

MINUTES
East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission
East Granby, Connecticut
February 3, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission was held Thursday, February 3, 2022 at the large conference room at the East Granby Town Hall. Chairman Patrick Gill called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. Members present were Vice Chairman Jay Brady, Treasurer Doreen Jacius, Robert Ravens-Seger, Christina Leadbeater, and Nicole Sokolowski. Also present was Program Director Alicia Van Neil.

2. DISCUSSION WITH THE PUBLIC

None

3. APPROVE MINUTES

There were two corrections to the minutes from the December 2, 2021 meeting. In Section 3, it was D Jacius not K Hines who abstained. In Section 7A5, the second sentence should be eliminated. A motion was made by B Ravens-Seger and seconded by N Sokolowski to approve the minutes as corrected. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

The minutes from the January 6, 2022 were tabled until the next meeting as there was not a quorum of persons who attended that meeting present at this meeting.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None

5. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director A Van Neil stated that all her programs are going very well. Attendance is full or nearly full, and coaches for programs like youth basketball are plentiful. All programs are back in person.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

D Jacius stated that the part-time salary portion of the budget is the last item on which work is being done to complete it for a full review.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

1. **Farmington Valley Heritage Trail** – B Ravens-Seeger stated that he walked the north portion of the Trail and saw many footprints indicating use. He did not see any snowmobile tread marks. Somebody plowed north of Copper Hill Road again. A Van Neil stated that she will bring this to the attention of the DPW.
2. **Cowles Park** – D Jacius stated that the Park was being well used by fat bikes until the ice storm. Eversource has begun the clearing of their line areas which, while not in the Park, are adjacent to it. They are staying in touch with her about the project, and will endeavor to not be disruptive to Park use.
3. **Granbrook Park** – J Brady stated that he has observed that much of the current use of the Park is by dog walkers.
4. **East Granby Farms** – No Report
5. **Sports Programs/Coaching/Training** – No report
6. **Marketing** – C Leadbeater stated the survey is nearing completion and expects it to be ready for the next Let's Talk Turkey publication in March, plus online and Library posting. She wants to offer an incentive to increase responses. She proposed having four random weekly drawings for \$25 gift cards.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Compensation for Logo Contest** – C Leadbeater stated that High School Art Teacher Sara Dugre will be using the Logo Contest as a class project for grade credit. The contest will run to the end of February, 2022. The Commission wants there to be a prize for the contest winner, as well as for the winning Logo to be framed.

A motion was made by D Jacius and seconded by N Sokolowski to allocate not more than \$100 to be used for a gift certificate prize and the cost of framing the winning entry. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

- B. **Program Committee** – A Van Neil stated that they had a meeting at which they selected the following event dates for 2022:

Easter – April 3 younger children at 1:00 pm and older children at 3:00pm
Summer Concert – August 26 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Halloween – October 29 5:00 pm start at Newgate Prison
Tree Lighting – December 2 6:00 pm start
Drive-in Movies – decisions yet to be made

N Sokolowski stated that she would like to investigate the cost of acquiring non-flammable luminaries to use as street and driveway liners at the Tree Lighting. These areas of the Town Hall Campus are very dark after sundown and the luminaries would be helpful to the many pedestrians who attend this event. They would also be a beautiful addition to the lighting festival itself. Commission members thought it was a good idea. She will investigate and report back at a future meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by D Jacius and seconded by J Brady to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Marsele
Commission Clerk