

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
August 8, 2011

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The Regular Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Szymanski at 6:00 p.m. in the Parks and Recreation Office at the East Windsor High School, 76 S. Main Street, East Windsor, CT.

PRESENT: Chairman Szymanski, Commissioners Bancroft and Simpkins, Park Director Maltese and Mary Lou Morell from the Park Office.

ABSENT: Commissioner Balch.

GUESTS: None

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

A quorum was established as three commission members were present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To APPROVE minutes of July 12, 2011 Special Meeting as written.

Bancroft moved/Simpkins seconded/VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. BMX Skate Park

No discussion this evening.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Financial Accounts Review

Director Maltese handed out the current fiscal year 2011-2012 Budget by Department report which is current only to July 19, 2011. The fiscal year end 2010-2011 Budget has not closed as of yet and there is no report for this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS (continued):

b. East Windsor Park – Gate Installation

Director Maltese reported that the gate relocation/installation was completed on Monday, August 1, 2011. One of the old gates was saved but the hinges had to be cut off as they were rusted and could not be saved. The bollards were saved as well. If necessary, a chain could be strung across between them.

c. Department of Public Works – Grounds Supervisor Overtime

Director Maltese has determined that \$2,500 in past years has been transferred from the part-time salary line item to the overtime line item to cover the grounds supervisor's overtime at East Windsor Park.

MOTION: To APPROVE the transfer of \$2,500.00 from part-time salary line item to DPW – Grounds Supervisor Overtime line item.

Simpkins moved/Bancroft seconded/VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous

This proposal will now be sent to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance for approval.

d. Basketball Court at East Windsor Park

Director Maltese informed the Commission that the options were to add safety curbing at the end of the court (estimate to be requested of Boutin & Sons) or restripe the court and move the hoops at an estimated cost of \$3,000- \$5,000. Due to cost, it was decided not to take any action at this time.

e. Park Director's Report

Director Maltese informed the Commissioners that the parking rail project funded through CIP will start after September 1, 2011. It is advised to wait for the installation until children go back to school. Rails will be installed at the Town Hall Annex playground and remaining funds to be spent at East Windsor Park. This project was funded for \$10,000.

The concrete pads under the bleachers at East Windsor Park have been completed by Derek Construction. The pads under bleachers at Osborn Field will be completed prior to the start of soccer.

The fry-a-lator, which is 15 years old, has broken down at the snack bar at East Windsor Park. Therefore there were no french fries or chicken nuggets for campers and park patrons. It will be replaced with a new unit, same as existing, for \$2,185 and will arrive in a week.

NEW BUSINESS/e. Park Director's Report (continued):

Director Maltese reported that the Summer Food Program at the Wesley Church have two more weeks to run. There have been anywhere from 8 to 15 participants. There is one more week at the Summer Camp. She will be looking into promoting the program better next year with a possible additional location at Mill Pond for 2012.

Fall programs registration began today. Programs to be offered are: Tiny Tots Soccer, Yoga, Zumba, Open Gym for Men's Basketball, and Dance. One dance instructor resigned due to a relocation. Efforts are underway to secure a replacement.

The waterfront at East Windsor Park will be open daily until Sunday, August 27th. Swimming will not be available until 1:00 on the 27th due to the high school staff attending soccer practice and all the college aged staff have left for school. The waterfront will not be open from Monday August 29th to September 2nd, which is the week school is scheduled to start. Swimming will be available from Saturday, September 3rd to Monday, September 5th (Labor Day) from 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The Park will then close for the season.

MOTION: To OPEN East Windsor Park for swimming from Saturday, September 3rd to Monday September 5th from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Simpkins moved/Bancroft seconded/VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous

Leagues/Abbe Road Soccer Complex /Broad Brook Pond Park/Pierce Memorial Park (Windsorville)/Prospect Hill Park (Warehouse Point):

No discussion this evening.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The East Windsor Dog Park will be holding their annual fundraiser, Barktoberfest, on Saturday October 1, 2011 at East Windsor Park with a rain date of Sunday, October 2, 2011.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Chairman Szymanski stated that registrations for Youth Basketball Travel teams will take place on October 1, 2011 and on November 1, 2011 for non-travel ball. The brochure will be distributed to the schools on September 8th.

MISCELLANEOUS/continued:

Chairman Szymanski questioned Director Maltese on her plans for maternity leave. She stated she will stay at the job as long as possible and then take a minimum of 6 weeks leave of absence. She may return on a part-time basis after that time period, however.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

The bills were reviewed and signed by Chairman Szymanski and Commissioner Bancroft.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To ADJOURN meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Simpkins moved/Bancroft seconded/VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted, _____
Mary Lou Morell
Recording Secretary