

MINUTES
East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission
East Granby, Connecticut
March 3, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission was held Thursday, March 3, 2022 at the Large Conference Room at East Granby Town Hall. Chairman Patrick Gill called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Members present were Vice Chairman Jay Brady, Treasurer Doreen Jacius, Karen Hines, Robert Ravens-Seger, James Gothers, and Christina Leadbeater. Also present was Program Director Alicia Van Neil.

2. DISCUSSION WITH THE PUBLIC

None

3. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by B Ravens-Seger and seconded by C Leadbeater to approve the minutes of January 6, 2022 as submitted. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

A motion was made by J Brady and seconded by B Ravens-Seger to approve the minutes of February 3, 2022 as submitted. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

A Van Neil stated that she was contacted by the East Granby Boy Scouts to inform her that they have submitted an application to the Hartford Foundation for a grant to fund the construction of a small shed at East Granby Farms.

5. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director A Van Neil stated that programs have proceeded successfully. Basketball has benefitted from the addition of the Building Manager position. Ski Sundown trips have been very well attended; and since they have been younger children, it can be assumed that the program will be well attended in the future as well.

Nourish My Soul has ended all its programs because it requires that masks be worn. The Town and schools are no longer requiring that masks be worn indoors at Town buildings. She hopes that another cooking program can be found for the future.

The next Let's Talk Turkey will have the summer programs.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

D Jacius stated that the Town Treasurer is still sorting out the line items which do and do not belong to the Commission. This audit does not affect any current or planned spending or programs.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

- 1. Farmington Valley Heritage Trail** – B Ravens-Seger stated that water from the Great Marsh just south of Copper Hill Road has seeped under the west side edge of the trail pavement, and deterioration has begun. A Van Neil stated that she would ask the DPW to look at it to ensure safety.
- 2. Cowles Park** – D Jacius stated that the Snow Dog has been used around the trails and it has made them very well used. She noted that Eversource appears to have completed its work which, while not in the Park, has cut a wide swath right next to and visible from the Park.
- 3. Granbrook Park** – J Brady stated that when he went there this week, the Park pavement is plowed; and the remainder is snow-covered and without footprints.
- 4. East Granby Farms** – No report
- 5. Sports Programs/Coaching/Training** – No report
- 6. Marketing** – C Leadbeater stated that the Easter Program flyer will be in the next Let's Talk Turkey, as well as in Facebook. High School Art teacher Sara Dugre informed her that the submissions for the Commission Logo Contest are nearly complete. The submissions should be available for review and voting by the Commission by the next meeting. The Needs Assessment Survey is also about to be published for filling out and submission by residents.
- 7. Program Committee** – A Van Veil reminded the Commission that the Easter Program will unfold a week early on April 3, 2022; and that the drive-in movies have been postponed for the time being.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A Van Neil stated that she was exploring the possible uses of the ARPA COVID Funds. She has learned that other Town Recreation Departments have been awarded money for a very wide range of programs, facility improvements, personnel increases, etc. She stated that she will be seeking help sorting through the paperwork which accompanies the application process as it is wide ranging and often very vague.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by K Hines and seconded by J Gothers to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Marsele
Commission Clerk