

MINUTES
East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission
East Granby, Connecticut
January 5, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, January 5, 2017. Members present when Chairman Patrick Gill called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. were Karen Hines, Rosalie McKenney, Bob Ravens-Seeger, Jay Brady, and Brandon Freeman. Director Nancy Lawton was also present.

2. DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC

No public discussion.

3. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seeger and seconded by Brandon Freeman to accept the minutes of the meeting December 1, 2016. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried

4. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

5. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Nancy Lawton reported basketball starts Saturday and 50 more shirts were needed that may be picked up before Saturday. The 7th and 8th grade girls' team has a Granby coach. There are students helping coach or assist some younger teams. Ski Club starts on Monday with 52 kids, taking 2 busses. Lots of classes including meditation, exercise and cooking are all continuing to go well.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

No report was distributed. Rosalie McKenney stated because there has been so much natural damage and deterioration at Granbrook Park (ie: grills, picnic benches, swing chains), that there may not be any additional funds at the end of the fiscal year if additional issues arise there or elsewhere.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

1. **Farmington Valley Heritage Trail** – Bob Ravens-Seeger said the area South of Copperhill is still in poor condition with frost heaves. He will contact the Ayott Brothers for a quote to repair. Nancy Lawton received another request for a bench to be put in the area. Bob will make location recommendations and Nancy will help advise.
2. **Open Space** – Nothing to report.
3. **Cowles Park** – Nothing to report.
4. **Granbrook Park** – Nothing to report.
5. **East Granby Farms** – Rosalie McKenney reported no original estimates for the development phases can be tracked down and there is a possible need for new estimates.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Rec. Center Round Fund Rules

Rosalie McKenney asked what thoughts were on rental policies regarding how many times the space can be rented to the same person or group per year and how far out in advance it can be booked. There may be a need to create policies to allow new interest on available dates.

B. Elections

Karen Hines made a motion, seconded by Bob Ravens-Seeger to elect Patrick Gill as Chairman, Jay Brady as Vice-Chairman, and Rosalie McKenney as Treasurer. Motion was seconded by Bob Ravens-Seeger. The votes in favor were unanimous. The motion carried.

C. 2017 Meeting Dates

Pat Gill announced the 2017 meeting dates. A motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seeger to accept the dates. Motion was seconded by Brandon Freeman. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

D. Meeting Cancellations

Rosalie McKenney started the discussion regarding the protocol to cancel meetings and who should make that decision. The commission decided members must let Pat Gill know if they will be absent by the Tuesday prior to each meeting.

E. Skating Pond

Nancy Lawton said the skating pond at the high school has had work done. The commission discussed having 'skate at your own risk' signs posted as they do not believe park and rec. or Nancy should manage it since there are too many risks and responsibilities involved. They do not agree with all of the rules proposed thus far. Further discussions will take place.

F. Project Grad.

A motion was made by Jay Brady and seconded by Karen Hines to donate \$400.00 towards Project Grad. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seeger and seconded by Karen Hines to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Sarah Oberg
Clerk