

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT**

**MINUTES
June 2, 2022**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission was held Thursday, June 2, 2022 both in person and by telephone in the Large Conference Room at the East Granby Public Library. Chairman Patrick Gill called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm. Members present were Treasurer Doreen Jacius, Karen Hines, James Gothers, Christina Leadbeater, and Marc Dlugolenski.

2. DISCUSSION WITH THE PUBLIC

East Granby firemen Don Mosher and Marc Deltenre attended the meeting as the Committee appointed by the Fire Department to pursue a new permanent home for the Town's antique fire truck. They made a proposal to the Commission to have a prefabricated outbuilding placed on the north side of the Historical Society building at East Granby Farms. The building would resemble a red barn, and the Fire Department would fully pay for its installation, maintenance, and electricity. As such, it would be movable to another location at the Farms should future property plans require it. They would also pay for the maintenance of the truck so it could stay as fully functional as it is now. It is further their intent to keep other historical Fire Department items there.

They stated that they had sought and received approval from the Historical Society, as well as the Farmington Valley Health District which was consulted because of the building's proximity to a septic field. The location of the building is likely to place it in part of the entry to a gravel parking area. If the Commission gave its approval, the Fire Department would contact the Town DPW about moving the entrance to the gravel parking area enough for the building to be placed where approved and for the parking lot to be usable. They expect to complete the building project by October 1, 2022.

A motion was made by D Jacius and seconded by K Hines to approve the placement of a prefabricated outbuilding next to the Historical Society building at East Granby Farms for the purpose of permanently housing an antique fire truck provided that the following stipulations be fully completed first:

- Written approval of the plan by the Historical Society
- Written approval of the plan by the Farmington Valley Health District
- East Granby DPW agreement to do the relocation, if necessary, of the entry to the gravel parking lot

Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

3. APPROVE MINUTES

There was not a quorum of members present who had attended the April 7, 2022 meeting. The minutes from that meeting will be reviewed for approval at the next meeting.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None

5. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

D Jacius stated that, with only a few outstanding bills yet to be received and paid, the books look good and that there would be an amount of nearly \$14,000 available to be encumbered. There was a discussion about what the Commission deemed to be priorities for the encumbered funds.

A motion was made by J Gothers and seconded by K Hines to encumber not more than \$14,000 to be used as needed for any of the following purposes:

- Replace the boardwalks at Cowles Park
- Transportation from Camp Granbrook to East Granby Farms during an emergency like violent weather
- General use at Camp Granbrook
- General use on the Rails to Trails Greenway

Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

- 1. Farmington Valley Heritage Trail** – K Hines stated that the part of the trail from Route 189 to Floydville Road closest to Floydville Road was continuing to deteriorate and becoming especially hazardous for bicycle use. She said that the fencing in that area is in disrepair and suggested adding to the existing fencing.
- 2. Cowles Park** – No report

3. **Granbrook Park** – No report
4. **East Granby Farms** – D Jacius stated that the plan by the Boy Scouts to seek approval for erecting a shed has been put on hold by them.
5. **Sports Programs/Coaching/Training** – No report
6. **Marketing** – C Leadbeater suggested that since Becky Hayes has completely taken over the promotional and publicity aspects of the Commission's work, this Committee is not needed as a line item on the Agenda.
 - a. **Survey Results** – There was a handout which included detailed survey results. C Leadbeater reviewed, and there was a discussion about, the highlights of the survey. The consensus of the Commission was for members to thoroughly read the results and have a further discussion about them at the next meeting.
 - b. **Logo Contest** – C Leadbeater stated that High School Art Teacher Sara Dugre had just sent the updated entries to her. As the school year will be ending before the next meeting occurs, she will email the updated entries to the members for voting so a winner can be selected.
7. **Program Committee** – No report

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Student Representatives

There was a discussion about possibly adding Student Representatives to the Commission. It was the consensus of the Commission to approach the possibility from two directions: should they be added as voting members, or as non-voting advisors. In either case, it would need to be determined whether the Commission Bylaws would need to be amended. The issue will be revisited at the next meeting.

B. ARPA Funds/Requests

There was a discussion about what requests for ARPA Funds should be made and their order of priority.

A motion was made by M Dlugolenski and seconded by K Hines to approve seeking the following requests for ARPA Funds in this order:

- New Basketball Court at East Granby Farms
- New Pickleball Courts including fencing at East Granby Farms

- A 15-passenger van for varied use by the Parks & Recreation Department
- Lights for the new Basketball Court at East Granby Farms
- Lights for the new Pickleball Courts at East Granby Farms

Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by J Gothers and seconded by K Hines to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Marsele
Commission Clerk