 pm at the Town Hall. Wonder Woman and Spiderman will be in attendance.
- B. Electric Bicycles on The Greenway – A proposal was put forth to the Selectmen asking the town to revise its existing policy to allow Class 1 and Class 2 electric bicycles, as defined by the CT State Public Act No 18-165, on the Farmington Valley Heritage Trail (a.k.a. the Greenway Trail). Due mainly to safety concerns of all users of the trail, a motion was made by Rosalie McKenney and seconded by Doreen Jacius to notify the Board of Selectmen that the EG Parks and Recreation Commission is opposed to allowing electric bicycles and other motorized vehicles on any of the town's trails. Votes in favor of the motion were unanimous. Motion carried.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:22pm Jim Gothers made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Jay Brady. The votes in favor were unanimous and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Coughaine
Clerk