

MINUTES
East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission
East Granby, Connecticut
December 2, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission was held Thursday, December 2, 2021 at the Sears House at East Granby Farms. Chairman Patrick Gill called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Members present were Vice Chairman Jay Brady, Treasurer Doreen Jacius, Karen Hines, Robert Ravens-Seger, and Nicole Sokolowski.

2. DISCUSSION WITH THE PUBLIC

None

3. APPROVE MINUTES

A vote was to be taken to approve the minutes for the November 4, 2021 meeting. However, K Hines and B Ravens-Seger had to abstain since they did not attend the meeting; and that meant there would not be a quorum available to vote. A vote to approve will be taken at next month's meeting.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None

5. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

P Gill read a report submitted by Director A Van Neil in which she stated that fall has been very busy with many programs available and well attended by all age groups. She is working on continuing, as well as new, programs for January, 2022.

She reported information about Men's Drop-in Basketball requested by the Commission. The cap at 20 participants is going well; but if the participants were to be limited to only East Granby residents, there would not likely be more than a count of 10. She recommended keeping the program open to non-residents and capped at 20.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

D Jacius stated that the errors discovered in the report have been corrected and it is nearly complete. She will send the December report to the members as soon as it is complete.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

- 1. Farmington Valley Heritage Trail** – B Ravens-Seeger stated that he walked the trail from Copper Hill Road to Route 20. It looked to have been cleared by a blower as leaves and other debris were way off beyond the trail edges. There were the usual bumps but in general it was still in good condition.
- 2. Open Space** – None
- 3. Cowles Park** – D Jacius stated that fall was a good time for work on the trail to be done. Current work includes the usual clearing and putting a small bridge over a chronically wet part.
- 4. Granbrook Park** – J Brady stated that the water damaged floor in the new shed has been repaired, and there is now electricity in it which includes a motion activated security camera.
- 5. East Granby Farms** – D Jacius stated that the Little League is currently concentrating its focus on improving the Granby field including lights.. She expects them to work on the field at the Farm at some point after that. She also stated that the masterplan needs to be updated and preferably done by the end of the fiscal year.
- 6. Sports Programs/Coaching/Training** – None
- 7. Marketing** – None

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Parks and Recreation Survey** – Discussion was moved to the next meeting when C Leadbeater will be able to report.
- B. Men's Drop-in Basketball** – Referring to the Program Director's report, it was the consensus that the number of participants continue to be capped at 20, and not to exclude out of town participants.

C. Nominations for 2022 Officers – K Hines stated that she contacted the current Officers and they all agreed to be nominated to continue serving as such in 2022. She also stated that if any member would like to nominate themselves or another member, she should be contacted by December 15, 2021.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by K Hines and seconded by D Jacius to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Marsele
Commission Clerk