

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

**MINUTES**

**Meeting Date: August 13,2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This meeting was rescheduled from August 6, 2020. Members present when Chairman Patrick Gill called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm were Jay Brady, Karen Hines, Chrissy Leadbeater, and Rosalie McKenney, along with program director Alicia VanNeil.

2. DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC - None

3. APPROVE MINUTES

Approval for minutes from June 4<sup>th</sup> is tabled to a future meeting.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- Request to add Carry in and Carry out signs in Granbrook park from a litter clean up group. Unanimous decision to approve adding signs.

5. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- All programs currently offered during the summer period have gone well. The last two camps will be held the week of August 17<sup>th</sup>. Only two camps were cancelled due to low enrollment. Granbrook and Mini-adventure camp had waitlists. Upcoming Yoga, Zumba and adult painting classes will be published in the upcoming Talk Turkey.
- Alicia will begin to schedule fall programs once we learn cleaning procedures for buildings during COVID-19. Currently the town only has 1.5 cleaners. Recommendation from Rosalie to see if we can hire and train a college student that is over 18 to clean in between programs. We would need to build in the cost of cleaning into the rental fees. Will reach out to the state to get cleaning protocols including what is the definition of high traffic attendees.
- Superintendent of East Granby reached out to Alicia to see how we can potentially support the schools during COVID. A list of vacant places in town has been created and we are in the process of contacting building owners to discuss rental options.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

- The following spending has been approved unanimously by all commission members in attendance:
  - The last blast of summer concert has been cancelled due to COVID-19. Money that was set aside for this concert will be used for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert in June 2021.

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- The purchase of a swing set for EG Farms is complete. Waiting for the set to get installed.
- Rosalie will follow up with the A/V painting that needs to be completed in the Farms.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

1. **Farmington Valley Heritage Trail** – Trail has been cleared after recent storm. Some areas the fence have fallen. East Granby fences have held up.
2. **Open Space** - Nothing to report.
3. **Cowles Park** – Four trees were blocking the trail due to the storm. Alicia reported she cleared a few. Karen is going to call the town to schedule removal.
4. **Granbrook Park** – Nothing new.
5. **East Granby Farms** – The purchase of a swing set for EG Farms is complete. This will be located in close proximity to the baseball field, without affecting other activities (flag football field). Keith Antiuk will build the swing set.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- Halloween: New Gate right now will not be reopening in the Fall. Board members are asked to think about options for the town Halloween party to accommodate COVID-19 protocols. Recommendation to have a trick or treat parade and have people sign up and decorate their cars. Will discuss additional ideas at the next board meeting.
- Fall programming ideas included: Drive in movie night, town scarecrow contest, corn maize behind the farms and a pumpkin carving event.
- Need to add to the next agenda a discussion around the use of the fields behind the farms.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- A motion was made by Jay Brady and seconded by Chrissy Leadbeater to adjourn the meeting at 7:43p.m. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Leadbeater  
Member