

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

MINUTES

Meeting Date: October 5, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, October 5, 2017. Members present when Chairman Pat Gill called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm were Jay Brady, Rosalie McKenney, Jim Gothers, Karen Hines, Joan Krogh, Doreen Jacius and Bob Ravens-Seger. Brandon Freeman arrived at 7:02. Alicia VanNeil, Director and Boy Scout Devin Stout were also present.

2. DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC

Devin Stout shared that he had an interest in what the commission does and was there to observe.

3. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger and seconded by Jay Brady to accept the minutes of the meeting dated 9/7/2017. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Rosalie heard back from the CT Parks and Rec Association that her nomination of Nancy Lawton for an achievement award was not selected this year.

5. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Halloween Party** - Event is set for Saturday, October 28th at 6 pm in the Middle School gym. Magician will be Eddie Popialarczyk. The Middle School Youth Action Council has flyers and is looking for volunteers to run the games.
- B. Skating Pond Update** - At the request of Jim Hayden, Alicia attended a meeting with him and Dr. Mahoney to discuss the skating pond. A proposal was put forth for DPW to handle the grooming of the pond area, the school to handle snow removal and for Parks and Rec to try and staff it via student volunteer hours preferably. Given there is no budget for Parks and Rec to staff it if volunteers are unable, Rosalie felt the commission should not get involved. More discussion ensued in general agreement with not getting involved.
- C. General** - Allgrove and Seymour afterschool programs are both full and first week went well. Mr. McGrath at Seymour continues to be supportive of any after school program and is looking in to gym space for winter basketball practices.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

No report for September. Rosalie distributed August report, highlighting that the clay for the fields continues to be the biggest expense.

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7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

1. **Farmington Valley Heritage Trail** - Condition is good; no deterioration. DPW has yet to put in crack filler. Bob did not attend the trail count this year due to scheduling conflicts.
2. **Open Space** - Nothing to report.
3. **Cowles Park** – Doreen reports that an agreement was signed between NEMBA and the town regarding trail maintenance and the mountain biking group. TJ Jacius has been recruiting local members of NEMBA and scouts to volunteer to work on replacing the boardwalks in the wet areas. Also, some local businesses are willing to defray the costs of the wood needed. Doreen to get approvals from Wetlands commission.
4. **Granbrook Park** – Nothing to report.
5. **East Granby Farms** –
 - a. **Disc Golf** - Nothing new to report on plans for Disc Golf. Rosalie tabling this project until after the Sound Abatement ceiling panels are done at the rec center.
 - b. **Rec Center Sound Abatement** - The ceiling tiles are in and are stored in the basement of the Town Hall. Newgate Builders will install. Decision made to install with slightly more expensive removable clip system vs a permanent installation. Mr. Celmer has continued to be very helpful and supplied color samples for wall tiles and a new layout based on tile sizes. A new paint color for the walls will be chosen using a paint match to tile selected.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Rosalie indicated an inquiry was made through Brendan Freeman on behalf of EG Little League to explore again the viability of a PA system at EG Farms baseball field. Brendan will look in to a potential design for a building and details on what would be needed.

9. **ADJOURNMENT** A motion was made by Jim Gothers and seconded by Jay Brady to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Coushaine
Clerk