

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

MINUTES

Meeting: Thursday, October 4, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the East Granby Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, October 4, 2018. At 7:01 pm Chairman Pat Gill called the meeting to order. Members present were Jay Brady, Karen Hines, Jim Gothers, Brandon Freeman, Doreen Jacius and Rosalie McKenney. Director Alicia VanNeil was also present.

2. DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC

- A. Chloe Gosselin and Jesse Worlund, two seniors from East Granby High School, discussed with the commission the possibility of using East Granby Farms to host their annual bonfire event. The event would be expanded to a community event and fundraiser with activities for all ages prior to the bonfire finale. The idea of having a community event was very well received, however, numerous obstacles were identified including limited time to have it happen this year. Some of the issues discussed were bathroom access, parking, lighting, electricity access, clean up and insurance. It was suggested that perhaps the Class of 2020 could research further if it will be a viable option for EG Farms or Granbrook Park.
- B. Tim Lorden, who is in the lawn service business, discussed his willingness to provide services for battling the crabgrass in the outfield of the baseball field at EG Farms and general weed control of the field at Granbrook Park. Granbrook Park would receive broad leaf weed control application in spring and summer, and East Granby Farms was recommended to have aeration and over seeding this fall (different vendor) with a preventative crabgrass treatment and follow up treatment in spring/summer. The cost of materials and aeration and over seeding would be split with East Granby/Granby Little League. He provided his business license documentation. A motion was made by Jim Gothers, and seconded by Jay Brady to approve up to \$1000 be allotted for costs associated with the aerating and seeding the outfield of the East Granby Farms Baseball Field this fall under the condition that East Granby Little League will bear approximately half of the cost and that pesticide application to battle the crabgrass is approved by Jim Hayden. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

3. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Rosalie McKenney and seconded by Jay Brady to approve the minutes for the meetings dated 4/5/18 and 9/6/18. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

4. CORRESPONDENCE – None.

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5. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Alicia VanNeil reports that all is going well with the fall programs. Basketball and Ski Sundown flyers are going out and both will have late registration fees. The Halloween Party planning is well underway and flyers are being prepared. The event will be held in the town center on 10/26/18 and will be moved inside to EG Middle/High School in the event of rain. The event a coordinated community wide event with many groups sponsoring different activities like a movie, a parade, fire truck/ambulance, in addition, to the traditional games.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Rosalie McKenney had nothing to report this month.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

- 1. Farmington Valley Heritage Trail** – Karen Hines indicated the trail from Route 20 north is in fine shape.
- 2. Open Space** – Nothing new to report.
- 3. Cowles Park** – Karen Hines reports that trails look good. Doreen Jacius indicated that the wood for the completion of the board walk was delivered. Cowles Park cleanup day was advertised online for Saturday 10/6/18.
- 4. Granbrook Park** – Nothing new to report.
- 5. East Granby Farms** – Rosalie McKenney reported that the recreation center painting is complete with the outside of the exterior doors being done shortly.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None at the present time. The Annual Tree Lighting will be added to the agenda for November.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50pm Doreen Jacius made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Brandon Freeman. The votes in favor were unanimous and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Coushaine
Clerk