

MINUTES
East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission
East Granby, Connecticut
April 7, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission was held Thursday, April 7, 2022 at the Large Conference Room at the East Granby Town Hall. Vice Chairman Jay Brady called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members present were Treasurer Doreen Jacius, Karen Hines, Robert Ravens-Seger, Christina Leadbeater, Nicole Sokolowski, and Marc Dlugolenski. Also present was Mason Williams for 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 K Hines to approve the minutes of March 3, 2022 as submitted. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

M Williams passed around a handwritten card from Becca Goberman thanking the Commission for its donation to Project Graduation.

5. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

M Williams stated that all programs are posted in Let's Talk Turkey and/or the website and people can register for every program offered either online or by telephone.

Becky Hayes has started doing the email and flyers work by separating adult programming from children programming. That way when people are looking for one or the other they don't have to search through non-applicable emails or flyers for the age program being sought.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

D Jacius stated that she anticipates having a complete report for the next meeting.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

1. **Farmington Valley Heritage Trail** – B Ravens-Seeger stated that, while the frost heaves have leveled, there is still the degradation of the trail by the Great Marsh as he noted last month.
2. **Cowles Park** – D Jacius and K Hines stated that the Park was being used by many people and almost only when the weather is permitting. The boardwalks need repair and A Van Neil will be asked to contact DPW to have whatever repairs are possible addressed.
3. **Granbrook Park** – J Brady stated that he was there last weekend and observed a boy scout troop cleaning the grounds.
4. **East Granby Farms** – D Jacius stated that Building Blocks Early Learning Center has requested permission to place a Free Little Community Library at the Farms. It would serve as a take a book, leave a book opportunity for children. They would both install and maintain it.

A motion was made by D Jacius and seconded by B Ravens-Seeger to grant permission to Building Blocks to install and maintain a Free Little Community Library at East Granby Farms. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

M Dlugolenski handed out the results of his research concerning the installation of a basketball court, 2 pickle ball courts, fencing, and lighting fixtures. The only additional expense would be for the electric lines needed for the lighting fixtures. There was a discussion which included the need to consult with the nearby residents for their feedback and the need to apply for ARPA COVID funds. The opportunity will be discussed again at next month's meeting.

5. **Sports Programs/Coaching/Training** – No report
6. **Marketing** – C Leadbeater stated that replies to the survey had been coming in slowly until the posting that there would be a weekly random drawing from participants for a \$25 gift card. To date, she has received 138 online and 5 paper submissions. The first gift card has been awarded. The Easter egg hunt photos are posted on Facebook. M Williams noted that the children hunted for 3,000 eggs.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. ARPA Funds/Request – M Williams stated that the request to add up to 33 hours per week to the Program Coordinator position was approved; and 15 of those additional hours are being used by Becky Hayes as noted above. The next planned request will be for a minibus for up to 14 riders. M Dlugolenski stated that he will research the cost.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by C Leadbeater and seconded by N Sokolowski to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Marsele
Commission Clerk