

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

MINUTES

Meeting: Thursday, January 3, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the East Granby Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, January 3, 2019. At 7:01 pm Vice Chairman Jay Brady called the meeting to order. Members present were Karen Hines, Jim Gothers, Bob Ravens-Seger, Doreen Jacius, Brandon Freeman and Rosalie McKenney. Director Alicia VanNeil was also present.

2. DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC - None.

3. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Doreen Jacius and seconded by Rosalie McKenney to approve the minutes for the meeting dated 11/1/18. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried. A motion was made by Karen Hines and seconded by Bob Ravens-Seger to approve the minutes for the meeting dated 12/6/18. The votes in favor were unanimous.

4. CORRESPONDENCE – None.

5. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Alicia VanNeil reports that all is going well. Basketball has 16 full teams and Suffield will be part of the circuit next year. Ski Sundown begins Monday January 7th. Senior Services has once again allowed their bus, driven by Jay Brady, to be used to transport Seymour students to Ski Sun Down. All Seymour and MS/HS students will ride the one coach bus home. Other winter programs are all on track, including Art, Zumba, Weight Loss and possible Yoga.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Rosalie McKenney submitted report for November 2018.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Annual Tree Lighting Update

The tree has grown too tall for use of the DPW bucket truck to put up lights. Rosalie asked for ideas and submitted the possibility for needing an outside help to put up next year. Some discussion on moving the date in 2019 to the day after Thanksgiving to have better access to the Community Center space as the tree lighting always conflicts with the EG Women's Club use of the center for their Winter Wonderland. It was also suggested to include some backstory of the memorial naming while being inclusive for the entire town as our community seasonal event in the advertising as each year numerous inquiries are made.

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B. Committee Reports

1. **Farmington Valley Heritage Trail** – North of Copper Hill Rd to Suffield has some gouges from plowing but nothing more than superficial. A number of tire tracks from motorized vehicles were clearly visible. Confirmation that a grant was received to fund a traffic light at the intersection Route 20 was made.
2. **Open Space** – Nothing new to report.
3. **Cowles Park** – The continual wet weather is causing expected oversaturation in areas. Mountain biking and motor bikes have caused some damage in these conditions. A cost estimate and wording for signage to post when trail conditions are not conducive to mountain biking in the park will be gotten by Doreen Jacius, in addition to a general update of trail etiquette sign (modelled after Rockland Preserve in Madison, CT). Website posting of trail conditions also discussed.
4. **Granbrook Park** – Nothing new to report.
5. **East Granby Farms** – Nothing new to report.

C. Other

1. E-Bikes update – Nothing new to report. Alicia reported again that other surrounding towns have yet to address the request. The board will wait and see how all towns plan to coordinate/handle the proposal.
2. Alicia reports that the larger scale events previously discussed (Granby Muster @ EG Farms overnight and the Hartford Running Club @ Cowles Park) have been confirmed as ok to proceed after researching with the contacts in the fire department and town.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger and seconded by Karen Hines to accept and vote in the following slate of 2019 Officers. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Chairman – Pat Gill; Vice Chairman – Jay Brady; Treasurer – Rosalie McKenney

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:36 pm Jim Gothers 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