

MINUTES
East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission
East Granby, Connecticut
September 6, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, September 6, 2018. Members present when Chairman Patrick Gill called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. were Jay Brady, Karen Hines, Joan Krogh, Brandon Freeman, Jim Gothers and Rosalie McKenney. Others present: Director Alicia Van Neil.

2. DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC

None.

3. APPROVE MINUTES

Karen Hines noted that the 4/5/18 minutes had already been approved so no further action was needed. A quorum of the members needed to vote on the minutes for 5/03/18 were not available and this item was tabled until the next meeting. A motion was made by Jay Brady and seconded by Joan Krogh to approve the minutes of 8/02/18 as submitted. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried. (Rosalie & Brandon did not vote as they were not in attendance).

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

5. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Alicia Van Neil noted the end of summer went very well with all camps full. Fall flag football will be starting as well as yoga and drop-in basketball. She had a good mix of both adult and child programs. The new flag football field was in good shape at Granbrook Park and will be utilized along with the field at East Granby Farms. A small shed is needed at Granbrook Park to store the flag football equipment and Rosalie was getting quotes.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Rosalie McKenney distributed the August report. Expenses are usual at this time. Members were reminded that several lines had been increased to allow for park & field maintenance, new equipment and equipment repair.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

1. **Farmington Valley Heritage Trail** – Bob was not present to report. It was noted that the flashing lights on Route 20 will be changed over to stop lights as a part of a grant from the State. DPW had removed several rule type signs that were in rough shape and those have been replaced.
2. **Open Space** – Nothing new to report.
3. **Cowles Park** – Karen Hines reported that Doreen Jacius was requesting \$200 to complete building the board walk. The east trail is done. 10/6/18 is a work day for volunteers to complete construction. It was noted that the purchase should be made on a Town account like Home Depot rather than a reimbursement to anyone individual. A motion was made by Rosalie McKenney and seconded by Jay Brady to approve the \$200 expense for supplies to complete the boardwalk. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

There was discussion on whether or not to charge bike shops who set up at Cowles Park for demonstrations of equipment. No sales take place on site. It was determined that the shops would not only continue to complete forms to reserve the space but pay a fee of \$50 per vendor.

4. **Granbrook Park** – See comments on Flag Football “under program director’s report”. Also an Eagle Scout candidate may be interested in building a kiosk similar to the one on the knoll at East Granby Farms for Granbrook Park.
5. **East Granby Farms** – The acoustics are complete. The painting should be done by the end of the month. Commission members decided to hold their next meeting in the Rec Center. Rosalie & Alicia are looking into two new pieces of playground equipment.

The Historical Society submitted a plan to add signage to their building as they feel the current sign is inadequate. No one liked the idea of signs actually “on the building” as proposed. There is a sign plan for the park with all signs in-ground. At the time the Society requested a spot in the Park, they were told that their sign had to match the park theme. The Commission was unanimously opposed to the new plan but suggested a second sign (which matches the original) be placed out by North Main Street for better visibility.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Halloween Party

The date has been moved from Monday 10/29 to Friday 10/26 from 5-7 p.m. Many of the Commission members who had planned to assist would not be available with the new date change. Alicia explained the event will be in the Town Center. The PTO will show a movie after the main event. The Land Trust will host a haunted nature trail. The Town Hall will be open for cider and donuts. The Library will host several activities including spooky stories. She hopes other groups may set up booths and activities in the Community Center parking lot. Since this takes place during dinner time, she's looking for the Lions to sell hamburgers & hotdogs. Jim Gothers noted a concern that parents may just drop off and leave but it will be advertised that children must be accompanied by their parents.

A motion was made by Jim Gothers and seconded by Brandon Freeman to expend \$600 for the Halloween party. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jay Brady and seconded by Joan Krogh to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalie McKenney
Acting Clerk