

MINUTES
East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission
East Granby, Connecticut
Meeting Date: Thursday, May 4, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, May 4, 2017. Members present when Chairman Pat Gill called the meeting to order at 7:01pm were Jay Brady, Rosalie McKenney, Brandon Freeman, Karen Hines, Joan Krogh, and Bob Ravens-Seger. Director Alicia VanNeil was also present.

2. DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC

East Granby resident, Evan Moreau, came to discuss Disc Golf and the possibility of having a small course added at East Granby Farms. Rosalie will work to connect a Boy Scout looking for an Eagle Scout project with Evan. Evan mentioned grants are often available from the New England Flying Disc Association (www.NEFA.com) and that these courses have been done as Eagle Scout projects in the past.

3. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Karen Hines and seconded by Joan Krogh to accept the minutes of the meetings held on January 5, 2017, March 2, 2017 and April 6, 2017. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

5. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Alicia thanked everyone for helping out with this year's Easter Egg Hunt. Interviews for camp personnel are nearly complete and she looks to hire staff the week of May 8th. Numbers for the recent Red Sox trip were down, as in the past, for the spring game. Summer games have more attendance. The NYC trip is full. The first horseback riding program has 4 participants and is going well, and the new spring tumbling program with Suffield Performing Arts went well.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Rosalie distributed a year to date report through April 30, 2017. There is additional unexpected expense posted in the printing line for the advertisement of the Director position in the Hartford Courant. Cost overruns are expected in salaries, repairs and equipment replacement, as well.

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7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

- 1. Farmington Valley Heritage Trail** – Bob walked the trail with Town Engineer, Tom Grimaldi. Tom feels there is not a need to resurface the trail, but rather seal cracks and do some patches. It was recommended to cut some trees back from the embankment. New fence rails are in.
- 2. Open Space** – Nothing to report.
- 3. Cowles Park** – Karen Hines reports the park appears to always be busy. She met someone associated with a New England mountain biking club that told her Cowles Park is on the map in the mountain biking community.
- 4. Granbrook Park** – Jay Brady indicates basketball nets need replacement but otherwise the park is in good shape. Pat Gill requests the backboards be adjusted when new nets were able to be put in. Alicia to look at metal nets that may cost more but will last much longer. New tabletops were installed.
- 5. East Granby Farms** – Jim Hayden, Rosalie McKenney and Alicia VanNeil attended a presentation at the University of Hartford on the results of the recent acoustic study at the David Kilbon Recreation Center. Good/Better/Best solutions were offered with cost estimates. Proceeds from the rental of the center would almost cover the purchase of sound panels for the walls and ceilings (Best solution). Installment cost unknown at this time.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seeger and seconded by Brandon Freeman to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Coughaine
Clerk