

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

**MINUTES**

**Meeting: Thursday, February 1, 2018**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the East Granby Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, February 1, 2018. At 7:03 pm Vice Chairman Jay Brady called the meeting to order. Members present were Bob Ravens-Seger, Karen Hines, Doreen Jacius and Rosalie McKenney. Director Alicia VanNeil was also present.

**2. DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC – None.**

**3. APPROVE MINUTES**

The minutes for the meeting dated 12/7/17 could not be approved due to the absence of members needed to vote on this item.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE – None.**

**5. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Alicia provided a detailed report on all the current activities and planned future activities. Senior Services bus and driver are being utilized to take the small group of Seymour school kids up to Sundown. Basketball going well, vacation programming and after school programs looking good. Field Hockey to be offered in the Spring with Granby for girls in grades 5-8. Looking to do a Running Club for middle and high school students. Three Red Sox games planned for 6/29 at Yankee Stadium and 4/16 and 7/15 at Fenway.

**6. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Rosalie distributed the expense report as of December 31, 2017. The first round of budget submissions to the First Selectman were due on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Rosalie submitted a request for an increase based on prior meeting conversations regarding safety issues and the need for repairs. Other line items in addition to Repairs that will need an increase were noted as Field Maintenance and Equipment Replacement.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Committee Reports**

- 1. Farmington Valley Heritage Trail** – Bob reports that the south side of Copper Hill Road is where the trail has deteriorated the most and anticipates some repair needed come spring.
- 2. Open Space** – A new three lot subdivision on Holcomb will produce an open space fee to add to our current balance in this fund.
- 3. Cowles Park** – The NEMBA Annual Report was distributed as it outlined the partnership between the town and the group to improve the experience at Cowles

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Park. It highlighted the work done on the Cowles bridging and future bridging on the return trail and the plans for improving signage.

4. **Granbrook Park** – A Quote from Ayotte came in for the repairs that have been discussed at prior meetings. General consensus is to not spend too much on the tennis court and work with DPW to remove it as the sizing, fencing and surface all have major issues. There could be a potential flag football field added to the park.
5. **East Granby Farms** – OP Painting contract has been signed. Rosalie still looking at paint colors. Painting should be complete by the end of February. Feedback is that the ceiling sound panels provide a noticeable improvement in the acoustics. The order of the panels for the walls may need to be deferred to the next fiscal year. The estimated cost of installing access to electricity to the far side of the baseball field was higher than anticipated. Rosalie to contact little league.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Priorities for 2018 Budget** – This will be an agenda item again for next month. Numerous repairs and replacements are needed and will be the biggest budget driver.
- B. **Elections** – Bob Ravens-Seger made a motion, which was seconded by Karen Hines, to elect Patrick Gill as Chairman, Jay Brady as Vice-Chairman, and Rosalie McKenney as Treasurer. The votes in favor were unanimous. The motion carried.
- C. **2018 Meeting Dates** – Meetings will continue to be held the first Thursday of the month, with the exception of July when no meeting is held. The following meeting dates were provided in January to the Town Hall by Patrick Gill for 2018:

2/1/18	8/2 /18
3/1/18	9/6/18
4/5/18	10/4/18
5/3/18	11/1/18
6/7/18	12/6/18

In addition, it is planned to meet Thursday January 3, 2019.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:39 pm Doreen Jacius made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Karen Hines. The votes in favor were unanimous and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Coushaine  
Clerk