

**MINUTES**  
**East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission**  
**East Granby, Connecticut**  
**September 2, 2021**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission was held Thursday, September 2, 2021 at the Recreation Building at East Granby Farms. Chairman Patrick Gill called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Members present were Vice Chairman Jay Brady, Treasurer Rosalie McKenney, Karen Hines, Robert Ravens-Seger who left at 7:19 pm, Christina Leadbeater, Doreen Jacius and Nicole Sokolowski. Also present was Program Director Alicia Van Neil.

**2. DISCUSSION WITH THE PUBLIC**

None

**3. APPROVE MINUTES**

A motion was made by D Jacius and seconded by J Brady to approve the minutes of August 5, 2021 as submitted. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**5. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director A Van Neil stated that the summer camps were a success. She only had to cancel two small specialized ones; and the last week of the camps that happened was cancelled in response to a possible COVID issue. Fall outdoor programs are posted. School programs have just been approved to be held at all three schools and will start as soon as the logistics of spacing are figured out at each location. Flag football will not happen as there are not enough registrants probably due to a huge flag football program in Windsor. Ski Sundown will be good to go. The Halloween program is in the final planning stages to be held on October 29, 2021 at Newgate Prison. There will be a backup plan, similar to last year's program, ready to implement should COVID restrictions make that necessary.

**6. TREASURER'S REPORT**

R McKenney stated that the only expenses were the standard ones.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Committee Reports

1. **Farmington Valley Heritage Trail** – B Ravens-Seeger stated that he walked from Copper Hill Road to the Suffield Town Line. There was nothing newly deteriorating to report and the fences looked good. He saw walkers, joggers, and bicyclists; but saw no electric bicycles. K Hines stated that she walked from Rt. 20 to Floydville Road. Rt. 189 to Floydville Road still has some posts needing replacement; and there were a lot of tree roots emerging through the paving which are mostly problematic to bicyclists.
2. **Open Space** – No report.
3. **Cowles Park** – D Jacius stated that it is very wet and soft, with tree branches down due to tropical storm Ida. The effort to clean it up is being delayed until conditions are dryer; and people are being asked to be mindful of that, and to exercise caution on the trails.

A Van Neil stated that an effort was being made to create a hiking/biking in East Granby link to the Commission's website which could be updated concerning current conditions on the trails.

4. **Granbrook Park** – J Brady stated that both parking lots are flooded because of storm Ida.
5. **East Granby Farms** – R McKenney stated that she is still waiting for information so she can order a particular basketball hoop.
6. **Sports Programs/Coaching/Training** – No report
7. **Marketing** – C Leadbeater stated that the next event she is promoting is Movie Night on September 17, 2021. A Van Neil suggested that if the flyer that N Sokolowski created for facebook could be printed as is or reworked, then it could be a handout at the schools as well as posted at various places including the Town Hall, Community Center and Library. There was a procedural discussion concerning the event.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Term Reappointments

**Rosalie McKenney, Karen Hines, Doreen Jacius** – P Gill asked if they would like to be reappointed when their terms expired on October 30, 2021. K Hines and D Jacius said yes, and R McKenney said no. There was a discussion concerning what a person would have to do if they wanted to serve.

**B. Joint subcommittee with Board of Education and others to do playing field assessments** – P Gill stated that Bob Paskiewicz from the Board of Education reached out to him about creating an opportunity for such a collaboration to occur. R McKenney was also contacted concerning past assessments. She told him that the last Masterplan was done in 1999 and is outdated. The Commission consensus was that this was a great idea and that it should be pursued.

C. N Sokolowski asked the Commission to consider changing the time of the meeting to be earlier. There was a discussion which will be continued at the next meeting. Any change would not take effect until January, 2022.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by N Sokolowski and seconded by D Jacius to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Marsele  
Commission Clerk