

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
August 13, 2012

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The Regular Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Szymanski at 6:05 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 Balch, Bancroft and Simpkins; Park Director Maltese; Board of Selectman Representative James Richards and Mary Lou Morell from the Park Office.

ABSENT: No one

GUESTS: None

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

A quorum was established as four commission members were present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Richards spoke about the naming of Parks in Town. He stated the process needs to be simplified and does the Parks and Recreation Commission want to be involved in the process? The previous policy was written by the Parks and Recreation Department in 2010 and does want to stay involved.

MOTION: To CONTINUE with the draft policy developed by the Parks and Recreation Department in naming of Town parks.

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

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To APPROVE minutes of June 12, 2012 Special Meeting as written.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

a. BMX Skateboard Park

The newly poured pad is puddling and the question was asked if payment for the work has been paid. Director Maltese stated that this project is not under the jurisdiction of the Parks & Recreation Department. It is a project monitored by the First Selectman.

There was a meeting last week and tomorrow, August 14, 2012, there is a public hearing at the East Windsor High School in the cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. for the BMX project. Three apparatuses of equipment have been ordered and will be installed by the contractor. The Rules sign and landscaping are yet to be completed. Fencing of the facility is not required at this time. The Selectmen are requesting the group to raise funds for fencing.

b. EWP Dog Park

No report this evening.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Financial Accounts Review

Director Maltese handed out the most recent Budget by Department report dated July 31, 2012. Chairman Szymanski questioned why no expenses (except Sewer Use Tax) were charged during the month. July 1st the start of the new fiscal year. Director Maltese stated that the June 30, 2012 year end close had not been received and they may be the reason why the Treasurer's Office has not recorded any July expenses.

b. Park Director's Report

Director Maltese informed the Commissioners that the East Windsor Lions Club will be holding the Tour de East Windsor on September 30, 2012 at East Windsor Park. The Park will be the start and end location of the multi route bike tour through Town which will be of varying distances to accommodate family friendly and competitive routes.

Director Maltese stated that the new basketball court at Warehouse Point Park will be installed next week by Boutin and Sons.

The State DEEP will be meeting with Director Maltese and Supervisor Tetro in September to do a plant study of the reservoir at East Windsor Park. The water has continued with a high algae count and clean out is required daily to keep the water free of growth.

NEW BUSINESS c) Park Director's Report (continued):

Director Maltese reported that the gazebo, which is owned by the Rotary Club, at Broad Brook Pond Park is being painted brown to deter vandalism. There have been inappropriate messages written and posted on face book. The police are conducting an investigation. Also, the picnic tables have been removed to deter congregating. Director Maltese conferred with the Rotary Club that if vandalism continues, the gazebo will be relocated. The gazebo was built in memoriam of Mr. Winn and would like to maintain the structure in Town.

Summer Camp is full for many of the weeks. The last week of camp is August 20, 2012.

Soccer Camp is running this week beginning this evening. It is being run by a British firm, Youth Elite Soccer.

The Man's Softball League is in the second round of playoffs this week with championships being played next week. There has been a request for a Fall League next year.

Director Maltese asked the Commissioners to consider opening East Windsor Park to non-residents, mid week next year. After swim lessons are concluded for the season the Park is empty. Director Maltese will submit information to the Commissioners in the next few months for consideration.

East Windsor Park will be open until Labor Day for swimming. There are many pavilion rentals in September with the last event at the Park to be the Halloween Event. The Park will then be closed for the season and winterized.

MOTION: To ACCEPT the Park Director's Report as presented.

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

**Abbe Road Soccer Complex/ Pierce Memorial Park (Windsorville)/
Prospect Hill Park (Warehouse Point) Park:**

No discussion this evening.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

MISCELLANEOUS:

None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Bills were signed by Commissioner Simpkins.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION: To ENTER into Executive Session at 6:34 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

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

MOTION: To COME OUT of Executive Session at 6:54 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To ADJOURN meeting at 6:55 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted, _____

Mary Lou Morel
Recording Secretary