

**East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission
East Granby, Connecticut**

MINUTES

Meeting: Thursday, December 6, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the East Granby Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, December 6, 2018. At 7:00 pm Chairman Pat Gill called the meeting to order. Members present were Karen Hines, Jim Gothers, Bob Ravens-Seger and Rosalie McKenney. Director Alicia VanNeil was also present.

2. DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC - None.

3. APPROVE MINUTES

The minutes for the meeting dated 11/1/18 could not be approved due to the absence of members needed to vote on this item.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Project Graduation submitted a requested for contribution to help fund for their annual after graduation event. Karen Hines made a motion to approve \$400 be donated and Bob Ravens-Seger seconded the motion. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

5. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Alicia VanNeil reports that all is going well. Basketball started and a coaches meeting had been held already. Monday 12/3 was a very successful Gingerbread making event that 48 children participated in. There will be a similar event around Valentine's Day. Ski Sundown has enough sign ups and is on track to begin as planned in January.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Rosalie McKenney submitted report for October 2018. Line items with YTD overage were reviewed and explained. No further discussion needed.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Re-Visit proposal for allowing E-bikes on the town trails

Doreen Jacius submitted a request to wait until the next meeting to discuss in detail and hold any votes until that time as well. Alicia reported that other surrounding towns have yet to address the request, which was also submitted to them. Decision was made that not enough members that were present to continue the discussion.

B. Committee Reports

1. Farmington Valley Heritage Trail – A grant was received to fund a traffic light at the intersection Route 20. Trail cleanup of leaves and debris was done.

2. Open Space – Nothing new to report.

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3. **Cowles Park** – Not much new to report. The unusually wet fall weather contributed to areas being overly saturated. Potential for exploring more boardwalk in the future. The Wynding Hills neighborhood is fixed up the existing bench for the park in memory of Bill Westervelt.
4. **Granbrook Park** – Pat Gill did a drive through and reported that everything looks good. Alicia is thankful for the new shed that has been put down there.
5. **East Granby Farms** – Rosalie McKenney reports that the spraying of the ball field that was approved in a prior meeting was completed. Nothing else new to report.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Reminder to members that The Annual Tree Lighting will be held Friday, December 7, 2018 at 6 pm at the Town Hall.
- B. Large Scale events at Town Facilities – Alicia reports the Hartford Running Club would like to explore holding an event at Cowles Park. Issues on parking were brought up but the item was tabled to a later meeting with more members present. In addition, the Granby Fife and Drum group would like to explore an overnight event at EG Farms for 100 people. Some concerns were discussed and Alicia was referred to talk with two people who were involved in a prior event. Further discussion to be held at a later meeting.
- C. Meeting dates for 2019 were agreed to be the first Thursday of each month. Pat Gill will communicate to the Town Clerk.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:25pm Bob Ravens-Seger made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Jim Gothers. The votes in favor were unanimous and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Coushaine
Clerk