

MINUTES
East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission
East Granby, Connecticut
January 6, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission was held both in person and by telephone on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at the Recreation Building at East Granby Farms. Chairman Patrick Gill called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm. Members present were Vice Chairman Jay Brady, Karen Hines, Robert Ravens-Seger, Christina Leadbeater, and Marc Dlugolenski. Also present was Program Director Alicia Van Neil.

2. DISCUSSION WITH THE PUBLIC

Paul Calebaugh introduced himself as a person interested in serving on the Commission at such time as there is an opening. He gave a summary of his background; and, in the meantime, offered to help in any way the Commission thought his background would indicate he could be of assistance.

3. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by J Brady and seconded by C Leadbeater to approve the minutes of November 4, 2021 as submitted. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

There were an insufficient number of members at the meeting who had also attended the December 2, 2021 meeting to constitute a quorum. Those minutes will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None

5. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director A Van Neil stated that all planned programs are either continuing with good attendance, or about to start with good registration numbers. As new CDC directives concerning COVID-19 are made known, the programs have adapted accordingly. She was pleased to announce that the Ski Sundown program, which did not happen last year, is once again about to start.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

P Gill read a report from D Jacius in which she stated that, with the assistance of Assistant Town Treasurer Rosalie McKenney, a fully updated accounting report is nearing completion.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

- 1. Farmington Valley Heritage Trail** – B Ravens-Seger and K Hines stated that there were numerous fence rails down along the Route 189 to Floydville Road portion of the trail. A Van Neil stated that she would contact DPW about this. She also stated that DPW was working on determining the cost of painting a center line down the middle of the entire trail.
- 2. Cowles Park** – B Ravens-Seger stated that there were a few fence rails down in the parking lot, and A Van Neil stated that she would contact the DPW about this.
- 3. Granbrook Park** – A Van Neil stated that the East Granby Land Trust has acquired the parcel of land between the Park and Seymour School. Plans are being discussed for connecting the two by creating a path through this parcel of land.
- 4. East Granby Farms** – No Report
- 5. Sports Programs/Coaching/Training** – No Report
- 6. Marketing** – C Leadbeater stated that she has reinstated the Facebook account for the Commission use for posting again.

She stated that High School Art Teacher Sara Dugre is ready to have a contest among her senior class students to create a logo for the Commission. She will send details to the Commission as they become available.

The result of the survey about Parks & Recreation programs and potential programs is nearing completion.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers – K Hines presented the slate of nominations:

Chairman – Pat Gill
Vice Chairman – Jay Brady
Treasurer – Doreen Jacius

A motion was made by C Leadbeater and seconded by B Ravens-Seger to elect the slate as presented to serve through the calendar year 2022 or until a new slate of candidates is elected. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

B. Vote to Create Standard Spending Amounts for Annual Events – There was a discussion including the amounts spent last year, and how to best allocate spending for 2022. There is \$4,500 budgeted for spending on events.

A motion was made by B Ravens-Seger and seconded by M Dlugolenski to allocate, and not to exceed, spending for calendar year 2022 as follows:

Halloween -- \$700
Tree Lighting -- \$700
Easter -- \$700
Summer Concert -- \$1,500

The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by B Ravens-Seger and seconded by J Brady to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 pm. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Marsele
Commission Clerk