

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

MEETING MINUTES

Subject to Approval

Meeting Date: May 7, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regularly scheduled virtual meeting of the East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, May 7, 2020. At 7:07 P.M., Patrick Gill called the meeting to order. Members present during the meeting were Patrick Gill, Jay Brady, Doreen Jacius, Karen Hines, Jim Gothers. Chrissy Leadbeater joined the meeting at 7:16 P.M.

Director of Parks & Recreation, Alicia Van Neil, was also present.

2. DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC - *none*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

At 7:08 P.M., Mr. Brady made a **motion** to approve the April 2, 2020 meeting minutes, motion was seconded by Mr. Gothers, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. CORRESPONDENCE - *none*

5. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Program Director, Ms. Van Neil, gave an update about the current status of programs. She noted that all in person events and programs continue to be cancelled. Ms. Van Neil noted that all classes that are currently running have transitioned to Zoom classes. Currently those include live classes of Zumba, Yoga, Junior Chef, Smoothies and Conversations and Dance.

The instructor for After School Baton and Cheer is working on a make-up class schedule.

Ms. Van Neil reported that although In-Person school has been cancelled through the end of the school year, Summer Camps are approved to run beginning June 29, 2020. Camp Granbrook and Mini-Adventures will run following specific guidelines for camp programs regarding the amount of recommended participants. Ms. Van Neil is exploring alternate locations for camp Granbrook since the guidelines do not support camp running there. She is looking at small groups at the community center, library, Allgrove School or the Town Hall. A camp will be run at East Granby Farms. Ms. Van Neil met with all staff to verify their availability.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT - *nothing to report*

7. OLD BUSINESS -

A. Committee Reports

1. ***Farmington Valley Heritage Trail - nothing to report***

2. ***Open Space - nothing to report***

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3. **Cowles Park** - Ms. Hines reported that the parking lot for Cowles has been very full when she has passed by and that people were parked along the sides of the street. Discussion ensued about crowds seen within Cowles Park and how to deter crowding/encourage social distancing. Ms. Van Neil showed a picture of signs that were made to place at the parks with guidelines for practicing safe social distancing while enjoying the recreational areas of East Granby.
4. **Granbrook Park** – members noted that the Park appeared busy when driven through, mostly with people fishing.
5. **East Granby Farms** –Ms. Van Neil reported that the A/V work at East Granby Farms Barn is nearly complete. Mr. Robison will finish the sound system install within the next two weeks. Ms. McKenney has been in touch with contractors to complete the painting at the barn as well.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Several members of the Commission recognized Ms. Van Neil’s efforts at transitioning to online platforms as seamlessly as possible and for continuing to organize programs to offer the residents of East Granby during the Covid-19 pandemic.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:25 P.M., a **motion** was made by Ms. Hines and seconded by Ms. Leadbeater to adjourn. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Rathbun
Commission Clerk