

**YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION
EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT**

**MINUTES
June 17, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the East Granby Youth Services Commission was held Monday, June 17, 2024, at East Granby Farms in the white house. Chairman Robert Ravens-Seger called the meeting to order at 6:32pm. Members also present were Sara Kleinman, Art Reardon, Josette Lumbruno, and Mia Hines. Evan Hanks was absent. Alicia Van Neil, Program Coordinator, was also present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by S Kleinman and seconded by A Reardon to accept the minutes from the April 15, 2024, meeting, as submitted. Approved unanimously. Motion carried.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Programming

A Van Neil mentioned all programming finished up for the school year. There are no programs during the summer. Program coordinators will help train about 30 CITs for the summer parks and rec camps.

B. Prevention

A Van Neil reported that the Fatal Vision goggles and other materials were lent to Mr. LeBlanc for the substance abuse unit in the High School health classes. She also mentioned looking into a program called the Shattered Dreams Project. It is currently held in Windsor Locks and it is a 48-hour live simulation of a car accident. The board agreed it would be good to hold in East Granby as well if it is possible.

C. YAC Update

M Hines reported on the HS YAC activities. The outdoor movie night was well received. More people came than they expected. The group sold concessions and an ice cream truck came. M Hines mentioned the HS YAC group is considering holding one or two additional outdoor movies during the summer. A Van Neil mentioned there should be more adult presence at the next one. The event was meant to be more

of a family event, and it was asked that middle school students be accompanied by an adult, but that was not adhered to for everyone. Parents that did attend gave positive feedback. Another possible change for next time would be to have a family admission rate. A Reardon suggested asking MS PTO for parent volunteers. M Hines mentioned that the HS YAC group held their end-of-year celebration at Spare Time. A Van Neil mentioned that the MS YAC group didn't have any activities during the last couple months of school, including an end-of-year celebration. Returning and new YAC members for both the HS and MS have been interviewed.

D. JRB Update

A Reardon updated the group that they have been busy. Meetings are going well and keep improving. He mentioned they did have a repeat youth for the first time. The group will talk about member term limits at their next meeting. A Reardon expressed a concern that the current board members could burn out and would like to offer a chance for them to step down if need be. J Lumbruno told A Reardon (as Assistant Chair) he does a great job leading the meetings and making the youth and families feel comfortable. A Van Neil mentioned that the group is discussing switching meetings to Tuesdays instead of Mondays. Once future meeting dates are set, members will need to be reminded to hold those dates open in their schedules for possible cases.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Financial Review – A Van Neil mentioned she will be meeting with the town person that oversees the Youth Services Commission budget soon to see if there is any money left. If there is, a possible use for the encumbered money is to fund summer outdoor movies. A Van Neil suggested the group think about having a person assume a Treasurer role. This person could help with the grant process from writing them to fulfilling them, and any other money-related tasks. If no one is interested, the group could also consider adding the Financial Review to the monthly agenda. A Van Neil mentioned that a discussion will need to be held at the August meeting about the program coordinator positions and how many hours they have available after the town budget passes for the next fiscal year. This could impact the number of programs held.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by A Reardon and seconded by J Lumbruno to adjourn the meeting at 7:06pm. Votes were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Kovaleski

Youth Services Commission Clerk